Empowering Tradition: Restoring Hope in Haiti

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Requirements of Proposed Plan

- Holistic approach covering short and long term needs
- Places focus on Haitian culture and experience
- Makes use of existing resources
- Environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable
- Measurement of success: Preservation of culture
Housing

• Develop smaller settlement communities.
  • Size and location based on environment
• Work with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity International
• Small Single-room homes and multi-family structures
  • Each dwelling unit with cistern and latrine
  • Potable water provided by community well
• Each dwelling unit with family garden plot for food and medicine
• Built around larger community garden
• Each community sends team to next community
  • Hub and spoke
Food

- Warehouse to Greenhouse Program
  - Use existing facilities and infrastructure
- Community Horticultural Garden
  - High diversity
    - Based on specific land characteristics
  - Sustainable
  - Supplemented by individual family plots
- Rainwater Collection System
- Fish Pond
  - Water
  - Fish
  - Fertilizer
- Small-scale Animal Husbandry
  - Heifer International
Medical Care

- Embrace Pluralistic Medical System
- Biomedical Training Program for Traditional Healers
  - Short Programs
  - Working Relationships with Biomedical Professionals
  - Options for Ongoing Professional Development
- Mental Health
  - Reduce Environmental Uncertainty and Risk
  - Focus on Cultural Relevancy
- Public Health
  - Hub and Spoke Education Program
    - Sanitation
    - Prevention and Treatment Programs (Malaria, Scabies, TB)
    - Mentoring and Leadership
Economic Planning and Stimulation

- Reestablishing and developing opportunities
  - Restore and improve the individual Haitians economic position
  - Promote quality and sustainable jobs based on Agricultural opportunities
  - Promote and Develop jobs in established exports

- Government support programs
  - Micro loan
  - Tax relief
  - Schools for Education and training
  - Establish communities in areas of production
Economic Planning and Stimulation

- Expanding Export Opportunities in existing market
  - Textile Production
  - Mango Agriculture
- Opportunities to Reduce Imports and Create Reliable Food resources
  - Rice Production
  - Warehouse to Greenhouse program
- Additional Opportunities
  - Eco-tourism
  - Music and Art
Difficulties Requiring Further Research

- Competing political priorities
  - Commercial interests
  - Socio-economic gap
- Land ownership
  - Lack of regulation
  - Poor documentation
  - Inequality
- Donor restricted funds
  - Total donations
Questions?