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Mission



Empower the poor of rural Haiti
to improve their quality of life

Raising Haiti Foundation's 3LEGS Program

A Haitian metaphor says
“a stool cannot stand
without 3 legs”.

3 LEGS of Sustainable Development:

Leg 1: Grassroots Organizing

Leg 2: Higher Education and Local Training

Leg 3: Economic Opportunity



Raising Haiti Foundation

Our commitment: MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN RURAL HAITI

Our Inspiration: 3Legs Program:

- Community Organization
- Education
- Micro-Capital Projects

= village by village, self sustaining improvement in quality of life

Our Partners: Smallholder Farmers Alliance, Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, Our Lady Queen of Peace Church



**Accomplishments
since Jan 1, 2021**

1. Community Organizing



259,604 trees grown in two communities



23.4 acres of land purchased for conversion to forestland



Farm supply store opened
so farmers can purchase locally

2. Education



9 university scholarships provided



5 university students graduated



6 post-graduate internships provided



1 primary school supported, educating 450 students

3. Economic Opportunity

Tree Currency Program For Economic Opportunity

Haiti is severely deforested. And its ~1 million smallholder farms underperform due to a lack of trees - - - that leads to floods and soil erosion.



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Tree Currency Program starts with tree planting



tree
planting

=



farm
credits



SEED



TOOLS



TRAINING



Tree Currency Basic



tree
planting

=



farm
credits



LOANS



SEED BANK



LIVESTOCK



Additional services available

Tree Currency Program



Empowers smallholder farmers to address these UN Development Goals

End:

- poverty
- food insecurity
- gender inequality
- climate change

Deforestation leads to a decrease in crop yields for the ~ five million Haitian smallholder farmers, forcing them to supplement their incomes by cutting trees for charcoal production.



Tree Currency Program

Links tree planting and conservation with

- increasing food production;
- increasing incomes;
- gender equity



Tree nursery





Yield Increase: 40% Income Up: 50 to 100%



Accomplishments in Economic Opportunity since January 2021



7,943 smallholder farmers in two communities increased their incomes by planting trees



750 micro-loans provided to 240 women



7,334 farmers empowered to increase their harvests by participating in a bean-seed sharing co-op

Disaster Recovery



The August 2021 earthquake destroyed over 700 homes in the community of Laborde



Forcing families
to sleep outside

RHF provided emergency aid

- tarps
- food
- water
- medical care



RHF provided long term recovery assistance

- crop seeds
- water pumps
- livestock
- tree seeds



Crops grown from seeds provided by the recovery assistance initiative



Livestock added to the community's animal husbandry program

The Laborde community requests assistance rebuilding homes



Madame Duval Came Suze



Tarp structure where the Suze family lives

We are working with Habitat for Humanity-Haiti and Smallholder Farmers Alliance to empower the community to build 15 homes



Earthquake and hurricane resistant home design contains a multi-purpose room, veranda, rain harvesting system and toilet

Cost/home: \$11,000:
\$5,000 from Habitat for Humanity
\$6,000 from Raising Haiti Foundation

We are seeking individuals, groups, and organizations willing to provide \$6,000 to provide a home for a family, essentially “adopting” the family.

We can provide details on each family and photos of the home construction.

We would greatly appreciate your help!

Raising Haiti Foundation

US based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

Provides financial support for grassroots initiatives designed to foster socio-economic development across rural Haiti through the empowerment of its citizens.

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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Raising Haiti Foundation

**All Staff and Board Members are volunteers,
allowing the majority of our income (96%!)
to be used for projects in Haiti**





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Questions?

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A photograph of five young children in a lush green cornfield. The children are of African descent and are dressed in casual clothing. One child in the foreground is wearing a blue tank top and is smiling at the camera. Another child in the center is wearing a yellow top and blue patterned pants. The background shows rolling hills and some trees under a clear sky. A dark blue speech bubble with white text is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

Mesi anpil! Bondye beni ou!

Thank you! May God bless you!