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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 for Sustainable Development:

Leg 1: Grassroots Organizing

Leg 2: Education and Local Training

Leg 3: Economic Opportunity



Raising Haiti Foundation

Our commitment: MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE IN RURAL HAITI

Our Inspiration: 3LEGS Program:

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

Our Partners: Smallholder Farmers Alliance, Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, Food for the Poor



Accomplishments in 2023

1. Community Organizing



287,000 trees grown in five communities



69 formal and on-site training sessions were conducted

3,770 farmers attended





1,000 people received cholera prevention training and supplies



15 earthquake-stricken families,
including Madame Duval Came Suze,
received new homes that they helped
build themselves



A farmer cooperative was established

2. Education



5 university students continue their education



One university student,
Clerna Dolian, graduated
and began a management
internship

One university graduate, Suze Noel Stephane, (in red shirt) began her second year of an agronomy internship





450 students attend a rural primary school



350 children are enrolled in an environmental education class

3. Economic Opportunity

Tree Currency Program For Economic Opportunity

Haiti is severely deforested. And its ~5 million smallholder farms underperform due to a lack of trees - - - that leads to floods and soil erosion.





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 in 2023



2,795 smallholder farmers in five communities increased their incomes by planting trees



400 women participated in the Microcredit Program,
borrowing 729 loans



Farmers borrowed 53,678 pounds of crop seeds from seed banks, allowing them to increase their harvests



Farmers earned a total of 2,704 agricultural hand tools

Three new communities started a Tree Currency Program,
with funding from RHF and their US twin parishes



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 Staff and Board Members are volunteers
allowing the majority of our income
to be used for projects in Haiti**





United for a better future



Questions?

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A group of five young children are standing in a lush green cornfield. The children are dressed in colorful clothing, including yellow and blue tops. They are surrounded by tall, vibrant green corn plants. In the background, there are rolling hills with sparse vegetation under a clear sky. A dark blue speech bubble is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Mesi anpil! Bondye beni ou!".

Mesi anpil! Bondye beni ou!

Thank you! May God bless you!