

HAÏTI, une semence un pays

pour la souveraineté alimentaire de la population haïtienne



Press release

For immediate release

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Subject: Final distribution of seeds to Haitians farmers

It has been nearly a year since the earthquake struck Haiti and making the population dependent on the rest of the world to meet their basic needs. Our plan to send organic seeds and / or open pollinated became a reality on December 2nd when more than 120 Haitians peasants from the organism "Afé Neg Combite" participated in the distribution of seeds and were able to receive enough to ensure a portion of their food sovereignty. It is more than \$ 15 000 healthy seeds that can be reused year after year and that will enable over 1000 people to feed themselves for years to come. The majority of the seed has been distributed in the region of Kenscoff, 15 km south of Port-au-Prince. The transport of seeds from Canada to Haiti came about through the generous cooperation of the organism "Friends of the Orphans".

The seed we collected also allowed the construction of a community garden for a hundred people in the region of Croix-des-Bouquets in collaboration with the organization "Reboiseurs du Monde". Thank you to all donors and contributors from Quebec and across Canada who have raised all these organic seed / open pollination and that helped give hope to thousands of Haitians. We wanted to send seeds that could ensure food sovereignty of the country and that is why we refused any donation of hybrid seeds and / or GMO. We always condemn the gift of Monsanto, which we believe will only make the Haitian population increasingly dependent on multinational food. We also denounce the slow Haitian authorities that have detained for over 8 weeks our seeds at their entry. The Haitian people continue to need international assistance and nothing justifies that it be delayed by lengthy and painful bureaucratic procedures.

Food sovereignty remains in our view the most effective way to stop the violence and suffering in Haiti and thus foster the rebirth of the country. We believe that Haitians have the right to ensure the sustainability of their farming is done without having to be accountable to multinationals and the international community. We wish them good luck in the future and want a tangible peace and reconstruction in a democratic manner. For more information about our work, please visit our website at <http://1semence1pays.org>. Attached is a series of pictures taken at the seeds distribution to peasants from the organization "Afé Neg Combite" of December 2.

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Annexe 1

Distribution of seeds to 120 peasant from the organization "Afé Neg Combite" December 2, 2010 - Kenscoff, Haiti



