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Supporting economic justice, democracy and sustainable development in Haiti



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Wangari Maathai,
2004 Nobel Peace
Prize Winner

Lambi Fund Announces Partnership with Greenbelt Movement

Lambi Fund of Haiti is partnering with the Greenbelt Movement, founded by Nobel Peace Prize Winner Wangari Maathai, to help expand the Lambi Fund grassroots reforestation program in Haiti.

In an agricultural economy such as Haiti, deforestation can have a critical impact on food security. Deforestation in Haiti—described by one recent U.N. report as “one of the most degraded countries in the world”—threatens its farmland. The highly publicized floods from Hurricane Jeanne in 2004 that destroyed a key agricultural region were a result of soil erosion and deforestation.

The Greenbelt Movement (GBM) works through networks of rural women and has planted over thirty million trees across Kenya since 1977. Lambi Fund plans to learn from peer to peer exchanges, training and technical assistance from Greenbelt Movement leaders in order to expand our reforestation program.

GRASSROOTS REFORESTATION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- Plant 1 million trees in Haiti.
- Training and technical assistance by GBM and Lambi Fund agronomists
- Peer led exchange and solidarity between Kenya and Haiti to share best practices, including recognition and awareness of advocacy by peasant women
- “Train the trainer” workshops for grassroots leaders in Haiti

- Pilot demonstrations and scale-up of grassroots reforestation program
- Regional conferences and public education to strengthen reforestation movement building.
- Documentation and evaluation of project

Professor Maathai said in recent conversations with Lambi Fund that she has always wanted to work with Haitians to reforest the land and is excited about the opportunity to partner with grassroots organizations to plant trees for a greener Haiti.

The partnership will begin in 2007 with a peer exchange among grassroots leaders in the Lambi Fund and Greenbelt Movement to plan and implement the grassroots reforestation program. We are in conversation with several international funders to support the reforestation movement and need matching funds to help make it happen. If you are interested in supporting this pioneering effort, you can mail donations to:

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Make a difference by
helping Plant Trees for
Haiti! *



Faith and Hope

Does your church or congregation want to make an impact in Haiti?

By MATT KAISER

The Lambi Fund provides a way that congregations and faith based groups can make a sustainable difference in fighting poverty and hunger in the lives of Haitians by supporting grassroots organizations working for economic justice, democracy and sustainable development in Haiti.

I recently started working as the Faith Based Outreach Coordinator for the Lambi Fund of Haiti. Through a volunteer program, I ran across the Lambi Fund of Haiti and was impressed by the community based, grassroots development model I read about. In the Lambi Fund I found an organization with proven success getting at the root causes of poverty through a model that reflected the principles I had arrived at in my own experience visiting the developing world.

I can work with your church or congregation to help our neighbors in Haiti by raising support and awareness about Haiti and the Lambi Fund through:

- **Presentation on Haiti**—discuss the root causes of poverty, the role of the faithful, and Lambi Fund's peasant led solutions.
- **Hosting a poverty meal**—participate in a culinary object lesson highlighting the unequal distribution of food and resources in Haiti.
- **Pennies for Pigs**—collect coins in a piggy bank at your place of worship to buy a pig for a Haitian community organization.
- **Compassion Day**—host a worship service highlighting poverty and the role of the faith community, hear music, stories, and take a special collection or offering for the Lambi Fund.
- **View a movie**—watch a film and discuss the causes of poverty and hunger in Haiti.
- **Publish an article in a bulletin or newsletter**—tell your broader faith community about Haiti and the work of the Lambi Fund.

These are a few ways we as a community of faith can reach out to our Haitian neighbors. If you and your congregation would like to make a difference in the lives of the people of Haiti, call Matt Kaiser (620) 242-3387 or send an email to matt@lambifund.org. *

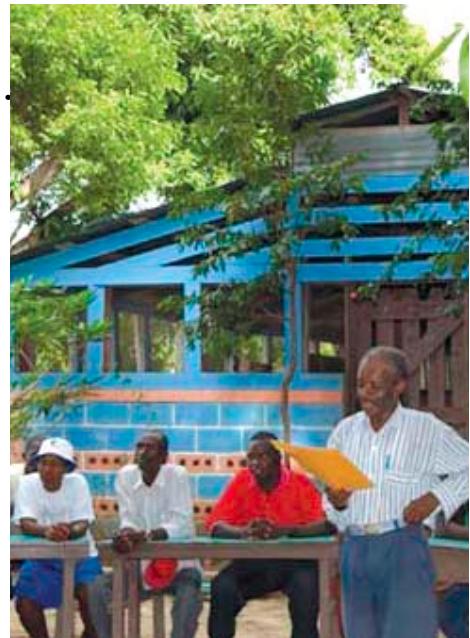


New Projects

Here are some examples of new projects that Lambi Fund is planning to support in 2006. Continued funding is needed to complete these projects. Please give generously!

Large Reforestation Project

The 155 members of AFKB in Bayonè want to reforest the degraded land in their area so they decided to undertake a major reforestation project to plant 120,000 fruit and forest trees over two years. This will improve the land for farming and mitigate future disasters in the event of hurricane and tropical storm flooding. Lambi will provide the seedlings, training on agro forestation techniques, tools and the equipment to build four tree nurseries.



Goat Breeding

Chabe Peasant Movement (MPC) wants to improve socio-economic conditions with a goat raising project for its 230 members. They need funds to buy 33 goats, establish a veterinary pharmacy, supply food for the animals and training for the goat breeders, as well as hire two vet technicians.

Honey Production

The Southern Haiti Apiary Society (SASH) plans to improve beekeeping practices for its 35 members to double the production and sale of honey. Funds are needed to acquire 60 beehives and tools and equipment for honey production. Lambi Fund also will provide training on organizational development and management techniques.



Pig Breeding

In rural Haiti, wealth is measured in pigs and goats. Members of the Association for the Development of Kasis (ADZK) want to improve the breeding of pigs in their area by improving member's knowledge of better breeding techniques. This project will enable 55 members to own their own breeding pig. Lambi Fund will provide funds to buy 27 pigs, establish a veterinary pharmacy, supply food for the animals and conduct training for the farmers, as well as hire two vet techs.



Micro-credit, Seeds and Tools

The Manioc Planters' Association of Lakil (APMA) wants to take economic control of their livelihood by increasing manioc production. They plan to start a micro credit fund for farmers, in order to encourage them to plant more, and create a tool bank. Lambi will fund the micro-credit program for 50 farmers, purchase manioc seeds, tools and organic pesticides, buy 10,000 seedlings to build a tree nursery for agro forestation, and provide training on management and sustainable agriculture techniques.

Large Reforestation Project

500 peasants in the Bige Peasant Organization (OPB) want to reverse the badly eroded land on their mountain. They will save lives by planting 120,000 fruit and forest trees to stop mudslides and by training other peasants about reforestation to preserve the land to grow more crops and feed more families. They will also create an awareness raising campaign about the degradation of the environment due to the continual planting of peanuts and deforestation. Lambi will provide the seedlings, training on agro forestation techniques, tools and the equipment to build six tree nurseries. *

Partner Organization Profile— Peasant Organization of Garat

The Peasant Organization of Garat (OPG) was founded in 2001 and now has 500 members. Objectives of the Organization include:

- Working together to improve the economic conditions of the peasants, especially members of the organization.
- Working for the development of the Garat area on the social, political, and cultural levels.

Economic conditions have been hard in the town of Garat. After reflecting on these problems, the members of OPG decided that a pig husbandry project would help them the most. They approached Lambi Fund for economic support in establishing a pig husbandry enterprise within the organization to improve the economic condition of the members.

Lambi Fund agreed to support the project and worked with the members of OPG to plan and implement a comprehensive business plan.

ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED:

Buying the Pigs

The Peasant Organization of Garat (OPG) set up a committee to purchase the pigs. Those responsible bought 7-8 pigs a day from various major markets in the South. After four days, they had 32 pigs (27 females and 5 males). With the support of two Veterinary Technicians, they bought healthy pigs, as the technicians insisted strongly that the characteristics of the pigs they buy have good breeding traits.

Transporting the Pigs

The pigs were transported regularly from the market to Garat each day by public transportation, a brightly painted bus or truck called a *tap-tap* in Haiti. (Can you imagine riding on a crowded bus with 7-8 pigs in tow?)

Preparation for health observation and care of the animals

The members cleaned, washed and disinfected a pen so that the pigs could gain some weight before they were distributed. The Technicians bought ingredients to make nutritious food for the pigs, as they needed to recover after the stressful period of transportation (the pigs must have been squealing on the bus ☺.) The Technicians visited each day to care for the pigs, make a technical report for each one, and to give the pigs vaccinations and anti-vermin medication.

Reproduction

There were two mating times that ended up producing 35 males and 96 females (more piglets than these were born but several died after birth so this is the number that survived). The organization took 65 of them to distribute to other members as planned. All members are successfully raising their pigs.

Caring for the pigs

As they planned, Lambi Fund and the Organization hired a Veterinary Agent for one year to take care of the pigs. Each week, the Veterinary Agent visited the area, saw how the pigs were eating, the state of the pens, talked with the breeders and gave the pigs any care they needed.



"Tap-tap", a common form of transportation in Haiti.

Training Seminar and Distribution of Pigs

The training was done in two parts: the first part was three days long on the theme of pig breeding and management techniques. The second part was on the management and accounting of the veterinary pharmacy. After the training, the pigs were distributed to 32 members. Members also attend the regional conference to develop grass-root leadership skills.

a pig at their house. Members believe that the project has put much life into the heart of the Organization and it has enabled them to analyze how the Organization functions. They are clear on the principles of management and they feel hope for the future, since their economic outlook has improved with the pig husbandry enterprise. *

Thanks to the Sheehan Family Foundation for supporting this project.

... It has enabled us to control our livelihood with a sense of dignity and determination — A grassroots leader in H

Have Fun and Help Lambi Fund

You are making a difference in Haiti! Thanks to your support, rural communities in Haiti have a chance for economic sustainability. Entire communities have hope for a better life. And you can make an even bigger difference with just one easy step.

How? Spread the word about the work that Lambi Fund of Haiti is doing to support economic justice, democracy and sustainable development in Haiti by hosting a house party. **A house party is a fun and easy way to make a difference in the lives of many.**

The majority of our funds go directly to peasant led projects in Haiti and we try to keep our costs as low as possible. We do rely on the good will of people like you, who can help out on other levels. In order for Lambi Fund to flourish and grow, we need to raise our profile and reach out to new friends.

Would you consider having a little party at your house to tell your friends and neighbors about Lambi Fund? Friends telling friends about their passions and interests is one of the best ways to change the world. An informal event, with some Haitian food and music, can set the mood for receptive minds and hearts. We can help you plan this, send you some materials and a DVD you can show, as well as suggest some fun Haitian music to get people moving and happy.

While the news from Haiti can often be negative and confusing, the positive stories and outcomes of Lambi Fund's work in Haiti can assure people that there is much that is good and progressive in Haiti. You can be an instrument of hope, not only for your friends and family, but also for the Haitians whose lives are changed through the work they do with Lambi Fund.

If you are interested in having your next party be a Haitian Fête, please e-mail info@lambifund.org or call 202-833-3713. We will help you plan a house party and send you some of our engaging materials. *



A Lambi Fund house party.

Why the Lambi Fund of Haiti Works

The Lambi Fund of Haiti works because of its unique bottom-up collaborative approach that is different from the top-down approach of many charities. The Lambi Fund's original, grassroots development model succeeds because it relies on Haitians themselves to determine the needs and the most effective solutions in each community. The Lambi Fund's emphasis on democracy, a community's actual needs, and peasant-led solutions ensures more successful outcomes.

As a result, we hear positive feedback from the peasants. Here is a quote from a member of an organization that developed a community solution to economic sustainability: *"Before we got the pigs from Lambi Fund we were very poor. Now that we are raising pigs, we have enough money to feed our families and even send our children to school. Our children have a hopeful future because they are going to school. Thank you Lambi Fund!"*

OUR PROGRAMS

- Alternative sustainable development
- Environment
- Organizational and leadership training
- Community micro-credit
- Animal Husbandry

OUR PRINCIPLES

Lambi Fund supports peasant led community organizations in Haiti that promote:

- Non-violence
- Gender equity
- Self-sustainability
- Non-partisanship
- Grassroots democracy

OUR FUTURE

- Improved economic conditions
- Increased food availability
- Increase in potable water
- Improved environment
- Increased gender equity
- Improved democratic functioning

... rural communities in Haiti have a chance for economic sustainability ... and you can make an even bigger difference.

Circle of Friends Monthly Sustainer Program

You can make a difference every day by joining the Lambi Fund Circle of Friends monthly sustainer program. Your monthly donation to Lambi Fund is the most cost-effective way to make sure we keep making an impact on the lives of Haitians working sustainability and democracy in Haiti. And when you sign up with a monthly gift of \$50 or more, we'll send you a copy of our DVD, *Makonen Fos Nou/Weaving Our Strengths*, an 18 minute video that describes the courage and determination of the Haitian men and women who have woven their strength together in grassroots organizations to work for economic justice, democracy and sustainable development.

Giving \$500 in a lump sum may be daunting, but broken up over time, becomes manageable and makes it possible for you to help as much as you can. For the price of your monthly cable bill, you can help Haitian grassroots groups every month, giving hope and courage where it is very much needed! Complete the form below or contact us at info@lambifund.org to sign up for the Circle of Friends monthly sustainer program. We can mail you a monthly reminder with a return envelope or we can automate your pledge with a monthly charge to your credit card each month (and you can rack up frequent flyer miles at the same time!)

Your regular, dependable support saves us time and money, which means your gift goes even further! Your continued support is vital to sustaining the incredible work of the grassroots groups of Haiti. We cannot continue these efforts without YOU! *

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yes!

- Yes! I want to join the Circle of Friends monthly sustainer program and make an impact in Haiti
- Beginning ____/____/____, I would like to contribute installments of \$_____ monthly ____quarterly
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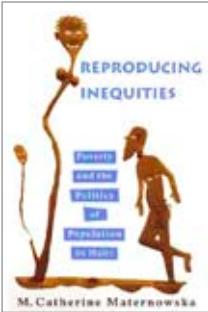
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In the News

BOOK REVIEW

Lambi Fund Co-Founder Catherine Maternowska has published a new book. In

Reproducing Inequities: Poverty and the Politics of Population in Haiti (Rutgers University Press), Maternowska argues that we too easily overlook the political dynamics that shape choices about family planning. Through a detailed study of the attempt to provide modern contraception in the community of Cité Soleil, Maternowska demonstrates the complex interplay between local and global politics that so often thwarts well-intended policy initiatives. Medical anthropologists, she argues, have an important role to play in developing new action plans for better policy implementation. Ethnographic studies in desperate, dangerous locations provide essential data that can point the way to solutions for the dilemmas of contraception in poor communities worldwide. The book can be ordered for \$26.95 from the Rutgers University Press website at rutgerspress.rutgers.edu/acatalog/_Reproducing_Inequities_2536.html

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Lambi Fund welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors. Gyliane Morgan, a Haitian American banker in New Jersey; Wendy Emrich, a donor activist and single mother of two adopted Haitian children; and Nadége

Clitandre, a Ph.D. candidate in African Diaspora Studies, at the University of California, Berkeley. (and yes, she is the daughter of famed Haitian author, Pierre Clitandre). Welcome Gyliane, Wendy and Nadége!

AND FAREWELL

Lambi Fund bids a fond farewell to long term board member, Laurie Emrich. A dedicated and passionate supporter of the Lambi Fund, Laurie has served in the roles of Secretary and Treasurer of the Lambi Fund Board of Directors. We will miss her but not for long as Laurie is joining the newly formed Honorary Council of the Lambi Fund.

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Order Haitian books and music for your Haiti-phile friends and family on the Books/Music page of the Lambi Fund website at www.lambifund.org.

If you enjoy Cabernet wine or admire freedom fighter Che Guevara, order from the Chevere wine page of the Lambi Fund website. It is a smooth tasting cabernet from Chile that honors the spirit of Che. A percentage of the wine sales from Laurel Glen Vineyards goes to the Lambi Fund. *

Member Profile: Antonia

I am a member of the Federation of the Dibedou Community Action Group (FEGACD), which Lambi Fund supported with a farmer's micro-credit fund, seeds, tools and sustainable agriculture training. My husband and I have nine children and two of them are married with children of their own. My husband and I work hard to raise our family by farming and I also sell goods at the local market. I was only able to complete fourth grade so I am proud that we have been able to send our younger children to a nearby school. I like FEGACD because we are able to sit down together, discuss common problems and come up with a community solution. I also like FEGACD because it is one of the few organizations that supports the rights of women in society. I also learn a lot at the women's conferences that Lambi Fund convenes every year. I hope for a better life for my daughters and Lambi Fund is helping us work towards that.

*Help Antonia make that dream a reality. Donate now for Lambi Fund programs for women. **



Why I Give

BY LAURIE EMRICH

I grew up in Colorado, in a family with a vision of social justice and where community work (local and global) was valued. In my own life, I have tried to do just that through my work in international public health in the 80's and 90's, and more recently as a student of, and then reformer and activist within the world of U.S. and Washington DC. philanthropy.

I believe in community-based, social change philanthropy, and to me the Lambi Fund of Haiti is an excellent example of a respectful, effective fund that supports grassroots development organizations. Lambi Fund staff listen to the concerns and priorities, as voiced



by the Haitian people, and then work with them to develop essential community development initiatives. But the Lambi Fund projects are about more than milling more corn, or raising healthier pigs, as essential as those elements are. Through the Fund's comprehensive training and accompaniment, Lambi helps strengthen Haitian community based organizations. This is how their work becomes truly about building a social change movement, not just provision of services.

I have been a donor since 1997 and for the last eight years have served on the board, visiting project sites on five separate occasions. It has been my honor to work with the staff and board of this model of alternative development for Haiti. *

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lambi Fund's mission is to assist the popular, democratic movement in Haiti. The Lambi Fund provides financial resources, training and technical assistance to peasant-led community organizations that promote the social and economic empowerment of the Haitian people.

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