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FEATURED LOAN . . . SURINAME

Heman is 41 years-old and has a family, including two school-aged children. He was previously working as a field worker for a banana company. In 2008, he began to cultivate rice and took out a couple of loans, which he repaid on time. Now, he cultivates rice on 12 acres of land and has a tractor. He wants to renovate his house and save for his daughter who is going this school year at Paramaribo to study. He is asking for a new loan of SRD 12,000 to purchase fertilizers and pesticides.

This month, Cascade decided to focus its lending efforts to a male entrepreneur in the tiny country of Suriname...

This loan to Heman in Suriname is part of an effort to reach marginalized rice farmers who are excluded from Suriname's traditional banking system. This type of loan is designed to help agricultural entrepreneurs become self-sustainable. This is especially important in Suriname, where microfinance is limited.

We hope that by lending to farmers like Heman in Suriname, we will be able to provide opportunities to thrive in a country where rural and agricultural businesses are considered to be too risky for commercial loans.

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in lending to third world entrepreneurs at our Kiva team, "The Microlending Fund."



RECENT LOANS



QUICK FACT: 70% OF OUR MICROLOANS ARE TO FEMALES!