

## Case Study – Fuego del Sol Haiti



El Fuego del Sol Haiti (FdS Haiti) is a social-eco enterprise based in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The project was founded in the Dominican Republic in 2005, and when FdS was invited by the UN WFP to move their operations to Haiti to collaborate on an ecological school cooking program, FdS Haiti launched on the Haiti Communiterre base. FdS has since expanded to a larger site, near the Mayor of Tabarre, in the Port-au-Prince region.

Haiti faces major environmental issues, including massive deforestation and substantial waste management problems. FdS aims to foster growth, empower local people and promise healthful and ecological cooking alternatives. The FdS Haiti approach is to: (i) protect the environment by reducing deforestation and recycling waste; (ii) produce clean, healthful cooking fuel and durable, efficient, easy-to-use stoves; (iii) create long-lasting economic opportunities on the ground in Haiti. Meanwhile, Fuego del Sol and Haiti Communiterre share a focus on creating employment versus simply offering handouts. In this regard, Fuego del Sol collects post-consumer waste material from institutions around Port-au-Prince and finds as many local recycling solutions as possible.

FdS Haiti was launched on the HC base in September, 2012 and operated out of the base until expanding to a site in Tabarre in 2013. Over the past six years, FdS has won a number of awards, including:

- ☐SOCAP Social Entrepreneur Award – 2014
- ☐Semi-Finalist, Buckminster Fuller Award – 2014
- ☐Semi-Finalist, Echoing Green Award – 2015
- ☐Green Grab Presenter, MCN – 2015
- ☐Energy Globe Award (National Winner for Haiti) – 2015
- ☐Winner, Inter-American Development Bank Ideas Award – 2015
- ☐Presenter, Inter-American Development Bank INE – 2016
- ☐Regional Winner, Digicel Entrepreneur of the Year Award - 2017

For more information about Fuego del So Haiti's programs please see <http://www.fds Haiti.com>.