



New Forests Project

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WORLD SEED PROGRAM REPORT

Decentralized Seed Distribution

Instead of delivering seeds from USA, most seeds are now being delivered from an Indian supplier directly to in-country groups who then re-distribute them in smaller quantities.

Through this new distribution system, we now have seed distributors in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Congo, Nigeria, Mali, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Tanzania in Africa; Peru, Bolivia and Guatemala in Latin America; and Haiti in the Caribbean.

Some of the groups have requested larger quantities of seeds and we are evaluating the possibility of increasing quantities based on funding and the groups' performance in distributing seeds.

A New Seed Supplier in Kenya

Kenya has consistently been largest recipient of seeds. However, due to new restrictions it is now very difficult to send seeds to Kenya from abroad. NFP has identified an in-country seed supplier and a local group willing to distribute the seeds within the country.

World Seed Program and Climate Change

This year, NFP completed research and developed written material on how to incorporate climate change to the WSP's activities. We concluded that agroforestry, a combination of crops and trees, has tremendous potential to increase both carbon sequestration and farmers' resilience to climate change.



CLEAN WATER INITIATIVE REPORT

Eliminating Water Borne Illness

NFP has received reports from its partners, AHJASA in Honduras and ASSA in El Salvador, regarding the installation of water devices. The reports show that much progress has been made in both countries!

Since 2001, when NFP started working in Central America, it had installed over 262 water devices in Honduras and El Salvador, providing safe reliable water to more than 400,000 people. In the last two years alone, more than 90 water disinfecting devices were installed in both countries. This is really extraordinary!



However, so far only one third of the communities where NFP works have benefited from the installation of disinfecting devices. By installing water devices in all the participant communities in Central America, NFP has the potential to reach close to 2 million people.

Fundraising:

2008 has been a challenging year for NFP. The current financial turmoil and

the presidential election have negatively affected the response to fundraising efforts. This hasn't discouraged NFP's staff, which is working on diversifying sources of income. Besides applying to various foundations and corporate giving programs, NFP is appealing to less traditional funding sources including USAID, where it recently responded to a solicitation with applications for an environmental project in Cameroon and a water project in Uganda.

NFP also applied to various grant programs including the Saint Andrew Environmental Grant, the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy, the Latin America Fund and others. Recently, we got word that our proposal to the Atkinson Foundation will be considered at their December 4 meeting!

Updated Website

NFP has recently updated its website to include new information on seed shipments, decentralization, descriptions of some projects that have received financial support, irrigation information and support, and new background information on agroforestry and climate change.