



Haitian Christian Community Development

"Project to support the socio-economic recovery of the population of the 3rd communal section of Les Cayes (Gouin and Sainte-Hélène)."



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I. Introduction to the report

In general, news from the country aimed at external consumption focuses on the capital, Port-au-Prince. It's understandable, then, that the images arriving from the outside suggest that the country is completely at a standstill, with insecurity in full swing from day to day. The government's efforts have yet to stop the daily massacres perpetrated by bandits. Nevertheless, those who, like Kim and through her, like Fred, know the country beyond the capital, are well aware that life is not confined to Port-au-Prince. Even when the bandits extend their exactions into the departments of Artibonite and Plateau Central, many departments still retain the privilege of a certain security, allowing them to go about their ordinary occupations. Schools, markets, agricultural work, livestock farming, public offices... continue to function. The South department is also benefiting, despite a few isolated cases of murder. The DCCH benefits from this rather favorable atmosphere to carry out its activities in support of farming communities.

This report, covering the 2nd quarter, presents the progress of the agriculture, livestock and solidarity mutuals program financed by Quixote and implemented by DCCH in the communities of Gouin and Sainte-Hélène.

II. Activities carried out

1. Awareness-raising and training

Awareness-raising meetings and training sessions were organized in Costa on strengthening and managing solidarity mutuals, with the aim of continuing to sensitize, motivate and raise the awareness of farming families on the crucial role of MUSOS in a society like Haiti, as Muso is a fundamental element in helping families access credit at affordable rates.



2. Monitoring solidarity mutuals

Follow-up visits were made to the two solidarity mutuals already set up by project beneficiaries in Gouin and Sainte-Hélène. Another mutual will be set up in Costa on Thursday June 26, 2025. The mutuals are working very well, and their members are expressing a degree of satisfaction.

The tracking table gives an idea of the evolution of these musos.

Mutual insurance	Foundation date	Number of members	Girls	Boys	Red fund contribution	Cotisation c a i s s e verte	Number of credits granted	Amount of credits granted	Total HTG credits
Gouin	20/02/2025	26	13	13	25	500	7	9000-12000	52000
S a i n t e - Hélène	28/03/2025	20	12	8	25	500	7	1500-7500	30000
	Total	46	25	21	-	-	14	-	82000

3. Setting up a nursery

We are currently building a community nursery with a production capacity of 75,000,000 forest and fruit seedlings in Gouin. This nursery site has been set up to encourage farming families to participate in the reforestation and restoration of plots of land located on the slopes of the Mornes.



4. Follow-up visit to maize, stem pea and yam plantations

Follow-up visits were made to the maize, stump pea and yam plantations to see how the plots had evolved over the previous period, and to assess the degree of satisfaction of the beneficiaries.



5. New plantations

New plots of land in Tibalé and Costa have been planted with unknown peas, maize, pea stumps and yam seedlings. These seeds were distributed to beneficiaries on loan, with a view to maintaining a certain degree of seed autonomy within the community. Thus, 42 participants benefited from yam seedlings, i.e. 28 women and 14 men at a rate of 2 to 4 dozen per beneficiary, and 34 participants benefited from maize seed, i.e. 24 men and 10 women at a rate of 1 to 4 pots per beneficiary, and ground peas at a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 pot per beneficiary.



6. Park construction

Before building the parks, the project's technical team made field visits to identify the beneficiaries' sites. Once the sites had been identified, we distributed materials such as sheet metal, nails and planks to get the work started, and the beneficiaries donated poles, hardwoods and laths. The parks are built on a surface area of 12 m², measuring 4m x 3m. So, for this reporting period, 21 beneficiaries have already received materials for building the parks. We have 9 parks already built and the others are under construction.



III. Constraints

We encountered some difficulties during the nursery set-up period, as the rain kept falling every evening, slowing down this activity considerably. Also, a training session on seed selection and techniques was postponed to a later date due to the loss of one of the participants' parents and the premature departure of the technician's mother.

IV. Conclusion

The "Projet d'appui au relèvement socio-économique de la population de la 3^e section communale des Cayes " Gouin et Sainte-Hélène" (Project to support the socio-economic recovery of the population of the 3rd communal section of Les Cayes, Gouin and Sainte-Hélène) has enabled a number of farmers and stockbreeders to strengthen their agricultural and stockbreeding activities in these two communities. Seeds and yam seedlings were distributed to project beneficiaries. Materials for building pens were also delivered to the first groups of targeted livestock breeders.

So, despite the country's socio-economic and political constraints, the project's indicators and progress remain satisfactory, thanks to the active participation of beneficiaries, which is the result of a sustained animation effort.