FACT SHEET
Haiti Reforestation Partnership

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Overview

Founded in 1989, CODEP was the brainchild of a retired executive, Jack Hanna, who recognized that tackling the reforestation of an entire watershed would have lasting impact on the lives of Haitians.

To create support Hanna appealed to Presbyterian and Episcopalian congregations. Ultimately nearly 50 churches provided volunteers, money, and expertise ranging across agriculture, engineering, business, construction, logistics, leadership, and more. Haiti Reforestation Partnership (previously The Haiti Fund, Inc.) was formed in the United States to enlarge and sustain community support, tell the CODEP story, and create a legal apparatus for donations.

During the last two years, the organization has launched an effort to reach beyond the faith community for broader partnership, recognizing the importance of its extraordinary reforestation success story. This effort included a name change from The Haiti Fund, Inc. to Haiti Reforestation Partnership, a social media presence, addition of new board and council members from environmental and development professions, and a strategy to build partnerships and strategies with government and academia.
Core Mission: Reforestation
Supporting the Haitian organization, CODEP, in reforestation program.

- Located along the Jacmel Road in the mountains above Leogane.
- Formed originally with handful of workers; now 750 actively engaged workers.
- Led by 14 Haitian Animators and 41 Chef Ekips.
  - The Animators provide overall leadership. Five have been with CODEP for over 25 years.
  - The Chef Ekips directly oversee teams that manage the nurseries and plant and steward the trees.
- Have planted nearly 15 million trees; an estimated 12 million survive despite drought, feral goats, and disease.
  - The trees are variously grouped.
    - A demonstration forest nearly 30 years old has matured to the point of regenerating itself and attracting birds.
    - One stretch of mature trees on a mountainside is 20 acres and visible from space.
    - Many of the trees are planted in "working forests" and provide food for families.
    - Trees are often planted on small sections of land near homes to provide some shade from the harsh sun, improve the soil, and shelter gardens.
    - CODEP trees have stabilized two watersheds, holding the soil and retaining water so that hurricane storms do less damage. During Hurricane Matthew in 2016 the bridges at sea level below the forests held fast in the floods while others along the coast were washed out.
- Created 41 nurseries in which 300,000 seedlings are grown annually for two cycles of transplanting (November/May) onto the mountains, CODEP members’ plots of lands, and other requested or negotiated.
- Developed a unique and distinguishing process for reforestation (the CODEP Method), which is taught to all participants and carefully monitored. It is also taught at the local school. It includes such elements as:
  - Harvesting seeds locally from produce in market
  - Nursery planting and staged growth of seedlings
  - Field preparation
  - For mountainside planting, the preparation of terraces, ditches for moisture, rows of holding grasses, etc.
  - Stewardship of young trees; occasionally fencing and protecting them from feral goats
  - Harvesting only under strict rules and supervision from Animators.
Planted the following types of trees

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<th>Food Producing Trees</th>
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Supporting Mission: Community Building and Education
CODEP has focused from the beginning on creating a healthy and prosperous community. To achieve that goal, Haiti Reforestation Partnership has provided financial, engineering, and construction support, business expertise, and strategic partnerships with the following visible results:

- Built and operate a school recognized as a "School of Excellence" by the Government of Haiti
- Created a micro-financing organization used largely to lease or buy land to plant trees
- Built a church for the community
- Built a guesthouse as a revenue generating activity
- Built a depot which functions as a marketplace
- Facilitated and encouraged entrepreneurial ventures: corn grinding, lumber milling, peanut butter/coffee/black beans production
Financial Overview

At one time over 50 Presbyterian and Episcopalian congregations had a relationship with CODEP and gave financial and hands-on support. This has dwindled to approximately two dozen due to a number of factors:

- Rapidly diminishing mission budgets
- Loss of Haitian based facility that could host sizeable church groups and solidify relationships
- Haiti charity "fatigue"
- Disengagement by some groups eager for a more evangelizing profile

The current financial situation is stressed. As donations decreased, our fixed costs have consumed a larger percentage of our budget. We have drawn down our cash to a precarious level of two months of operating reserves. Furthermore, our current Executive Director is largely paying out of pocket for his housing, food, transportation, evacuation insurance, travel, and in-country transportation (which has skyrocketed to nearly $500/month due to the current political unrest.)

Our recent shift in strategy to focus predominantly on reforestation is compelled both by the confidence we have that the larger environmental and reforestation community can benefit from our successful story AND our need to develop new sources of financial support.

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<td>Insurance, Wire Fees, Office Sup</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
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<td>$70,801</td>
<td>$111,520</td>
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<td>Individual</td>
<td>$81,377</td>
<td>$94,792</td>
<td>$105,980</td>
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<td>Foundations, Biz, Other</td>
<td>$30,344</td>
<td>$69,506</td>
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<td>$275,818</td>
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Leadership
- Board of Directors (13 members)
  - Chair: Retired Presbyterian pastor
  - Former Administrator, US General Services Administration
  - Two former USAID contractors
  - Two financial professionals
  - IT professional
  - Retired marketing executive
  - Three engineers
  - Forestry graduate school candidate
- Advisory Council (20 members)

Staff
- Executive Director, Michael Anello, is works half time and is largely in country except for travel to US for Board Meetings (tenure since August, 2018)
  - Previous Executive Directors:
    - Jill Staton-Bullard 2016-2018
    - John Winings 2008-2016
- Accounting services by Eliza LaLuna, CPA, Charlottesville, VA
- Audit services provided pro bono by James C. Briley, Jr. CPA, New Bern, NC

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