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Report from IFOSuD President

In the last few months the economic situation has continuously deteriorated. Such a situation, coupled with sanitary-political tensions, led all macroeconomic indicators to be still on red and even worse. Despite the above-mentioned issues, the IFOSuD team was on the field working, spreading the gospel, plowing land, selecting a new group of beneficiaries in Jeremie, mobilizing more efforts to sensitize communities to the pandemic "Covid-19" and providing ongoing technical training to our target group.

At the macro level one can read this in the face of the world population and mainly in Haitian's population - "Anxiety". But as Christians, we know the word of God provides provision for that anxiety. IFOSuD did manage to teach the communities about God's will and promises. The meditation verse during the last quarter was Psalm 108:13,

"Through God we will do valiantly, And it is He who shall tread down our adversaries."

For the reporting period, IFOSUD did the best of its ability to support the communities to become sturdy and independent amidst the chaos of constant change. One of the new things we have implemented in response to the economic deterioration is gardens. Every beneficiary, even those in the livestock and small business have a garden at their home now. This greatly helps with food security for their families.

Josue Cesar



Future Farmers of Haiti



For the last year and a half, John and Josue have been working on implementing a Future Farmers of Haiti program within the schools of Haiti. The program is slated to begin on the first day of the new school year in Haiti. A grant has been secured to help fund the program. IFOSuD has been working with 6 different schools in Leogane. Each school will have 50 kids in the 4th grade who will be enrolled in the program to start. Josue has also been busy hiring and training staff for this project. John has been securing seed and trees that the students will be planting.

We are very excited because FFH is a full circle of impact. Farmer John's will be partnering with IFOSuD to create a market for the products the students produce. Having a guaranteed market will help the students earn money and feed their fellow students. This is an incredible opportunity to reach the youth of Haiti with the Gospel message while also training them in leadership and ag. Please pray for the youth and staff as this project begins. We pray that this program becomes a model for evangelism and ag education around the country of Haiti.

Animal Sourced Protein

Products and income from sales will be distributed back to the schools to fund and feed students.



Schools

FFH will work in the local schools with 4th-7th graders.

Vocational Ag

Agronomists will lead hands-on ag training.

Farmer John's

The butcher shop and cannery will purchase and process students' produce and livestock.

Supervised Occupational Experience Program

Students will plant gardens, raise animals, and plant trees (reforestation) at home.

Roof Project Moves Forward

In 2016, Hurricane Matthew devastated homes and crops in the mountain community of Paroty (near Jeremie). After helping the locals replant, IFOSuD started Farmer Field School in Paroty. The community's food situation has greatly improved, but most families—including some IFOSuD beneficiaries—have tried unsuccessfully to rebuild their homes. Many still live in small, leaky survival shacks assembled from sticks, scrap tin, and tarps.

Sevilia Noel, the widow featured in our April 2017 newsletter, is one of those people. Matthew stole her home and the fruit tree that provided her livelihood. Four years later, she still hasn't been able to rebuild.

Satini Noel, another farmer, says that when it rains, he and his family will get soaked if they stay in their shack. Instead, they must seek shelter with a friend or relative.

IFOSuD wants to help twenty-four of these families with their housing. If a family can rebuild their frame and walls, IFOSuD wants to provide them with a new, well-made tin roof. The first nine roofs have already been funded! (The number would have been twelve, but the US dollar has devalued in Haiti recently.) We're still hoping to fund fifteen more roofs (~\$500 each). Any gift, large or small, can help Haitian families stay dry next rainy season! For ways to donate to this cause, see the giving options listed below.

