

Irrigation System Team Meeting

Location: Teleconference

Date: December 5, 2008

Time: 9:30 PM -10:45 PM

Attendees:

Harry Xavier
 Luckner Jerome
 Joseph Betissan Frederic

Corneille Xavier
 Marken Belfort
 Lesly

Background: As per our last meeting in Queens, NY all the members of FOCOM agreed to explore the possibility of installing an irrigation system aims to distribute water to the entire locality of Cazale. This lead to an Irrigation System Team comprised Harry, Luckner, Corneille, Betissan, and Lesly. The team will meet as needed to discuss the irrigation system project and the outcome information will be reported to the members of FOCOM.

Objective of the Meeting: The objective of the meeting was to investigate all the necessary preliminary information (technical/non-technical) with respect to the exploration of the building of an irrigation system at Cazale. And, hopefully to put together a comprehensive plan aimed to successfully execute the irrigation system project.

Outcome and Discussion:

- 1) Marken was our special guest. He is an engineer and specialized on structural engineering. Marken has opened a teleconference call for FOCOM. Moving forward all the FOCOM members should be able to use the teleconference system for future meeting. The teleconference call number is 218-936-7999 and the access code is 120676.
- 2) Marken suggested that depending on the surface area, environment (seasons, soil's kind, shape and level of the ground) of Cazale, as well as FOCOM's financial situation, various pumping systems could be well applied to distribute adequately water to the entire locality of Cazale.
- 3) We all agreed that it might be better to have a plan for a big project that might comprise multiple sub projects. Depending on the priorities and financial inconveniences, small projects could first start and followed by the next and more expensive ones.
- 4) Betissan said that Tolem could help FOCOM by having an engineer to go to Cazale to analyze the environment.
- 5) Marken is going to Haiti next year in February or March. He volunteered to go to Cazale at that time, and said what he will solely need is to have a local Cazalian person with skills in the art of agriculture to show him around and explain to him the Cazale's environment. Then, he will gather all the necessary information, analyze the system and environment, write an irrigation system plan, and present the outcome to FOCOM.
- 6) We all agreed that the irrigation system project may be processed into two ways, i.e. to have an engineer responsible for the entire project from the beginning trough the end, or to have Marken has the principal engineer responsible for the design and plan of the irrigation system with the support of an engineer resides in Haiti to report to and execute Marken's plan.