

# June 2018 Featured Grantee Haiti Projects



**Haiti**

## Introducing Haiti Projects



**Haiti Projects empowers women by providing access to jobs, family planning services, education, and avenues to build community.**

### **The Fond Des Blancs Female Beekeeping Initiative**

- **breaks gender stereotypes**
- **creates viable and sustainable income-generating activities**
- **fosters women-run businesses**
- **opens educational opportunities**
- **promotes environmental stewardship.**

# Where in the world?

## Haiti



- Poorest country in western hemisphere
- Population 10 million
- About the size of Maryland
- Highest HIV rate in the region
- Rugged terrain
- Tropical, semi-arid climate
- Prone to hurricanes, earthquakes
- Fond des Blancs is a region in the rural, southern peninsula, where poverty is pronounced

## Life Challenges of the Women Served

- High unemployment, low job prospects
- 59% below the poverty line
- Women's wages are 32% below men's
- Only 57% of women are literate
- Half of households are headed by women
- Rural women suffer the most



## What are we supporting? Beekeepers!



A vulnerable group of women will have the opportunity to earn income that will allow them to provide for their families, thus breaking the cycle of poverty. With disposable income, women will be able to pay for school, books, uniform fees, and more.

**Direct Impact: 120**

**Indirect Impact: 1,300**

# Budget

How DFW's two-year grant of \$39,721 will be used:

Item		Total
Training	Honey/beeswax products; financial, business and marketing; environmental awareness campaign; printing, communication, office space, transportation	\$9,728
Supplies	Protective and harvesting equipment, beekeeping tools, materials and equipment for honey/beeswax products	\$9,236
Staff and Consultants	Country Director, Head Beekeeper, Bookkeeper/Product Manager, Honey/beeswax product consultant	\$15,842
Monitoring & Evaluation	Monthly site visits, ongoing support, evaluation of financial training, increased income and awareness campaign	\$4,915
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$39,721</b>

## About the Featured Project

### The Fond des Blancs Female Beekeeping Initiative



- Train female beekeepers
- Teaches participants to make beeswax and honey-related products (candles, soaps, lip balm)
- Provides financial literacy training
- Offers environmental education
- Evaluates success at increasing income and environmental awareness

## About the Featured Grantee



- **Founded by Sarah Hackett, an American nurse who came to Haiti in 1992 to work in the field of malnutrition**
- **Honed the preexisting embroidery skills of local women**
- **Started an artisan workshop that now employs 75 women**
- **Started a community library**
- **Started beekeeping initiative and girls' soccer program.**



## Share Your Thoughts

1. What are the benefits of beekeeping versus more conventional agricultural work such as managing livestock?
2. How might lessons learned from beekeeping extend into other areas of working life?
3. How might beekeeping enhance the social fabric of everyday life in Haiti?



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