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*PPAF is working with colleagues on our ethanol stove and fuel project in Haiti, with the next step being to improve the distillation of ethanol in "guildives" (local word for distilleries) to provide a ready supply of ethanol for the stoves developed with D&E Green last year. The photo above shows one of these guildives, where PPAF's Senior Fellow, Tom Setchel, will work in April.*

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### **GiveLocal! - May 3-4, 2016**

It's again time to help PPAF strengthen its program with interns and youth in Westchester County! *Give Local Westchester & Putnam* is a 24-hour online giving event, from May 3 at 12 noon to May 4 at 12 noon, designed to raise as much money as possible for local nonprofits in a single day. This community-wide event, sponsored by United Way, celebrates the spirit of giving and the collective effort it takes to strengthen our community by raising critical funds for local nonprofits.

We involve interns and mentor students, giving them an opportunity to learn about

global issues and to practice and hone their skills. They translate, create videos, participate in social media, facilitate meetings (often at the United Nations) and otherwise contribute to our work in Haiti, Dominican Republic and Madagascar. They learn about empowering women and girls, increasing jobs to reduce poverty, sustainable environment and climate issues, development of ethanol cookstoves and fuel to reduce health problems and deforestation, and in fish-farming. Some interns can participate in our programs overseas. You can learn more at <https://givelocalwp.org/npo/public-private-alliance-foundation>



## ***PPAF Starts New Fish and Seafood Project***

PPAF has begun work to facilitate a fish and seafood project in Haiti, connecting businesses for export and local consumption.

The photo of the main team members (at left) was taken at the Seafood Expo-North America in Boston on March 7.

At the invitation of the Minister for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development, Anthony Simon participated on January 6th in the first meeting of the Comité de Pilotage du Programme du Développement de la Pêche Artisanale (the Preparatory Committee for the Development of Artisanal Fishing). Mr. Simon represented the Groupe de Concertation pour la Pêche et l'Aquaculture (the Consultative Group for Fishing and Aquaculture.)



## ***Improving Clean Cooking at a Haitian Orphanage***

Thanks to a serendipitous meeting of David Stillman and Danielle Morron in February at a United Nations Association Members' Day event at the UN, a Haitian orphanage is now benefiting from clean cookstoves. The meeting led to purchase of Eco Recho (reduced charcoal) cookstoves from PPAF's partner D&E Green. Ms. Morron heads the Foundation Marie Haiti, which supports the Children of Mary Mother of the Divine Mercy orphanage in Port-au-Prince.

Ms. Morron has written, "I'm happy to let you know the clean cookstoves from D&E Green are in full swing at my orphanage, and the cooks absolutely love them! They were quick to kick the old stoves out of the permanent spot after

only five minutes of use! They appreciate the non-hazardous nature of these stoves especially in the tight, enclosed room where they cook. The briquettes look just like black coal, but are made with sugar cane waste and produce 90% less soot than traditional charcoal. AND, the sugar cane briquettes are cheaper than coal!

As you can see, the outdoor room where the charcoal is stored at the orphanage is absolutely

filthy, even before the coal is burned.... You ruin your clothes if you get charcoal soot on them. Before we got that stove, I couldn't even go in the downstairs area while the stoves were burning (three times per day for several hours at a time) because the toxic fumes were so horrific, made your clothes smell like barbecue, and lingered throughout the entire orphanage grounds. **THREE TIMES PER DAY.** What's worse is that the stoves are in an enclosed outdoor room, concentrating the fumes to cringe-worthy and asthma attack-inducing if you go in or near the room. The kids' and cooks' lungs must be well-coated with toxins by now, they cough but they seemed to have just gotten used to it, as the general air quality in Haiti is poor in most populated areas.

Not only do they use coal for cooking, but because of the restricted hours of electricity use, they use coal to heat their irons to iron their clothes. We have a two year old baby Emmanuel Jean who is often watched by the cooks and they keep him in that room. He is constantly sick with respiratory infections and congestion, and wheezes when he sleeps.

Now when you walk in the room you smell nothing but air.

PPAF is very happy to have brought together these organizations to improve the lives of women and children.



## ***PPAF Reaffirms Support to the UN Global Compact***

The United Nations Global Compact is the largest corporate sustainability initiative that involves companies and other organizations in 170 countries to align their strategies and operations with universal principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption, and take actions that advance societal goals.

With its 2015 Communication on Engagement, the Public-Private Alliance Foundation has reaffirmed its support to the UN Global Compact and its Ten Principles. To read PPAF's communication, [click here](#).

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