



ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION



HAITI

Land degradation poses a very serious environmental threat to Haiti. Erosion is estimated to affect over half of its territory, and the hilly areas in particular. This is a consequence of Haiti's alarming rate of deforestation, combined with inappropriate agricultural practices. 6% of the land, or 166 500 hectares, is considered to be severely eroded. However, solutions do exist to restore the land and to manage natural resources in a sustainable way. FAO is supporting the government of Haiti to do this.

Since 2015, Action Against Desertification helps local communities in the Jérémie arrondissement of Haiti's Grand'Anse department with the restoration of degraded land by planting native species of trees, shrubs and grasses. The project also promotes the development of non-timber forest products. It is undertaking the following activities:

→ LAND RESTORATION

Nearly 1 250 hectares of degraded land were planted to initiate their restoration using over 500 000 seedlings of both forest and fruit species. For 2018, Action Against Desertification plans to scale up its activities and produce around 750 000 seedlings in village nurseries for the restoration of 1 500 hectares of degraded land.

→ CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

600 farmers were trained in land restoration and soil conservation techniques, while 65 producers of community-based organizations received training in forest seed

collection and handling, nursery techniques and the management of planted plots. Moreover, 300 farmers learned how to improve crop seed production and 15 farmer facilitators updated their technical knowledge through Farmer Field Schools. Six beekeepers were trained in beekeeping and honey production, while 24 more will follow in 2018.

→ INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

The beekeepers will be equipped for and supported in honey production, packaging and commercialization. A total production of nearly 10 000 liters of honey is expected in 2018.





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The project is estimated to benefit 3 000 people, more than 40% of them women. These include farmers, pastoralists, fishermen, sellers of non-timber forest products and medicinal herbs, local craftsmen, and local authorities.

In close collaboration with:

- Ministry of the Environment
- Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development
- Communes of Abricots, Bonbon and Jérémie
- University of the Nouvelle Grand'Anse
- Community-based organizations
- Local non-governmental organizations
- Directorate-General Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Belgium
- Department for International Development, United Kingdom

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