



THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HAITIANS

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION:	Bamboo Basket Weaving and Marketing Specialist
ASSIGNMENT LOCATION:	
ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION:	<p>The use of bamboo has been recently introduced in Haiti. Bamboo is a plant that can be found throughout Haiti, however its potential to be used as a key material has not yet expanded throughout Haiti. Bamboo use is very popular in Marmelade and it is expected that Bamboo can be used to manufacture products that can be sold particularly to tourists. Hence, the Limbé watershed which includes a part of the Commune of Marmelade is a producer of bamboo trees. It is considered that handicrafts for the tourism market being developed in the North can be quite profitable to the population living in the Limbé watershed. Therefore the specialist will assist bamboo artisans in the Limbé watershed area including Marmelade and surrounding area in developing appropriate handicrafts for the local tourism market (primarily for the Labadie . Royal Caribbean Cruise Line art market) and for the export market. Assistance will be comprised of training in design of new products; pricing and marketing, organizational strengthening in small enterprise skills such as establishing efficient production systems, contract negotiation and order processing. The specialist will work with bamboo artisans in Camp Coq, FACN bamboo workshop in Marmelade and with the Association of basket weavers in Savanne Carrée as well as other potential groups interested in bamboo basket/handicraft production.</p>
QUALIFICATIONS:	<p>The specialist is expected to have a demonstrated solid experience in bamboo basket and handicraft design, production and marketing for import markets in the US, Canada and Europe. A qualify person is expected to be able to communicate with local Haitian partners in either Creole or French. Previous experience living and working in a developing country context is strongly desired.</p>
OTHER REQUIREMENTS:	<p>The specialist must have a desire to participate in the development of Haiti. A valid passport is required to travel to Haiti. S/he must speak Creole and/or French</p>
DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT:	<p>One week (Leave for Haiti on Sunday and return home on the following Saturday). It should be noted that the specialist can choose to extend their stay in Haiti but at their own cost.</p>
LODGING:	<p>Marmelade FACN Guesthouse and Port-au-Prince</p>
CONTACTS IN HAITI:	<p>Michael Godfrey, DEED Director/Alix Baptiste, NOAH Representative</p>