

*APF Introduces...*

# Local Development Committees

For the Rebirth and the Reconstruction of Haiti



*Communal leadership to empower the poor in Haiti,  
transform their lives, and teach them to give back*



**Our Mission:** To Empower The Local Grassroots Organizations  
To Create Wealth In Their Communities

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## *Local Development Committees:*

A special Haitian Farmer tool to eradicate poverty in Haiti (Rf. Fr. Joseph's Article on "An effort to eradicate poverty...")

An Invitation for FJN & FJN USA to Work Together for the rebirth and the reconstruction of Haiti

- Currently in 35+ communal areas
- Supported by AKESNA Sisters
- Recognized, launched and supported by Caritas Italiana
- Supported by Father Joseph Network (FJN) member organizations.

Please get involved with us in creating a FJN LDC Fund to finance this effort of working together for the rebirth and the reconstruction of Haiti.

# APF Is Ending Poverty In Haiti

The Association of the Peasants of Fondwa (APF) is breaking the cycle of poverty and economic dependence in Haiti through Local Development Committees (LDCs).

Based on APF's initial work in Fondwa, global leaders have seen value in the LDC strategy. This strategy was recognized as effective and seed-funded by Caritas Italiana and other leaders.

LDCs strengthen the rural communal sections and peasants, so they can create work and businesses in their home communities.

LDCs help the resources of the community stay in the community to create opportunities in support of the population and its needs.

APF is committed to eradicating poverty, eliminating hunger, enabling well being, assuring inclusion and more elements of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – and LDCs can help meet these goals.

APF LDCs will help start businesses, build value chains and affect scale, and can be a partner to parties seeking to fulfill the SDGs.

APF, through the LDCs, wants to change your focus in Haiti from charity to Sustainable Economic Development – and stop the persistence and the "exploitation" of the suffering and the misery facing Haitian people.





## Get Involved with us in creating a FJN LDC Fund

### Give Purchasing Power to LDC Members

Become a LDC Ambassador by fully supporting 1 LDC and inviting at least 2 institutions to follow you.

APF Local Development Committees (LDCs) Represent an opportunity for people to impact the world and the lives of those now struggling. People in the developed world can serve as LDC Ambassadors and sponsor a communal area's economic development by raising funds for one LDC.

See the Detailed Budget in the back of this page.

The responsibility of the LDC Ambassador for a Rural Community in Haiti is to find individuals, institutions, clubs or churches that have the capacity and the will to finance this high-impact investment package with \$75,000 per year for five years. This commitment is needed to create job and business opportunities in a Communal Section and to facilitate a student's tuition and academic learning and working.

- 1) Get a small group of 25 friends or relatives to donate \$250.00 dollars per month during 5 years which totals \$75,000.00
- 2) Get a small group of 15 friends or relatives to donate \$5,000 each per year, for 5 years
- 3) Find major donors from among your church, clubs or institutions who have the capacity and will to make a large donation to this wonderful, life-transforming project
- 4) Reach out to Institutions from his/her network, church or club who would be able to give a grant to this wonderful project
- 5) Find a grant writer who can research and write grant proposals for these transformative projects
- 6) Secure one-time donations to APF to help keep operations going in support of LDCs.

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## History and Structure of LDCs

The Local Development Committee (LDC) concept was developed after the 2008 First National Peasants Congress, organized by APF in Fondwa, and was followed by an initial grant from Caritas Italiana. In 2013, APF assessed the local grassroots organizations in 4 states of Haiti and evaluated their capacity for creating wealth in their communities. APF identified 400 organizations, selected 260, and created 30 LDCs within them. Currently, we have 35 LDCs in 7 states.

LDCs were originally comprised of five local leaders: 2 representatives of local organizations; 1 professional who makes a commitment to live in the community for a minimum of 3 years; and 2 local officials: 1 from the KAZEK and 1 from the AZEK. Today, we have added the possibility to add one AKESNA Sister wherever the AKESNA Sisters are working with FJN.

Each LDC elects 3 students (2 females and 1 male) to attend the University of Fondwa (UNIF): One will study veterinary medicine, another agronomy, and the third business management. If possible, one of the 3 will be an AKESNA sister. The students make a commitment to return to their communities after graduation, and they engage in both work and learning at UNIF to advance their communities.

APF helps LDCs manage communal resources through the leadership of a full-time Field Consultant/Animator and the UNIF students. UNIF provides ongoing support to the LDCs.

The LDC is a Powerful Innovation Program creating job and business opportunities in rural Haiti to eradicate poverty and rebuild the country from the ground up. LDCs enable the communities:

1. To have 3 specialists (in Agronomy, Veterinarian Medicine and Business Management) working permanently in the community with the LDC members and the Field Consultant;
2. To have the capacity to manage all of the existing resources in the community to develop the community for the benefit of its people;
3. To enable the community to develop income-generating activities.

For a list of Communal Sections, contact [apfo41988@gmail.com](mailto:apfo41988@gmail.com).

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## What's The Investment Required For One LDC?

The cost to manage one LDC and genuinely fuel significant and lasting economic development will be US \$75,000, per year for 5 years (the study cycle of the students). One LDC budget is broken down as follows:

**STUDENT TUITIONS/WORK STUDY: \$15,000**

University of Fondwa (UFondwa) tuition for 3 students per year to attend the Agronomy, Veterinarian Medicine and Business Management schools.

**LDC OPERATIONS: \$25,000**

LDC office rent, equipment and support, including a motorbike, a laptop, energy, training, internet and telephone, animator salary and transportation annually

**APF OVERSIGHT & MANAGEMENT: \$10,000**

Ongoing oversight, project management, and harnessing of resources from the Fonkoze microfinance institution, University of Fondwa, private partnerships, and other organizations

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: \$25,000**

Socio-economic investment activities, including "pre-packaged" economic development solutions -- such as Intelligent Community Microgrids and Smart Farming, or seed money for LDC student graduates to start businesses back home.

**Funding is tax deductible through a U.S.501(c)(3).**



### APF Criteria For a Communal Sections to Become an LDC:

The Communal Section (the Community) must be ready and prepared to create wealth, including having basic accessible infrastructures such as: road(s); energy; water; health care; communication; and capacity to host visiting guests and technicians (including the capacity to cook for them).

### Admission Criteria for an LDC Student at the University of Fondwa (UNIF)

UNIF's mission includes educating young Haitians to create wealth in rural Haiti. The criteria for an LDC student to be admitted are:

- High School Diplomas (bac 1 and 2 diplomas)
- Previous experience working as a volunteer in his/her home community for at least one year
- Selected by the LDC and Animator/Field Consultant
- Pay \$25 as a registration fee to UFondwa
- Pass the admission exam at UFondwa
- Pay \$ 250 annually as an academic fee
- Commit to do work-study and to return to his/her home community to work with the LDC members and the Animator/Field Consultant after graduation, in order to contribute to the ongoing development of the area
- Sign an agreement with the LDC, APF, and UNIF
- Report to his/her LDC, UFondwa and APF twice a year on his/her studies and work experience
- Coordinate a visit of the LDC members on the UFondwa Campus once a year
- Work with LDC members and the Animator at home during the vacation breaks
- Select with LDC members and UFondwa Academic Affairs Department a project for his/her final thesis that will create wealth in his/her community.

