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## **Haiti Updates and Giving Tuesday Appeal**

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### **Dear Donors and Friends,**

Giving Tuesday, next Tuesday, November 30, is a big day for non-profit organizations, and we are eager to raise additional funds for important work.

Most families in Haiti depend on charcoal for daily cooking, leading to respiratory disease and massive deforestation. PPAF, together with Haitian & American collaborators, promotes innovations and information to overcome this through solar cooking and biodigesters for biogas and garden fertilizer. By harnessing the power of the sun, we contribute to improving lives and livelihoods, we open new opportunities for women and girls, and we help in the battle against climate change.

You can go to our Donate button [here](#) at any time, or for a special benefit on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> please visit our project site on the GlobalGiving crowdfunding platform [here](#). GlobalGiving will supply shares of \$1 million to all its listed projects in keeping with amounts raised in the 24 hours of that day only, starting from midnight until 11:59 PM ET.

Much has happened in Haiti and in our project since our last newsletter.

Haitians have had several terrible shocks in recent months – assassination of the president, an earthquake that devastated parts of the southwest, and hurricane flooding on the southern coast a few days later. Government, economy, humanitarian situation, and the criminal activities of gangs create a tremendous strain. Fortunately, our collaborators are well outside the capital city, where current problems are most severe.

Our project efforts build on initiatives with others in a university and two training centers in Haiti. Now, increasingly we are moving from teaching into solar cooking tests, with reporting and photos on these, and collaboration with new partners for community action. The photo above shows a cooking test for chicken in sauce on a hot and sunny day. It took only 65 minutes for the results!

At the university in Hinche, where we support Haiti's first solar and bio course, a third year of classes and fieldwork for students in medical biology and biosciences has ended, and a new class started last week. During the semester the students learn about solar cookers and biodigesters for biogas and fertilizer, make presentations on and off-campus, and feed the campus biodigester, which fertilizes a tree nursery and garden.

At a training center for low-income youth in Jacmel, our support covers weekly classes on solar cooking and on sewing. We receive photos of the progress being made, and the kids take home a solar cooker at the end of the 10-week session.

At a community center in Cotes de Fer, which is off-grid and designed for resource independence and sustainability, the biodigester we provided and the solar cookers given by others are put to use for cooking gas, garden fertilizer, and in a class aimed at training for food service jobs.

PPAF research on data collection and reporting of solar cooking tests confirms the value of the innovations. In the tropical sun our collaborators get great results. Participants in all the PPAF-supported activities are excited to see what can be done with free fuel that protects health and the environment.

Your support is vital for PPAF's current and planned work. Thank you in advance for your kindness and your donations to our work in Haiti, and the people's lives you improve there.

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