

# Reforestation in Haiti It Matters.



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## A Closer Look

The Haitian Republic has faced a myriad of challenges throughout its history, ranging from political unrest and economic stagnation to colonial oppression and natural disasters. It is estimated that 75% of energy used in Haiti is obtained through charcoal consumption and hand in hand with additional poor farming practices, these contributors to forest degradation have become highly threatening. In efforts to cease deforestation, listed below are a couple of organizations based in Haiti aiding its people in reclaiming the land and in turn evolving its environmental resources.

### 'We envision a reforested Haiti.'

The mission of this organization is to provide resources, education and expertise to support reforestation work in Haiti with our partners. In partnership with CODEP and having planted more than 14 million trees over 30 years, barren mountains have been transformed into amazing landscapes. For the next 30 years they hope to 'share and apply its methods, seedlings, know-how, agricultural products, model of self-governance, and more to the benefit of other communities across Haiti.'

CODEP has been working in conjunction with rural Haitians to address deforestation concerns for the past 23 years. Beginning with 30 small communities with 600 farmers (one third being women), eventually expanding to 68 communities and over 1,400 Haitian farmers (nearly half being women), CODEP has been successful in planting over 13 million trees. Having identified the slow pace of agriculture produce, more than 1,200 miles of contour ditches have been instilled to prevent additional erosion. Women in the CODEP community have been granted equal opportunities for jobs, promotions, and management positions.

Founded in 1994, the Lambi Fund concentrates on five main areas of development in Haiti with one being the environment. With the collaboration of several women's organizations, this fund seeks to understand and assist in rural communities in which need help with establishing cisterns and irrigation systems. The Lambi Fund believes it 'will bring long-term sustainable growth to Haiti and allow its citizens to better protect themselves and their communities from flooding, enrich the environments they live in and move one step closer towards food security.'



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A Million Trees for Haiti is 'committed to this national and international initiative, bringing together civil society, the Government of Haiti, local reforestation entities, the youth of the country, universities, the Haitian Diaspora and ecological partner organizations worldwide, to commence the global movement that will lead to the gradual reforestation around watersheds of the country, the retention of waters and the gradual awareness and education of Haitians to systematic protection of their environment.' By 2023, this organization plans to grow one million trees at La Viste National Park and continues to fulfill the goals of an ongoing project in Pic Macaya National Park, reforesting degraded areas, building infrastructure to reduce erosion from flooding. Additional goals include providing alternate energy sources in hopes of decreasing charcoal use.



Eden Reforestation Projects

The Eden Reforestation Projects have been working directly with local community leaders through partnerships, to plant, protect, and guard trees to maturity. This organization 'hopes to help restore the natural environment as well as provide agroforestry trees for food security.' In providing employment for locals (managing reforestation projects), over 3 million trees have been planted in Haiti including that of citrus, mango, papaya, and moringa trees. In addition to restoring vital landscape, another main focus of agroforestry has contributed towards food security in poverty stricken areas.



**The Haiti Tree Project**  
Plant trees, create a future

The Haiti Tree Project works with Haitian communities to stop the path of deforestation. With the help of donations and drive of the communities, forests are in the work to being restored and pending improvements in the local economy as well as food sovereignty. This organization strives to reestablish a 'tree-based agricultural economy.' Distribution and education to neighboring families help with their vision of self sustainability. Two tree nurseries have been established as they continue to share seedlings all year round. These nurseries employ mostly women who have a difficult time in finding other work. In the past 7 years, 78,000 trees have been distributed to local land owners. Future works include raising funds for a large scale mountaintop to reforest Saint Louis-de-Sud.



Haiti Friends

By 2020, HTRIP has worked within 73 communities to successfully plant 3 million trees. After 16 years, some of the trees planted in the first year are reaching full maturity. Farmers in these communities have adopted new farming practices generating higher volume and various higher value crops, including vitamin-rich vegetables. Two phases remain in their HTRIP Development Cycle: Haiti Friends is looking to expand into other communities by the end of 2021 and renewal/expansion strategies by 2026.



## **Resources and Helpful Links**

<https://haitireforest.org/>

<https://www.haitifundinc.org/>

<http://www.lambifund.org/>

<https://milliontreeshaiti.org/>

<https://edenprojects.org/haiti/>

<https://www.thehaititreeproject.org/>

<http://www.haitifriends.org/>

