3/1. AAE Palma (Nan Coton) Project

Description:

The AAE Palma project started in 2011, offering Saturday Environmental School to 60 children, for whom a food garden was created and a chicken coop established, starting with 10 chicken.

There are two lands in this project, at walking distance from one another.

The Project owns this one acre land in Palma, close to the larger Nan Coton land, also owned by AAE.

Palma land was the first purchase by AAE and it was initially earmarked for the construction of a school. After purchasing the 2 ½ acre in nearby Nan Coton, the school project was moved there, as there was more scope for development.

Palma has now a nursery with banana circles, moringa trees, vetiver....and peanuts are seasonally grown.

Surplus goes to distribution to the community, sold at local market and to the other AAE branches as needed.
Responsible: Mr Cedric

Children no: No children, this land is for produce for the SES in the nearby land of Nan Coton

Produce: Eggs, chicken, bananas, papayas, moringa.

Land size: 1 acre along main walking track from the market

Activities: Cultivations

Sales: On case by case basis

Water: No water available. Relies on buying and a mule.

Latrines: No

Potential: local market sales, reproduction project, goats, training

Problems: coop to be relocated from the Nan Coton land nearby

Income: required

Requests: 10 more chickens (done), AAE stall/room at the market (business). Dispensary room (nurse available locally, drug store function as Bill Rice clinic in Cite Nouvelle is too far and overcrowded) and room for Cedric, farmer/supervisor (this room will later be merged with dispensary, when Cedric can move to nan Coton land). Water tank. Enclosure for chickens (from Nan Coton) and goats (Cedric’s). Mule for water transport.

Notes: 2012-2013 was a great growth for this land, thanks to Cedric who works the land daily, with or without extra help. Surplus potatoes from here arrived at AAE Anse a Galets for sale early in January 2014.

The closest to self-sufficiency, heavily involved and cooperating with community. Many banana circles have been planted in deep ditches. Vetiver continues (need more, properly organized nursery shelves). Many existing plants are being properly cultivated. Seasonal peanuts cultivation produces peanut butter. Vegetable garden established. Goat project not working (lost kids due to tornado). Ready to start sharing crops with other AAE branches.