





The Artibonite Valley in Haiti in one of the few plane area and represents the major rice production zone in the country; rice is the basic food for Haitians, but local farmers have to compete with low-cost imported rice.

The Italian Ngo CISV is supporting local rice farmers' organization to better the irrigation system and the cultivation, increase production with a developing program that includes education, training and consultancies and reckoned a warehouse to stock machinery, fertilizers and seeds.

Since ever rice straw is burnt on the fields, but it is possible to turn waste into a resource. The construction of the warehouse was the opportunity for a building site school to show local community the potentialities of straw bales and train professionals and workers.

The building is set in a rural area, between the Artibonite River and a channel; it is raised above ground to prevent damages from flooding; it has a wooden bearing structure, straw bale external walls, anticyclone roof, earth and lime plasters and bamboo windows.

Project name
Re-start from Straw.
Warehouse for rice
farmers' organization
in Haiti.

Partners CISV, Organisation Je Louvri 5ème Section

Total Construction Costs 36,000.00 \$

Main Sources of Funding Caritas Italia, Tavola Valdese



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Cooperate for fair and sustainable development initiatives in active collaboration with disadvantaged people or communities. This process shall follow principles of human solidarity, non-discrimination and will be aimed at promoting their self-sufficiency.





Facilitate the use of appropriate technologies, materials and labour adequate to local values, to the cultural specificity and responsive to the natural environment.

Share knowledge, promote discussion, reflection and awareness, and collaborate in the advancement of the 'social production of habitat'.



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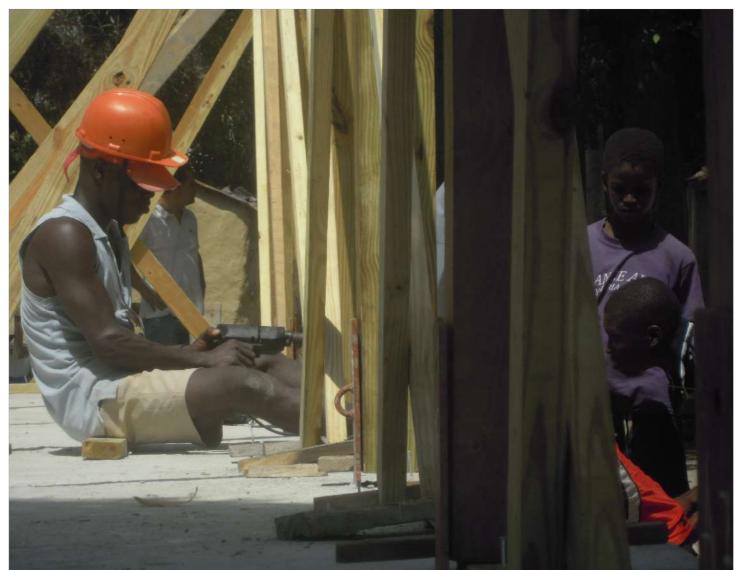
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