

Collaboration for greater results

A Story of Transformation

World Renew Haiti and FIDA/pCH Work on a Research and Development Project

The Foundation for International Development Assistance/productive cooperatives Haiti (FIDA/pCH) has been active in Haiti for 30 years in agricultural development and food security. For three decades, FIDA/pCH has focused its energy and expertise in 13 communities—St.-Michel de l'Attalaye, Arcahaie, Délis, Breli, Cabaret, Saint-Marc, Gonaïves, Ennery, Terrier Rouge, Port-au-Prince, Lafiteau, Zoranger, and Duchity—and in four departments—Ouest, Artibonite, Nord-Est, and Grand'Anse. Inherent in the mission is to promote the element of self-respect rooted in productivity, ownership, and self-reliance. FIDA/pCH fosters economic development and social transformation in rural communities through the productive agricultural cooperative model.

Gorgette is located in Duchity, in the Grand'Anse Department, a community where, just a few years ago, a group of women who were motivated to spark change sought the help of FIDA/pCH to develop a cooperative. Now this region has three cooperatives serving over 3,000 members. This is a staggering achievement, fully demonstrated in the graduation of over 1,300 people from an adult literacy program. Community members expressed great satisfaction for the support they received from FIDA/pCH. FIDA/pCH has come alongside them in their march to self-sufficiency. They describe the FIDA/pCH people as bright and capable professionals who work hard to cultivate trusting relationships in the community, who treat people with dignity and respect, and who teach and encourage ownership and accountability within the cooperative structure.

Duchity is a community of 27,000 people situated 252 kilometers southwest of Port-au-Prince, at the southern edge of the department of Grand'Anse. It is the economic center for 27 surrounding localities. The region enjoys a subtropical climate, making it an excellent agricultural zone and a great area for cultivating a variety of crops. A history of accelerated deforestation has exposed the region to climatic risk. The region is



Harvested beans in Duchity

often exposed to hurricane damage and periods of drought and flooding.

FIDA/pCH began working in Duchity in 2010, conducting an Évaluation des Besoins et Ressources pour l'Apprentissage (EBRA) needs assessment. The EBRA revealed that food insecurity and declining agricultural production were huge issues in Duchity, and that community members lacked the education and skills needed to address these issues. Based on the findings of the EBRA assessment, pCH developed a three-year project plan, Productive Cooperatives Duchity, to address the need. FIDA/pCH has assisted in establishing three agricultural cooperatives in Duchity, and one of them is located in the community of Gorgette. FIDA/pCH has provided agricultural, cooperative development, and literacy support and training to the membership of the cooperative, now numbering approximately 3,000 women and men. With the support of World Renew, FIDA/pCH is now capable to train and strengthen the capacity of 150 farmers from Koperativ Plantè Gòjèt (KPG) on grain storage and to train 60 farmers from cooperative KPG on yams treatment techniques.

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The Office Addition Project Is Near the Finish Line

Our office addition project, begun in January 2016, is almost finished. The mood now is like piggy-backing off of pacing, yet we wonder if the workers remember to take breaks. Thanks to the North American volunteers, Haitian workers, and our former colleague, Larry Luth, we will inaugurate the second floor of the Sous Espwa office by the end of this month. All three agencies of the CRCNA in Haiti will be working under the same roof. In approximately two weeks, the electrical work will be completed; the ceramic tiles will be completely installed, and the painting will be done. We are in the hands of great serial project finishers who are determined to complete the project. When we remind ourselves of why we are doing the work we are doing, it helps to push us to the finish line in everything we do. Most importantly, we are excited about all we are doing because our cause is greater than us.



📍 *Outside walls about to be painted*

📍 *Final touches on the ceiling*



The Water Project on the Hills of Léogane

A few months ago, World Renew began to drill a well in a community in the hills of Léogane. This is one of 17 communities in the hills region we are working in. World Renew recruited Living Water International to manage and complete the project. The initial intervention of Living Water International was not as fruitful as expected; we faced great difficulties. Located in an area where water is very scarce, this well will be useful for thousands of people. The well will also help farmers to tackle the pressing agricultural needs in the area.

We also built a reservoir to help the community collect rain water. A cover was put on top of the reservoir. The rainwater collected will be serving the inhabitants of Bouda Chita, an underserved community. The presence of a well completely transformed the community by bringing safe, clean water close to home. Women and children no longer have to walk several miles to get water, so they can spend their days in meaningful work or in school. Chronic disease from drinking unsafe water is drastically reduced because community members don't have to share their drinking source with livestock and other contaminating factors.

Thank you, Lord!



📍 *The reservoir today*