



# THE LAMBI FUND NEWSLETTER

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Supporting economic justice, democracy and sustainable development in Haiti  
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## Another Hurricane Season



### Letter from our Executive Director Marie Marthe Saint Cyr

It does feel like we are still at the edge of “recover, repair, rehabilitate”.

Truth be told these were the three Rs that focused our minds in the aftermath of the last storm that destroyed the South of Haiti. Hurricanes Sandy,

Matthew, and Maria still resound in our mind and their visible destructive trails visible to all eyes. Many have not forgotten, as they are reduced to living in partly roofed homes, unable to afford a full repair.

Officially we entered the hurricane season on June 1st and it will end November 30th, with prediction of 12 to 16 storms in sight. Some are preparing and stocking up (blankets, batteries, lighter, water, food etc.), while others are teetering on the edge of survival, having no resources to allocate for storm preparedness. Lessons abound given the last three years of storms.

With the season already started, I wonder what is preparedness for rural farmers in Haiti? We are still in the 3 Rs phase from prior hurricane season, as we continue to rehabilitate the last 27 damaged projects. Please join us to rebuild better and focus on the season to



*It's a community affair- partners in the South (left picture) & Artibonite (right picture) working the land to have a plentiful harvest.*

## Long-term building at a glance

*By Lourdes Eliacin Mars- Deputy Director & Marie Marthe Saint Cyr- Executive Director*

We are mid-way through 2018 and so far, the goal to complete 38 projects by the end of the year is well underway.

The current work of the Lambi Fund is entrenched in maximizing the production of food and increase the level of revenue producing activities to decrease the level of poverty and improve food security in Haiti. This pathway begins by providing its citizens with the proper tools to determine their future. We take pride in knowing that all of our partners are being given those tools through education and training to enhance their capacity and their opportunity to meet their own needs, their families', and communities.

The 2018 Lambi Fund portfolio contains the following projects:

Type of project	Specific Activities
Animal husbandry	7 Goat breeding
Sustainable agriculture	5 Oxen/ Ox plowing
	3 mills
	1 mango production

come with positive thoughts and to be able to assist in realistic preparedness for whatever may come.

## Multiple impact with one project: OPGDSC's Mango Groves

*Field Report by  
Marie Marthe Saint Cyr*

The Lambi Fund of Haiti entered into a partnership with Organization Peyizan Garyen Pou Devlopman Savann Kare (OPGDSC) to increase mango groves in the region and address reforestation. The goal is to add 60,000 mango trees to the existing groves in the span of two years.

OPGDSC will no longer focus on local production but rather the international market because mango demand has shifted upwards increasing the exportation of mango Fransik, an added revenue stream to the community.

With Lambi Fund's assistance, OPGDSC began planting the mango groves. By undertaking this project, the result is that the organization will reduce the loss of fruit that occurs before and after the mango harvest when the quantity is very high and there is a little local demand.

Meaning that the production is higher than the local need. This project has a plan to create more options for commercialization of the mango product to increase revenue for the growers.

OPGDSC plans to produce 60,000 mango trees by establishing two nurseries and planting 60,000 mango Fransik trees during the two years of the project.

The mango project is one year old now and within that year as the project continues in its strategic implementation, the Lambi Fund trained OPGDSC members in both building

Environment  
Alternative Economy

1 coffee production  
1 CPP legumes production  
4 production totaling 240,000 trees  
8 micro-loans for women  
8 community credits for planters

Each project impacts thousands improving partners' livelihoods and income.

### 2018 List of Direct Beneficiaries of Projects

PROJECTS	TOTAL DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	WOMEN BENEFICIARIES	MEN BENEFICIARIES
Goat Breeding	1093	863	230
Oxen/Ox-plowing	459	229	256
Fruit/Vegetable Production	210	140	70
Planting Trees	966	396	570
Women Micro-loans	498	498	0
Planter/Farmer Credit	430	296	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3652</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>1230</b>

Our ongoing dialogue with partner organizations is focused on the increasing cost of production. As inflation reached the upper teens (14%), the cost of production is increasing. The peasant farmer is facing harder times.

The cost of seeds is particularly high. The cost of 5lb bag of millet seed has reached 200 Haitian gourdes- unheard of! Today the farming organizations are also facing a cost increase in diesel fuel used to pump water, transportation and other related materials. In addition, the climate factors shifting has rendered more difficult to project production outcomes due to the extreme weather being experienced. June is the start of the hurricane season and most farmers worry about potential natural event(s) that may impact the coming harvest. However, this does not diminish our partner organizations' will to thrive.

organizational capacity and techniques for nursery and developing mango trees. A total of 37 members received the five-day training with hands-on experience.

After training, the activities included, the selection of space for the nurseries, purchase of equipment and tools for planting, search for seeds and graftage of new trees and building of trellises to protect the new seedlings.

The community in a kombit (Traditional form of labor where farmers work together and help each other generally during planting and harvest) filled 30,000 bags with soil and mulch to start planting.

In the project's first year, the community of Savann Kare, where OPGDSC organization resides exemplifies true collaboration having now 28,322 mango trees in production that will be distributed this month to members for planting in permanent spaces.

They lost 523 trees due to inclement weather such as the wind breaking down trellis more than once and a later distribution of plants because of the slow growth of new seedlings.

Despite these challenges, OPGDSC continues a to work to reach their goal of planting 60,000 mango trees by 2019. They are now at 98% of their goal for the first year.

Across the community there is a real increase in this locally produced staple food eaten by almost everyone.

During the summer mango season when it is abundant, the community eats, the pulp, drinks the juice and is now is exporting to other regions and other countries, increasing the revenue of farmers.

Thousands of lives are touched by each project and the long-term benefits of such programs allows families and communities to prosper. You have made this possible and we are so grateful for your continued support!

## Activities Report & Thank you Letter from AFGDL

A Letter from our partner organization- AFGDL

Translated by Lourdes Eliacin Mars

Le 19 04 18

Pou: Fon Lambi  
Soti: Nan AFGDL  
Objè: Rapò sou 1<sup>er</sup> mwa rambourman

Chè responsab

Apoziyasyon fanm ak gason devile Lakos rive chapol byen ba pou solye nou e profite okasyon sa pou remèsiye nou pou gwo boudad nou ba li opite paroy sikòla matye nan feyi mesi anpil men you rapò sou 1<sup>er</sup> mwa rambourman prè ke nou te bay 22/10/17 la nou te genyen 510 000 goud disponib nan kes nou men koman tablo a prezante.

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22 10 17	Tiraj Kèk manm	-	14500"	495000"
22 10 17	nou bay kredi	-	336000"	159000"
22 10 17	depo Kèk manm	6750"	-	165750"
26 11 17	depo Kèk manm	450"	-	166200"
26 11 17	Tiraj Kèk manm	-	25500"	140700"
24 12 17	depo Kèk manm	600"	-	141300"
24 12 17	Rambourman entèrè	731110"	-	214710"
24 12 17	nou bay kredi	-	45000"	169710"

Pou Komite ekzekitif  
Rose Marie Journal

Pou Komite Kredi  
Journal Jean Dine

Pou Komite gesyon  
J<sup>er</sup> Samuel Gerard

To: The Lambi Fund

From: AFGDL

Subject: Report on first month credit reimbursement

Dear Responsible Persons,



*Growing Seedlings*

## Lambi Fund Insight

*How do we evaluate the success of Regional Trainings?*



**Written by Franck Sylvain-  
Monitoring & Evaluation  
Specialist**

By utilizing an interactive methodology, the Lambi Fund evaluates the success of the regional trainings in five ways:

- Attendance: It is recorded on a daily basis according to which partners participate.
- Group work: Participants are given group work to discuss daily topics and complete activities. These activities are presented orally and in discussion so that Lambi Fund training staff can gauge if the themes have been well understood.
- Oral exam: Trainers speak to participants individually to gauge their level of understanding.

The female and male members of the association send their greetings and take this time to send a big thank you to you all for establishing the credit fund project after Hurricane Matthew. We are reporting on the first month reimbursement of this project. On October 22, 2017 we received the funds from you and had 510,000 Haitian Gourdes made available in our credit fund. Below is a table:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Explanations</u>	<u>Reimbursement &amp; Interests</u>	<u>Withdrawal/ Credit Loan</u>	<u>Balance (H Gourd)</u>
10-22-17	Starting Balance			510,000
10-22-17	Pay for material	-	500	509,500
10-22-17	Member withdrawals	-	14500	495,000
10-22-17	Credit given	-	33600	159,000
10-22-17	Member deposit	6750		165,750
11-26-17	Member deposit	450		166,200
11-26-17	Member withdrawals		25500	140,700
12-24-17	Member deposit	600	-	141,300
12-24-17	Reimbursement & Interest	73440	-	214,740
12-24-17	Credit given	-	45000	169,740

Executive Committee

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Credit Committee

Journal Jean Denis

Finance Committee

Jean Samuel Gerard

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • Conch Shell Production Fundraising Partnership

We are partnering with the theater company Conch Shell Productions who are supporting our fundraising efforts. The play called the Hunting Season will debut on July 16th at The Planet Connections Festivity in New York. There will be a meet and greet with cast and Lambi Fund staff post-play on Sunday July 29 and Saturday August 4.

Trainers evaluate these conversations around each of the topics to further gage understanding of the participants.

- Post-training survey/test: All participants complete an evaluation form to describe their experience, perspectives and understandings of the topic of the training.
- Post- training presentation: Participants return to their communities and they are asked to present a post-training presentation with the Lambi Fund monitors present. The monitor further evaluates based on this training, the comprehension of the topics of the training.

These five aspects of evaluation are the ways in which Lambi Fund records the success of the trainings and serves as an improvement tool for future trainings.

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[Click here to learn more about the play, performance dates/times, and to purchase tickets](#)

- **Annual face-to-face board Meeting**

Lambi Fund board members, staff in Haiti and US will meet in July for our annual face to face meeting. Meeting will take place in Haiti.

- **Welcome New Board Members**

We'd like to welcome three new board members to the Lambi Fund. Your knowledge and experiences are assets to this organization. Thank you for believing in Lambi Fund's mission.

*We'd love to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at [info@lambifund.org](mailto:info@lambifund.org) with any questions or comments.*

