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Urgently Needed Food Arrives to Haiti *Together for Haiti alliance builds on early appeal*

Port-au-Prince, Haiti (July 2, 2008) – An emergency shipment of food has arrived to Haiti, which will feed more than 36,000 people for a month, the [Pan American Development Foundation](#) announced.

Six cargo containers with 270,000 lbs. of fortified rice and soy protein meal packages were donated by the Minnesota-based [Feed My Starving Children](#), which responded to PADF's urgent appeal for relief after Haitians rioted in early April because of soaring food and fuel prices.

PADF's partner in Haiti, Food for the Poor, will distribute it in schools, clinics, senior citizen homes and retirement communities. Additional distribution will be coordinated by U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) and Haiti's Ministry of Social Affairs.

"PADF is working with local partners, governmental agencies and international organizations to maximize support for Haitians during this devastating crisis," says Michelet Fontaine, PADF's Caribbean Programs Director.

PADF, along with the Organization of American States (OAS), the WFP, and Food for the Poor, welcomed the donation, which is valued at nearly \$300,000. The OAS paid to ship two of the six containers. The remaining four were transported by the U.S. Southern Command.

To further assist Haitians, an innovative partnership called [Together for Haiti](#) was formed by PADF, Yéle Haiti (founded by Grammy-award winning artist and activist Wyclef Jean) and the WFP. Together for Haiti is a coordinated effort to provide food, create jobs, and support agricultural production. Of Together for Haiti's four initiatives, PADF leads three: immediate employment; micro-enterprise grants; and agricultural support.

Together for Haiti's initiatives complement PADF's ongoing programs in Haiti, which for 27 years have supported agricultural development, infrastructure improvements, natural resource protection, and community-driven development, improving millions of Haitians' lives.

About PADF:

The Pan American Development Foundation was founded in 1962 as a nonprofit affiliate of the Organization of American States. PADF works with civil society, the private sector, and governments to create opportunities and improve lives for the disadvantaged in Latin America and the Caribbean. With a commitment to local capacity and the Inter-American spirit of cooperation, PADF builds programs that create jobs, enhance education, build skills, foster community participation, and strengthen resiliency through the power of people, local solutions, and partnerships.