

## EU Partner

FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

## Facts and Figures

- EC Contribution: € 9 620 919 (100% of the total)
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## Agriculture

### Improving Haiti's natural resources and water management, diversification of agriculture and aquaculture

*"The water from the basin allows me to have a home garden and now I grow aubergines. I have received from FAO a wheelbarrow, a hoe, a spade, a rake and a watering can. I am old, but my children help me. For me, it is a real glory."*

Jean Agenor, project beneficiary



### Context

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. The dramatic rise in food prices from August 2007 until September 2008 resulted in violent food riots. The country imports more than 50% of its basic food requirements and fluctuations in food prices on the international markets have serious negative effects on the population. Haiti also suffers in the Caribbean hurricane season which occasionally devastates the agricultural sector. During August and September 2008, four major hurricanes swept through the country destroying crops, killing many people and cattle and ravaging the country's infrastructure. The earthquake of 12 January 2010 added a huge new dimension to an ongoing food crisis.

### Objectives

- To improve the food security and livelihoods of 300 000 rural households, in the north-eastern province.
- To increase and diversify agriculture and agro-forestry combined with improved natural resources and water management and aquaculture.

### Impact

- Construction of 692 water tanks for domestic use and home garden horticulture
- 2 550 silos constructed for grain and seed conservation.
- Seeds distributions: beans for 7 250 families, horticulture seeds for 4 400 families and 3 millions sweet potatoes cuttings.
- Re-construction of a 12,5 km of rural roads.
- Legalisation of 25 local organisations (to manage compost production sites, cage and lake aquaculture).

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### **Gédéon Richè, project beneficiary, Capotille Commune**

"If there is drought and you do not have a basin you lose all the production regardless of all the effort you have made. Thanks to the basin now the yield is good, I have vegetables to eat and this helps my family a lot. Thanks to the pedal pump I have received, I do not need to water anymore and I can easily irrigate my garden, where I grow beans, sweet potatoes, gumbos, aubergines, bananas and papaya trees."



**Water tank**