PPAF Teams visited Haiti in September and November 2012 to launch the Haiti Cookstove and Fuel Alternatives project. Pictured above are some of the 100 representatives of 28 (mostly women’s) organizations and fuel suppliers who convened for an orientation to the project.

**Tuesday, November 27, is Giving Tuesday** - That's the time after "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" to think about charitable works and the non-profits you like to support. While shopping for friends and family, please click here on our website (donate buttons at top right) to make a gift to the Foundation for our work in Haiti. Or send a check to PPAF, 166 Edgars Lane, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Any amount is welcome and your participation will help bring cookstove and fuel alternatives to Haiti, as well as local jobs, better health and less deforestation. Don't hesitate! Do it now!
See Daunise's story below to learn why our work makes a difference. PPAF has been selected as a 2012 "Great NonProfit" because of reviews by volunteers, board members, interns and friends.

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Daunise's Story
Daunise supervises several waitresses at the Cap Lamandou Hotel. She wants an ethanol stove. Very much! The cooks use two at the Hotel for buffet service, part of our pilot implementation. Daunise cooks daily for her family of ten. She gets up at 4 a.m. to start a charcoal fire, which takes 30 minutes to get hot enough just to start the cooking. She then cooks breakfast for everyone. At 5 a.m. they eat, and by 6 she gets the children ready for school. She takes a shower to clean up and get rid of the charcoal smell, then leaves for work. An ethanol stove would save her one-half hour of preparation time and another 10 minutes of cooking time for a total savings of 40 minutes in the morning alone!

Expanding the Pilot Implementation
In November David Stillman (PPAF Executive Director) and Fritz Clairvil (SimACT Foundation director) followed up on contacts made in September. At left are leaders of the Artists and Artisans Association of SouthEast Haiti, who are beginning pilot use of ethanol cookstoves for making the glue they use to make papier mache creations. The team also gave an orientation to ethanol cookstoves provided by Project Gaia to representatives of organizations throughout the area and met with an association of farmers and distillers. Next steps are to monitor the use experience and to develop a steady stream of ethanol.

Partners Against Poverty
Benefit

PPAF's Partners Against Poverty Benefit for our work in Haiti brought together new and old friends. It was held in the showroom of Resource Furniture, which specializes in transformable furniture. Attendees included representatives of the diplomatic community, including the Madagascar Ambassador and the Haitian Consul-General, PPAF friends and board members, Haitian-American diaspora members and representatives of co-sponsoring companies. Click here for more photos of the event. Thank you to all our sponsors - Resource Furniture, Fleurimond Catering, Barbancourt Rhum, Consulate General of Haiti in New York, Goodgirl PR, Bien Abiye, Hunter Dixon, Selvish Capers of the New York Giants, Bee Mine, 360 Full Circle Dance Company, www.vedere.com, www.FindingPaola.com, Ian Williams, -- and to all who came and donated or purchased Silent Auction items.

The first pilot for ethanol stoves

In September the PPAF team (David Stillman, George Garland (PPAF Board member) and Fritz Clairvil (SimACT Foundation) began the pilot work in Haiti.

Piloting began with a selected group of 12 of the 80 low-income mothers of 100 children enrolled at ACFFC, a well-regarded artisans training school in Jacmel. Each woman received two burners provided by Project Gaia, and were trained in their use and safety.

PPAF established a monitoring team within the management and older students there, initiated questionnaires with each of the mothers and provided bi-weekly follow-up questionnaires for tracking their experiences in shifting from charcoal to the new arrangement. The women are eager to continue using the stoves, and interested in becoming fuel distributors to increase their income. PPAF purchased pharmacy grade 95 percent alcohol (190-proof), distilled from Haitian sugarcane. In future, families will purchase the ethanol from local distillers. More photos are available
KonPay's Briquette Press

PPAF provided funding to Social Tap, Inc., an American non-profit which works with the Haiti non-profit Konbit Pou Ayiti, to build a larger briquette press. The briquettes are made from coconut husks and other agricultural waste. They are used for modified "rocket stoves" and commercial and institutional stoves, for example, in schools. The project aims to reduce consumption of charcoal and wood, and at the same time, to improve air quality.

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