

ABOUT SONJE AYITI:

SONJE AYITI PROGRAMS ARE INHERENTLY DESIGNED BY COMMUNITY CONSTITUENTS through a concerted effort “to listen, assess, educate, re-educate, create, and implement.” By embracing a community participatory approach we are striving to foster a self-sufficient community. We are currently working in the commune of Limonade.

We have prioritized our activities into three focus areas:

1. Education
2. Economic development
3. Health promotion

What We're Doing in **EDUCATION**



Improving access to elementary-level education for children

- Provide school supplies, daily lunch, and salary for 6 educational aides
- 352 students are now receiving education, an increase of 34% over the last 2 years

Increasing access to advanced-level education

- Providing scholarship to University Agronomist and nursing student. 1st sponsored Registered nurse student graduated on January 23, 2011
- Secured one-year volunteer commitment from college graduate

Improving the adult literacy rate

- Adult education for reading, writing, and math
- 66 recent graduates, ranging in age from 16-74
- Leadership trainings to women groups

ON GOING PROJECTS:

Chicken Farm

- \$317,000 in investment funding required to triple the Poultry Farm production from 10 to 30,000 per cycle of 45 days.
- As one of SAO success story, the farm which started with a Pilot of 2000 chicken has within 18 months reached 10000 per cycle and served 70 business women.
- Funding will help reduce dependency toward Dominican republic by enabling us to operate an animal feed Mill, and to support local farmers exploiting more than 70 HA of corn.

Koud A Koud

- In our fight against poverty, the micro credit structure constitutes a vital element. With a capital of \$12,500.00, Koud a Koud has been supporting more than 140 local merchants.
- A staff of 3 seconded by 12 GS5 conduct field visits to monitor and raise the awareness about proper management practices.
- \$100,000.00 is needed to keep Koud a Koud solid and expand to meet the emerging market demand.

What We're Doing in **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



Harnessing local resources (agriculture)

- Managing 15 acres horticultural farm and harvesting locally grown commodities, such as hot pepper, pineapple, plantain, and corn among others. The farm has created 125 seasonal and 7 permanent jobs from 2010 to present

Providing opportunities for social entrepreneurs

- Microcredit Lending Program: 87 beneficiaries of loans ranging from \$100-\$650
- Cocoa Project: women empowerment group producing cocoa for local and international distribution. Build the Cocoa/Fruit processing plant for the women group Rasanbleman Fanm Vanyan Limonade (RAFAVAL)

Increasing family self-sufficiency through “Operation Goat”

- Families are provided with 3 pregnant goats and solidarity group of 5 are provided with a small cheptel of 20 goats (we now overseeing 5 cheptels) to provide essential protein, greater crop yield, and a livelihood

What We're Doing in **HEALTH PROMOTION**



Disease Prevention

- Managing 16 Oral Rehydration Posts (ORP) to prevent further spread of cholera throughout Limonade.
- 34 Health Promoters have been trained and employed.
- Eight HPs are responsible to distribute cholera prevention supplies (Soap, ORS, Chlorine, aquatabs) and provide trainings through schools, churches, and communities since November 2010.

STD, HIV/AIDS, and Family Planning awareness campaigns

- Positive sex training to young women and adults to teach them how to negotiate with partners, when, and how to say know to prevent STDs, and prevent pregnancy.

Mobile Clinics

- International Medical team provides training and health screenings through mobile clinics.

Our Mission

A group of Haitian and International Humanitarians who are collaborating to uplift the Haitian community through education, economic development, and health promotion.



Growing opportunities through
EMPOWERMENT

Factors Fueling New Momentum

- Newly built Industrial Park
- Newly built 10,000 student University Campus
- Modernized regional Airport

All located within a 25 kilometers stretch of the newly constructed bi-national highway

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