

Fanm Limye Association

Haiti Beekeeping and Agroforestry Maternal and Child Health & Nutrition Project Progress Report – October 31, 2024

Summary of Progress

Over the past reporting period, Fanm Limye Association has made significant strides despite the deteriorating security situation in metropolitan Haiti. To ensure program continuity, efforts have been focused on secure rural regions, allowing for stable and productive operations. Key achievements include:

- Recruiting Internally Displaced People (IDPs) into existing beekeeping groups.
- Mobilizing communities for the agroforestry program.
- Delivering education and training on maternal and child health and nutrition, agroforestry, and beekeeping.
- Promoting gender equality through economic empowerment initiatives.

Supporting Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

Haiti's internal displacement crisis continues to escalate, with over 578,074 people displaced as of June 2024, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)¹. A significant number of these individuals have sought refuge in rural areas, including communities where Fanm Limye operates.

Progress Highlights:

- **Integration:** Fanm Limye is on track to recruit 250 IDP households into its beekeeping groups by the end of 2024. To date, 152 households, mostly women-headed, have joined, with rigorous vetting processes in place to ensure safety and community trust.
- **Community Service:** Many IDP households are assisting host families by building live fences on farms, a labor-intensive activity involving tree planting.
- **Training & Support:** Recruited households participate in training on beekeeping, agroforestry, and maternal and child health (MCHN), along with mobile clinic visits for healthcare services.

Agroforestry Initiatives

Fanm Limye has launched an ambitious initiative to plant **one million trees within a year**, addressing environmental and economic challenges.

Key Achievements:

¹ <https://dtm.iom.int/reports/haiti-report-internal-displacement-situation-haiti-round-7-june-2024?close=true>

- **Tree Planting:** Over 300,000 trees have been planted, with a focus on live fencing using *Gliricidia* and *Mombin* species.
- **Nurseries:** More than 600,000 seedlings, including fruit and timber trees (moringa, mango, papaya, avocado, citrus), are growing in nurseries for planting in the coming months.
- **Community Engagement:** Farmers participate in *Konbit*—a traditional Haitian practice of collective labor—to plant trees, build community bonds, and revive cultural traditions.
- **Monitoring:** The Veritree app geolocates planting activities, enabling efficient tracking of tree species and planting sites.

Beekeeping Progress

Beekeeping remains central to Fanm Limye’s agroforestry efforts, offering both ecological benefits and sustainable income for communities.

Recent Developments:

- **Hive Distribution:** The final 98 bee colonies have been distributed to farmers, reaching a total of 808 hives, achieving 100% of the program’s target.
- **Training:** Hands-on sessions at beekeeping sites have equipped farmers with hive management skills, pollination techniques, and product processing knowledge.
- **IDP Participation:** 71 IDPs joined training sessions, receiving support from established beekeeping groups.

Maternal and Child Health & Nutrition (MCHN)

Addressing malnutrition and improving healthcare access remain critical components of Fanm Limye’s mission.

Key Actions:

- **Pilot Program:** Thirty malnourished children have been enrolled in a pilot project using Plumpy’Nut, a therapeutic food developed with local inputs. This initiative is conducted under the supervision of Saint Croix Hospital.
- **Mobile Clinics:** The MCHN team provides preventive care, vaccinations, and education to pregnant women and young children, ensuring access to essential health services.
- **Empowerment:** Training sessions equip caregivers with knowledge on self-care and childcare, particularly benefiting displaced mothers.

Organizational Updates and Partnerships

The past quarter marked a smooth leadership transition, with Fanm Limye taking full responsibility for its programs. Mother Trees continues to provide strategic guidance and serves as the primary pass-through organization for funding.

Key Partnerships:

Fanm Limye's work is supported by organizations such as Veritree, JAC Trust, Ansara Family Fund, CSJP, and Flora Family Foundation. These partnerships are instrumental in sustaining initiatives and expanding support for IDPs.

Next Steps (2024-2025)

1. **Tree Planting:** Complete planting of 700,000 additional trees.
2. **IDP Integration:** Recruit and train 98 additional IDPs in beekeeping, agroforestry, and gardening.
3. **Nutrition Programs:** Expand Plumpy'Nut production based on pilot results to serve local health institutions.
4. **Community Development:** Enhance live fencing, vegetable gardening, and apiary management to improve livelihoods and nutrition.
5. **Expansion:** Identify new communities for program growth, aiming to recruit 500 additional members in 2025.

Financial Overview

Total Project Expenditures: \$628,686 over two years.

- **Key Costs:** Project staffing (\$244,493) and agricultural inputs (\$212,347).
- **Funds Raised:** \$753,308 from foundations, corporate donors, and individual supporters.

An additional \$100,000 is required to fully fund planned expansions for the next two years.

Beneficiary Stories

Cleyanne's Story:

After fleeing violence in Port-au-Prince, Cleyanne and her three children relocated to a rural community. Through Fanm Limye's programs, she has found hope and stability, participating in tree planting and beekeeping. "I now feel empowered and hopeful. My children and I have a real chance to rebuild our lives."

Jocelyne Dorismond's Story:

Jocelyne, a grandmother caring for her displaced grandchildren, found support through Fanm Limye's MCHN program. "Their guidance has empowered me to better care for my grandchildren and reduced my stress during these challenging times."

Fanm Limye remains committed to empowering Haiti's communities through innovative programs in agroforestry, beekeeping, and maternal and child health. Your continued support makes this critical work possible.