



New Forests Project

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Haiti

This past June, New Forests Project (NFP) fully funded a project that will implement agroforestry and sustainable rural practices in the Commune de Terrier Rouge, North-East Department. The project will benefit forty families and 200 farmers. It will establish 5 school and one village nursery, 30 home gardens, 3 fish ponds, grow 14,000 trees and reforest the shores of a lake. So far, NFP's partner organization, Initiative pour le Developpement Durable d'Haiti (IDDH), has established the tree nurseries and started the implementation of the home gardens and fish pond construction.



Women and children working in the new community nursery

During 2011, NFP funded two projects to re-introduce the Maya Nut Tree (*Brosimum alicastrum*), or "Chokogou" in Creole. The tree produces a nut that is extremely nutritious, can be incorporated into local food and generate income for local women. Unfortunately, there have been significant delays due to problems with the importation of the seeds from Mexico which were beyond NFP's control. NFP is currently evaluating whether to identify new seed sources or re-allocate the funds for other reforestation efforts.

NFP is trying to raise funds for a new project idea for Haiti that will promote the establishment of tree plantations to provide fodder for rearing goats in enclosed quarters. The trees will therefore have value if left standing and will simultaneously provide environmental services.

A separate report was sent out earlier this year on the International Center's trip to Haiti, August 15-20, 2011.



Working at the seed orchard's nursery, FOECONS, Cameroon

Local Seed Production

Thanks to NFP's support, the Forestry and Environmental Conservation Society (FOECONS) in Cameroon recently finished establishing its first seed orchard. The seed orchard will help satisfy the demand of tree seeds in the Southwest region of Cameroon where many local organizations are implementing agroforestry practices to restore their land and increase productivity. The seed orchard is comprised of six hectares of land where

approximately 7500 trees of twelve different agroforestry species have been planted.



Assembly of Youths for a Sustainable Environment and Development (ASYOUSED) workshop participants

Small grants

This past May NFP awarded a total of eight small grants to support the reforestation efforts of small non-profit organizations in Uganda, DR Congo, Kenya, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. Five grants funded trainings for local people and three grants funded the purchase of equipment. Summary reports have been posted on NFP's website.

Seed Shipments

NFP is currently coordinating its last seed shipment for the year. So far this year, approximately 110 kilograms of seeds are being mailed to beneficiaries around the world. In our last shipment we switched to a new supplier and a new shipping method. This significantly reduced shipping times and increased tracking capacity, allowing beneficiaries to fulfill their sowing and planting plans more effectively and reducing seed mortality.



Teacher and students participating in planting of NFP seedlings

Financials

Project income this year was mainly generated from Direct Mail campaigns and high donor contributions. Earlier this year, NFP received \$37,000 from the Mary C. Drazy Charitable Fund.

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