

# 2004 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAMBI FUND OF HAITI

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## MISSION

The Lambi Fund's mission is to assist the popular, democratic movement in Haiti. Its goal is to help strengthen civil society as a necessary foundation of democracy and development. The fund channels financial and other resources to community-based organizations that promote the social and economic empowerment of the Haitian people.



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## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

The Lambi Fund is concentrating on the following Program Initiatives:

**Sustainable Development** – Sustainable agricultural projects, ox plows and grain mills help increase food security and income for peasant families. Many of these projects benefit women, who bear more of the burden in the agricultural economy.

**Community Micro-credit** – Members of a community organization band together to form collective micro-enterprise funds to provide one another with much needed capital to start self-sustaining community projects.

**Environment** – The conservation of Haiti's waning natural resources is central to all Lambi Fund projects. Community cisterns and irrigation systems help communities secure safe and efficient water supplies while community reforestation projects curb deforestation – the most rapid in the Western Hemisphere.

**Organizational and Leadership Training** – Alongside our routine technical and management training programs, Lambi Fund provides organizational and leadership development training programs for peasant organizations and women's associations.

**Grassroots Democracy** – Integrated into all Lambi projects is the opportunity to reinforce indigenous democratic practices while enhancing skills in accountability and project implementation. The Lambi Fund focuses on the grassroots level through four mechanisms: community organizing, organizational development, civic participation, and promoting leadership by women.





## MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN 2004

In 2004, Lambi Fund of Haiti implemented nine new projects, continued work on eight existing projects, completed 18 projects that became self supporting, conducted nine training seminars, celebrated its 10th anniversary, completed an external evaluation of its work over the past ten years and set up an emergency fund to assist victims of Hurricane Jeanne in the Artibonite Valley.

Despite the turmoil and struggles in 2004, the Lambi Fund team believes we have an obligation to continue working for social change because we believe in unity of all to bring change. For this reason, the staff of Lambi Fund is investing energy in capacity building work with grassroots organizations to help them better manage Lambi Fund supported projects for peace, better living conditions, and social justice in the country.

**Major Challenges.** However, Lambi Fund must recognize that its work was considerably slowed down during 2004 by the turn of events such as demonstrations for or against President Aristide and his departure/exile in February 2004, the occupation that followed with the arrival of a UN "Peacekeeping Force" whose mandate is indefinite, or perhaps undefined, the installation of an Interim Government plagued with problems, problems and violence caused by former military and police who have no respect for authority or due process, the May flood-related

disasters in the southeastern part of the country left populations helpless, the destruction of the Artibonite Valley and the Northwest (where many Lambi projects are located) in September by Hurricane Jeanne, and the insecure situation everywhere.

In view of all this, how did the Lambi Fund manage to maintain operations and help grassroots organizations? This is a testament to the ability of the Haiti staff to maintain its course in a country of conflict and strife. Because the program staff of the Lambi Fund is entirely Haitians who live and work in Haiti, the Lambi Fund staff knows the terrain, the culture and how to flexibly deal with challenging situations.

**Ten Year Evaluation.** On a positive note, INFODEV, an external consulting and research firm concluded its evaluation of the past decade of Lambi funded projects. The results were astounding. The outcomes over the past decade were measured in our ten year revelation which showed Lambi projects: improved economic conditions, increased availability of food, reduced erosion, improved environment, increased availability of potable water, increased gender equity, improved democratic functioning, increased management capacity of organizations, and increased collaboration among grassroots organizations. Download an Executive Summary of the ten year evaluation from our website at [www.lambifund.org/content/10\\_yr\\_evaluation.pdf](http://www.lambifund.org/content/10_yr_evaluation.pdf)

The evaluation of Lambi Fund's work in the field concluded with the celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The big anniversary party took place on November 13, 2004 in the gardens of the Oloffson hotel in Port-au-Prince. We were surprised by the large turnout of Lambi Fund friends and members of organization who braved the insecurity to attend and celebrate with members of Lambi Fund USA and Lambi Fund Haiti.

Representatives came from everywhere: the South, the Southeast, the Northwest, the Centre, the West, and the Artibonite. They proudly displayed the results of their efforts, successfully achieved with support from Lambi Fund and their friends overseas.

2004 brought on many problems, but 2005 should bring hope, because the people believe they will succeed thanks to their efforts, combined with support from Lambi.

They are courageously facing the future!  
We are joining forces to move forward!



**Emergency Fund.** Besides the regular peasant led projects, Lambi Fund set up an emergency fund to assist those that were victims of Hurricane Jeanne. The program is helping peasant organizations get back on their feet by providing funding to market women and farmers. Beneficiaries applauded this Lambi Fund initiative and commented that they did not feel alone in their predicament.

Lambi Fund assisted the most severely affected organization members who had lost everything by providing funds to help organizations to start over their businesses, recapitalize inventory and credit funds, plant their crops, and repair irrigation canals. Additional initiatives, such as project site repairs and livestock replacement, are planned by Lambi Fund.

The organizations expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the show of solidarity from Lambi and their friends from overseas in this these trying times. In a recent meeting with the organizations we helped, the farmers described the activities and stressed how Lambi Fund had saved their lives because prospects were very dim after Hurricane Jeanne.





## 2004 NEW PROJECTS

- **Peasant Organization of Bige (OPB)**
  - OPB created a large community water system to supply potable water to residents of Bige. It was so successful they asked to expand it to supply even more families with water.
- **Peasant Organization of Tach-7th Moulen (OPT7M)** – built a sugar cane mill to process sugar cane and ensure more sustainable control over their primary source of livelihood. Lambi Fund provided the sugar cane mill.
- **Re-organized Farmers Cooperative for Development OPRD/COOP**
  - can attain sustainable control over food production with a collective farm based on the sustainable agriculture techniques. Lambi provided seeds, tools and training.
- **Peasant Organization of Garat (OPG)** – A pig raising operation will help improve economic conditions for families. Lambi is supplying 36 pigs and veterinary service for the members.
- **Peasant Movement of Periyen (MOPEP)** – Members are starting a cooperative ox plowing service. Lambi Fund supplied seed capital for the micro-credit fund, 120 tools, and four complete ox plows.
- **Organization for the Development of Cavillon (ODECA)** – Members are starting a cooperative plowing service for the area farmers, using the profits from the service to establish a micro-credit fund for its members. To start the plowing service, Lambi is funding plows, oxen, farming tools, veterinary service for the oxen, and seed capital for the micro-credit fund.
- **Planters Association of Gros-Morne (A.G.P.G.M)** – Members are starting a large plantain farm using the latest techniques in organic farming. Lambi funded the seeds, tools, organic pesticides and fertilizers, and training.
- **Youth Association of Sica (AJS)**
  - Members want to improve economic conditions by forming a micro credit fund to help them develop small economic enterprises. Lambi seeded the micro credit fund.
- **The Agricultural Federation for Environmental Protection and the Advancement of St. Jean (FAPEPS)**
  - built a corn and millet mill to process their grains. Lambi Fund supplied the mill.



## OUTCOMES FOR 2004

**a. Peasant organizations started taking action towards achieving self-determination.** Nine new projects were started: 2 ox plow projects, 2 community farm projects, 1 micro-credit fund, 1 pig raising project, 1 community cistern project, 1 reforestation project and 1 sugarcane mill project.

**b. Peasant organizations made progress towards self-sufficiency.** Eighteen small-scale economic development projects became self-supporting, including grain storage projects, grain mills, community cisterns, irrigation systems, ox plow services, pig raising projects, micro-credit funds, and tool bank projects. Food production was increased for all projects in the South. Food production was increased for all of the projects in the Artibonite Valley but those harvests were destroyed by the flooding from Hurricane Jeanne.

**c. Peasants increased skills and knowledge.** Lambi Fund conducted nine training seminars on topics ranging from sustainable agriculture to women and the environment. All the participants indicated they increased their knowledge of the topic taught.

### Yes! I want to help peasant organizations in Haiti!

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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All donations are tax deductible.

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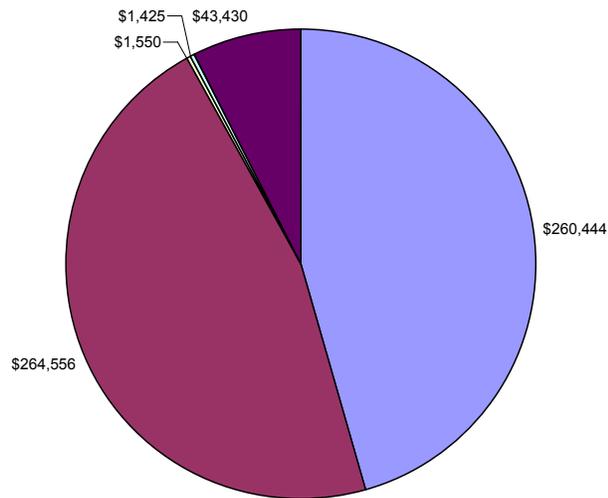
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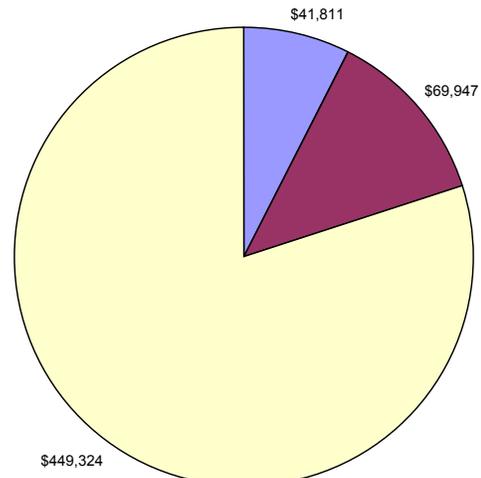
## 2004 REVENUES: \$ 571,405

Grants \$260,444  
Individuals \$ 264,556  
Events \$1,550  
Earned Income \$1,425  
Religious Organizations \$ 43,400



## 2004 EXPENSES: \$ 561,082

Program \$449,324  
Management and general \$69,947  
Fundraising \$41,811



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