



Haitian Christian Community  
Development

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**Project to support the socio-economic recovery of the population  
of the 3<sup>rd</sup> communal section of Les Cayes (Gouin and Sainte-  
Hélène).**



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## **I.- Background to the report**

Following a field survey in the localities of Sainte-Hélène and Gouin, the DCCH, supported by Quixote Center, proposed to accompany these localities through a program of agriculture, animal husbandry and solidarity mutuals, with the aim of improving the socio-economic conditions of peasant families. These families assume their responsibilities by engaging in a wide range of activities to their household needs: food, health care and children's education. Agriculture, livestock breeding and petty trade remain the main sectors of activity. However, peasants are left to their own devices, constantly struggling against climatic variations. It is this precarious reality that motivated DCCH's proposal to contribute to the socio-economic recovery of these communities.

## **II - Activities completed and in progress**

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### **1. Awareness and planning meeting.**

Awareness, motivation and planning meetings were held in Gouin, Costa and Sainte-Hélène. Thirty awareness and planning meetings were held, at a rate of one per week. These meetings lasted between one and a half and two hours, and were held weekly to encourage families to take economic action. Follow-up, supervision and evaluation meetings were also held. The aim of these meetings is to carry out field visits and home visits to supervise achievements in quantitative and qualitative terms. They have enabled us assess progress towards expected results and to make recommendations for any necessary improvements to the project's strategies and operations.



Awareness meeting/Sainte-Hélène



Awareness meeting/Gouin

## 2. Training

Four training sessions were held in two zones: Gouin and Saint-Hélène. Two sessions on setting up organizational structures, attended by 43 participants, including 23 women and 20 men.

Two training sessions on solidarity mutuals held in the communities of Gouin and Saint-Hélène, attended by 38 participants.



Training on reinforcement



Training on Mutuelle de solidarité

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### 3. MUSO implementation

During the period covered by this report, two solidarity mutuals were set up by project beneficiaries in Gouin and Sainte-Hélène, involving 41 participants: 23 in Gouin and 18 in Sainte-Hélène. These two musos were created after the training sessions.

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### 4. Family backyard landscaping activities

Yard clean-up and protection activities have been carried out at the level of certain families by setting up garbage can holes after sorting the waste. Non-degradable waste is burned, while degradable waste is used to make compost.



Garbage can hole.



Waste sorting



Compost heap



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## 5. Setting up market gardens

Two plots of land have been sown with tomatoes. We're waiting for the rains to sow the new plots with corn, stump peas, unknown peas and pasture plots.



Ploughed land



Tomato plantation



Tomato plot

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## 6. Support for yam seeds and seedlings

In March, we distributed 64 pots of maize to 25 project beneficiaries (14 women and 11 men), covering 12.8 square meters of land, and 5 pots of stump peas to 19 beneficiaries (9 men and 10 women), covering 0.5625 square meters of land. These seeds were distributed in the form of loans, in other words, they will constitute a working capital fund for this community.



Distribution of corn seed



Distribution of yam

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## 7. Constraints

During the period covered by this report, soil and weather conditions were not favorable to agriculture, as there was a very intense drought in the South department, especially in the 3rd section of the Commune of Les Cayes. It was from mid-March onwards that the land began to benefit from the rains, and farmers took advantage of this to plant their plots of land.

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### III. Conclusion

Farming families are beginning to take an interest in the well-being of their community. Some of them are becoming aware of their current situation and are becoming more involved in sustainable development within their community. The project has enabled some beneficiary farmers to resume their farming activities, especially in the of corn, pea and yam plantations.

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#### Two more photos



Tomatoes in production



Animal-drawn oxen