



WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME HAITI

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Technical Support to the National School Meals Programme of the Ministry of Education

In 2011, the Government requested for WFP technical assistance in its long-term goal of establishing, by 2030, a viable school meals programme for all the school children of Haiti, maximising the use of local products. Since then, WFP has reinforced its cooperation with the Ministry of Education (MENFP) and the National School Meals Programme (PNCS) to enhance the capacity of the Government in the management of the school meal programme.

Within this framework, in 2012 the Government of Haiti and WFP signed a landmark agreement defining a strategy and a plan of action for a perennial School Meals Programme managed by MENFP.

The capacity development efforts are focused on defining a legal and institutional framework to better link national school meals within the MENFP's strategic planning; enhancing monitoring and evaluation of national school meals; supporting increased decentralisation and operational capacity for the PNCS activities; and expanding possibilities for supplying schools with locally produced food.

Support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Small-scale Farmers

WFP works closely with the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development (MANRDR) to improve commercial opportunities for small holder farmers through links with school meals programmes.

In this framework, WFP cooperates with the Ministry

to develop a national strategy for local purchases, and supports the Unit for the Facilitation of Local Purchases (UFAL) in its aim to establish better linkages between producers and buyers.

In the past few years, WFP also steadily increased the proportion of its local purchases from Haitian farmers. In 2012, almost 3,400 metric tons of the cereals purchased by WFP were sourced from small holder farmers and their associations. To achieve this, WFP worked with the farmers, providing training and boosting their capacity to produce quality grains and liaise with institutional markets. It also took measures to facilitate small farmers' access to WFP's own tenders. To increase institutional capacity in this field, WFP is also testing pilot models of local procurement for school meals. The "Lèt Agogo nan lekol là" pilot, for example, gives a network of local dairies an outlet for their production via the provision of milk in schools.

Coordination Support

WFP continues to provide guidance and support to the National Department of Civil Protection in the coordination of emergency response, as well as logistical equipment to increase their capacity to respond to humanitarian crises, and to offer its technical capacity to the National Coordination for Food Security (CNSA) of the Ministry of Agriculture in producing regular food security analyses for the country.

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