

FAI presents its record of success to the international press in Berlin

The Founding President of FAI reports on the work of her organization

Berlin (10.06.2008) - At the invitation of the Haitian Ambassador, Jean-Robert SAGET, Marie Ginette AMANI, Founding President of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI), held a press conference in the Chancellery of the Embassy of the Republic of Haiti in Germany on the occasion of her new visit to Berlin.

She renewed her sympathy to the Ambassador of Haiti for the recent events that occurred in this country which, she stressed, are a reflection of the almost permanent humanitarian catastrophe that many populations around the world are experiencing due to poverty and today's aggravated food crisis.

She announced that from her exchanges with Ambassador Jean-Robert SAGET, it was planned to appoint a "Humanitarian Correspondent of the AMAN-International Foundation" (CoH-FAI) in Haiti and later on a Representation of the FAI in order to better understand the realities experienced daily by the poor populations and to better carry out humanitarian and social aid actions of proximity.

Marie Ginette AMANI explained the reasons for her stay in Germany which, she said, are part of a lobbying mission with German authorities, development partners and other donors in order to sensitize them to support humanitarian action for the effective reduction of poverty.

She declared that the slogan of the AMAN-International Foundation was "Humanitarianism in everyday life" because, as she has often observed and as it appears from field surveys, "the other face of the humanitarian disaster is that of the misery that crawls in the ruined walls of the lives shattered by the earthquake and the tsunami of poverty.

Compared to 2006, FAI has increased its actions in 2007: the direct beneficiaries of its support have increased from 6,000 (six thousand) to 8,000 (eight thousand), while the number of indirect beneficiaries, which amounted to 20,000 in 2006, is estimated to be twice as high (40,000) in 2007.

The success of the aid actions of the AMAN-International Foundation in favor of the deprived populations was crowned by the holding of the "Night of Excellence in Humanitarianism" (FAI-NEH) in November 2007 in Berlin, a charity evening that brought together personalities from the political and diplomatic world. Last December, the first "Salon International de l'Humanitaire et du Développement" (FAI-SIHD) was held in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), sponsored by 5 (five) ministers with the participation of civil society and international organizations such as the WFP (FAO), UNESCO and the Red Cross among others.

The AMAN-International Foundation has developed numerous intervention programs in the areas of education, training, food, health, environment, micro-projects financing and human rights - especially in favor of women and children. These programs are capable of being operational in countries where FAI wishes to set up national representations supervised by its Board of Directors in Germany headed by Professor Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH.

However, it is imperative to mobilize the necessary resources for aid actions. "This is the reason why FAI invites all good wills, natural or legal persons, to support our action", concluded President AMANI, informing that there is already a representation of FAI (Deutsches Exekutiv-Komitee e. V.) in Germany, recognized as a non-profit association by the German authorities.

The President gave a summary of the actions realized during the last two years, an overview of the donations and other activities planned for 2008. Finally, she handed over to the audience a list of priority aid needs for the "Programme de Soutien aux Victimes de Guerre en Côte d'Ivoire" (FAI-PSVG-CI).