

HAITI: USAID REFORESTATION PROJECT

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AT A GLANCE

FUNDED BY:
USAID
\$2,500,000

TARGETS

Plant:
5,000,000 trees

Reduce Charcoal Use by:
80,000 metric tons

Bring:
15,000 hectares under agroforestry systems

This five-year project, funded by USAID and implemented by Chemonics in partnership with NCBA CLUSA and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT), aims to address critical environmental degradation and loss of tree cover in Haiti's North and Northeast regions.

NCBA CLUSA is providing technical leadership in community organization as well as developing high-value crop value chains as alternative sources of income for farmers. NCBA CLUSA will lead a participatory process to empower communities to develop sub-watershed management plans with the goal of reducing threats, increasing tree cover, and navigating economic risks and challenges.

The reforestation project is working closely with local communities to achieve four main objectives: reduce the threat of deforestation, improve resilience to economic and natural shocks, increasing tree cover in targeted areas, and improving environmental governance and coordination.

IMPACT: 5 MILLION TREES

Representing the U.S. Embassy to Haiti, Chargé d'Affaires Robin Diallo emphasized the importance of the Government of Haiti's leadership on reforestation during the project's launch event. "Perhaps most important to our long-term success is good governance of Haiti's natural resources," she said. "The health and longevity of these resources depend on the commitment of our Government of Haiti counterparts to sustainably manage trees in particular and to build a strong network of environmental services for local communities."

Among its targets, the project will plant more than five million trees by 2022, bring 15,000 hectares of land under agroforestry systems or tree cover, facilitate the restoration of more than 800 hectares of mangrove forests, and contribute to the reduction of charcoal use by 80,000 metric tons in five priority watersheds: Haut du Cap, Grande Rivière du Nord, Trou du Nord, Marion, and Jassa.

Minister of the Environment Hon. M. Pierre Simon George delivered remarks at the launch event. He thanked USAID and the American people for their continued support for a better future for Haitians and underscored the importance of reforestation and conservation efforts.

The event concluded with a ceremonial tree-planting.



Reforestation is key to both the environment and the economy in Haiti. [photo: Chemonics]



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