



# Promoting Smallholder Prosperity: Haiti Hillside Agricultural Program

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# Haiti HAP Goal

TO REDUCE RURAL POVERTY

Through Activities that:

- Increase sustainable household income;
- Improve natural resources management practices.

# The HAP Approach:

## Commercialization of Smallholder Production

- Selecting suitable crops that have strong markets and also safeguard the environment.
- Linking rural, smallholder producers with larger, commercial buyers/exporters to meet demand
- Unlocking constraints to smallholder commercialization and Improving competitiveness through technical assistance & financial linkage.
- Training along 3 tracks: business, technical and organizational development.

# HAP Activities

- Production
- Post-Harvest Processing & Quality Control
- Marketing and Export
- Institutional Strengthening of producer groups
- Financial Linkages

# HAP Impact

- Over 50,000 smallholders participating
- Smallholder Wealth Creation
- Sustainability
- Broad-Based Economic Growth

# Research Needs

1. A low-cost, least damage causing transport from tree to packing-center to vessel.
2. A more precise correlation between the visual phenomenon and the fruit ripening process (inside the fruit) in order to accurately time the harvest.
3. Alternatives to available but expensive cooling systems in order to maintain the cold-chain.
4. Low-technology, low input requiring transformational techniques to produce higher-value semi-finished or dried products.
5. Lower freight costs of perishable products such as mangos while maintaining product quality, particularly in the context of available container systems (controlled atmosphere for example) that are not workable for mangos .



Thank You!