

A black and white photograph showing an elderly man with a grey beard and hair, wearing a dark polo shirt, in the foreground. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. Behind him, a group of children of various ages are looking towards the camera. The children are dressed in simple clothing, including a striped tank top for a girl in the front left. The background is slightly out of focus, showing some outdoor structures.

AMURT - Haiti



FROM DISASTER RELIEF TO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

AMURT - Haiti

AMURT – Haiti is a professional volunteer NGO active in community empowerment and sustainable development programs in the Northwest of Haiti.



OUR MISSION

AMURT – Haiti's mission is to seek sustainable solutions for poverty reduction and environmental restoration through an integrated, community-based, participatory approach that strengthens the capacity of local institutions and individuals.

*"Let everybody be happy;
let everybody be free from all
physical or psychic ailments;
let everybody see the bright side of
everything;
let nobody be forced to undergo
any trouble under pressure of
circumstances."*

P.R. Sarkar
Founder of AMURT



OUR VISION

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

INNOVATION

INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABILITY

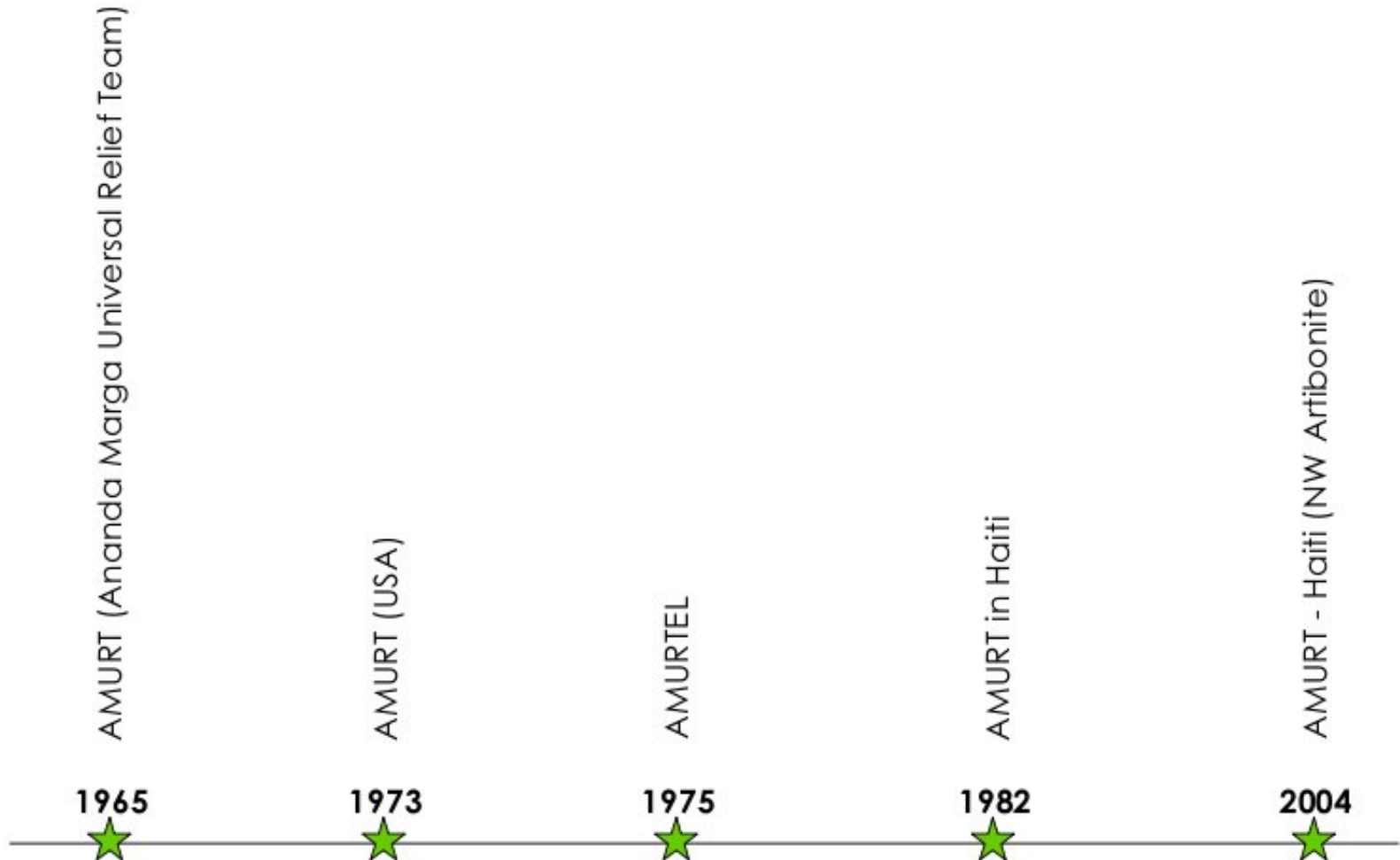


OUR LOCATION

The AMURT – Haiti works in the Northwestern part of Haiti, in the District of Anse Rouge. Northwest Haiti is the most isolated, impoverished, and neglected region in the country.



OUR HISTORY



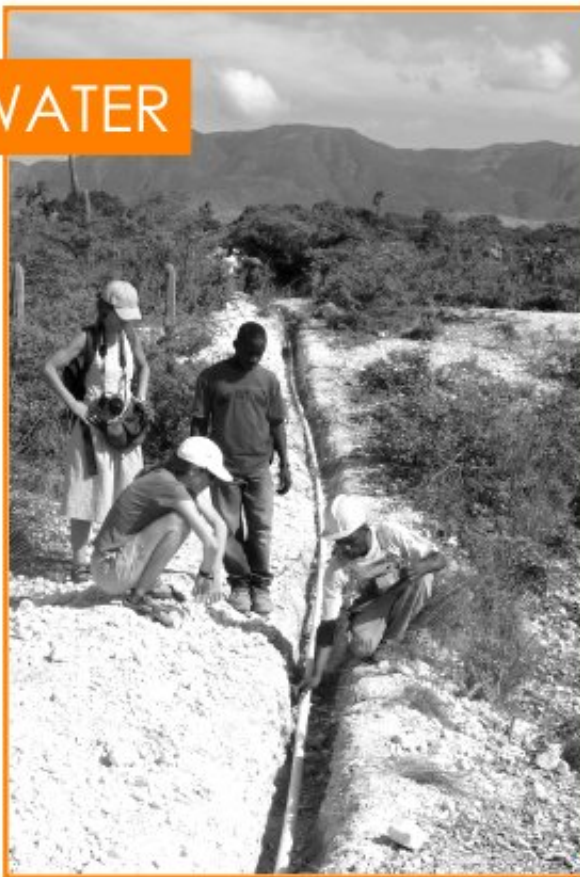
2004



TRANSITION OF 2005

In 2005, AMURT - Haiti began transitioning from disaster relief to community empowerment. Our first community initiatives focused on water, roads, and trees.

WATER



Together with the community, AMURT transformed the water systems of the area. Our water infrastructure projects included:

- Rehabilitation of current water systems throughout the commune.
- Construction of reservoirs.
- Installation of 21 KM of water piping.
- Construction of 15 kiosks.
- Construction of public bathing and washing facilities.
- Construction of irrigation channels, road crossings, aqueducts and small reservoirs.
- Protection of watersheds, water sources and irrigation routes.
- Construction of 8 village water systems.

During this time, we also began our first Bio-Sand Water Filter project, empowering families to make this new water safe for drinking and cooking.





AFTER

TRANSITION OF 2005

AMURT constructed 6 KM of new road and rehabilitated 12 KM of existing roads.

ROADS



TRANSITION OF 2005

Together with local community committees, AMURT facilitated the planting of 70,000 trees between 2005 - 2007.

NEW TREES



FROM DISASTER RELIEF...

TO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT!





CURRENT PROJECTS

AMURT is currently working in five project areas:

BIO-SAND WATER FILTERS

COMMUNITY HEALTH

ENVIRONMENTAL

INTEGRATED EDUCATION

SALT PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES

PROUT

AMURT – Haiti seeks to establish a balanced social and economic model of development upon the tenets of PROUT, the Progressive Utilization Theory. Propounded in India in 1959 by P.R. Sarkar, Its basic tenets have increasingly provided guidance and structure to AMURT's community empowerment and self-sufficiency philosophy.

"No two things of this world are alike so I don't suggest recasting everything into one mold. Still, for the sake of humanism, for the sake of fair justice, equitable distribution of the resources of the universe is indispensable and the co-ownership of the world's resources is the birth-right of every individual."

- P.R. Sarkar, Founder of PROUT



BIO-SAND WATER FILTERS



CLEAN WATER

The Bio-Sand Water Filter Project:

- Constructs, delivers and installs Bio-Sand Water Filters in close collaboration with local committees in 45 villages in Northwest Haiti.
- Educates community members on filter use and maintenance.
- Trains and oversees a network of community filter agents leading hygiene education classes, maintaining filters, and networking among filter users.



FILTER PRODUCTION



COMMUNITY HEALTH



The Community Health Project:

- Builds, rehabilitates and reinforces health clinics and health services in the Commune.

HEALTHY FAMILIES

- Provides staff, medicines and supplies for three clinics, seeking to establish a strong base for clinic self-sufficiency.
- Recruits, trains and oversees nine community health agents providing home care and health education.
- Trains and supports a network of health volunteers who are actively involved in disease prevention and education campaigns led by the community agents and staff.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENT



COMMUNITY HEALTH MEETING



ENVIRONMENTAL

RESTORATION



The Environmental Project:

- Oversees eight school tree nurseries and vegetable gardens.
- Manages the construction and distribution of Rocket (fuel-efficient) Stoves.
- Stabilizes ravines through terraces and dry masonry walls, and facilitates community-managed soil conservation campaigns following the Sloping Agriculture Land Technology (SALT) method.
- Manages a mangrove nursery and rehabilitates mangrove forests on the coast.
- Oversees eight community managed tree nurseries.
- Facilitates the planting of micro-forests and demonstration parcels.
- Organizes agriculturally based seminars for community leaders.
- Coordinates and agriculture demonstration and training center in the village of Ti Plas.
- Conducts environment education programs in nine of the AMURT supported schools.



FUEL EFFICIENT STOVE PRODUCTION



INTEGRATED EDUCATION



The Integrated Education Project:

- Builds and rehabilitates schools.
- Provides school equipment, furniture and supplies to ten schools.
- Enriches current curriculum and introduces integrated education methods.
- Provides training and support to local teachers.
- Established the Center for Neo-Humanist Education (CENEOH) in Sous Chod to provide increased training for teachers and community leaders, as well as a range of activities to the surrounding community.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

A NEW SCHOOL



INTEGRATED EDUCATION



SALT PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES



The Salt Production Cooperatives Project:

- Rehabilitated 60 traditional salt basins and 3KM of feeding channels.
- Establishes model modern salt production facilities along the cooperative principles of PROUT (Progressive Utilization Theory), seeking to increase the production of pure, iodizable sea salt and invest the revenues in local development schemes.
- Creates Salt Producer Associations, and provides training sessions and forums on cooperative principles and modernized salt production techniques.
- Compiled a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) database giving spatial and quantifiable data about the traditional salt basins in Northwest Haiti.

MODERN SALT PRODUCTION FACILITY



COOPERATIVE MEETING



FUNDING PARTNERS

2008

- ACDI (Canadian International Development Agency)
- Alternative Gifts International
- Lichtenstein International Development Agency
- Micronutrient Initiative
- Trees Water People
- United Nations, MINUSTAH
- World Food Program

2007

- ACDI (Canadian International Development Agency)
- CRS-Haiti (Catholic Relief Services)
- Lichtenstein International Development Agency
- Micronutrient Initiative (MI)
- Trees Water People
- USAID (US Agency for International Development)
- World Food Program

2006

- CRS-Haiti (Catholic Relief Services)
- The Gordon Sato Foundation
- Swedish International Development Agency (FORUM/SYD)
- USAID (US Agency for International Development)
- World Food Program

"You (AMURT) are really investing in the communities, the results of your work says it all, and talking to the people in the field shows that you are very well accepted in the area."

- World Food Program

TESTIMONIAL



Madam Onel, 74 years old
Point-des-Mangles

"After the Hurricane life became even harder. We had no food, no nothing. The rains took all of our gardens away. And then these white people came, there were Haitians with them too, yes. AMURT. And they took care of us when no one even came to check on us, right then and there. They did with us these kitchens, serving hot meals for months on end. And then they gave us seeds, I still have the harvests that started with the seeds from that time. And they didn't leave, they stayed, and they're still here. The village now has water because of them, and I hear that now they'll be in schools too. They doing good, and they helped me with the house once, fixing the roof up. God sent them, really."



JOIN US!

Become an AMURT - Haiti DONOR.

AMURT – Haiti is supported by foundations, institutions and individuals who believe in the work we are all doing here together. Our projects would not be possible without their generous support. The efforts of AMURT – Haiti represent a collective of hundreds of people, living all around the world, who want to see improvements to the quality of life for the people of Northwest Haiti.

“Adopt A...”

Water filter, grove of fruit trees or a teacher's salary. Visit www.amurt.us to learn more! You'll see what a tangible difference your gift can make!

Wish List

AMURT is also seeking in-kind donations. A wish list of practical items is listed on our website. Visit www.amurthaiti.org to learn more about how you can give an in-kind donation to AMURT-Haiti.

General Donation

The friends of AMURT – Haiti around the world are a creative and generous group of people. We hear of donors collecting donations for AMURT at dinner parties and bake sales – or giving donations in honor of loved ones as birthday or holiday gifts. If you are interested in supporting the work of AMURT – Haiti with a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.amurthaiti.org and click on “on-line donation”.

||| VOLUNTEER

AMURT Volunteers:

- Manage projects
- Train AMURT staff
- Assist in the AMURT office
- Create curriculum
- Plant gardens
- ...and much, much more!

We have come to believe that when we unite the local community, AMURT staff and volunteers, no force can stop the power of our creative collective mind and our desire for self-realization and service for humanity. We hope you will consider joining us in our effort. Visit www.amurthaiti.org for additional information about volunteering at AMURT – Haiti including a listing of our current volunteer opportunities, an interested volunteer form and a volunteer handbook.

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