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5. Haiti

- Organization: Hôpital Albert Schweitzer Haiti (#263)
- Project period: December 2019 to April 2020
- Country/Area: Haiti/ Artibonite region
- Cost: \$1,000 (\$1,000: JWF funds)
- Number of beneficiaries: 30,000 people
- Background: The water system at Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) is vitally important and was in danger of becoming non-operational without significant repairs after 60+ years of hard use. HAS commissioned a water system analysis in 2018, including a multi-phase plan to remediate and modernize the water system.
The water system was leaking due to corrosion of galvanized piping, and reduced flow rates from build-up of mineral deposits and bio-slime. The 55,000-gallon water tank was leaking heavily and needed repairs.
- Main activities: Building two new community fountains, Rehabilitating four existing community fountains Involving community members in project implementation and management



Old fountain at Dodo continuing to flow during the dry season



Fountain under construction

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【Current situation】

- **Fountains**...All six fountains are functioning well and providing enough water.
- **Operation and maintenance**...Community Water Committees were formed in each community and they manage proper usage of the fountains and maintaining areas around them.

【Changes】

- **Reduction in diseases**: The Medical Director believes that he is seeing a reduction in morbidity and the children appear healthier because of the clean water.

【Others】

- the water fountains are a gathering place for people to meet and talk with others. They are also a convenient point for distributing sanitizer.
- The community has a strong sense of mutual help. They understand the importance of clean water and are taking responsibility for managing the wells.
- There have been no unexpected effects or conflicts between the residents.



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Voices from the beneficiaries (Excerpts)



Mr. Henry Bastist, 45 years old
mayor of “the City” village

6 fountains are in operation and the local people are working together, sharing the water. It is not unusual to see a four or five-year-old child getting water by his or herself. People watch out for each other. Since completion of the project, they can now get good water and don't have to go so far to collect their daily water supply. In the marketplaces, vendors now have access to water, so it is easier for them to clean their cooking utensils and get water for cooking rice and beans.



Ms. Eda Sams, 35 years old,
a user of the fountains

The taps are easy to use and generally work well. If not, they are replaced. Since completion of the project, I feel better knowing that I can give my two children water without boiling it. This means lower costs and less work.



Mr. Amos Belzair, 52 years old,
a user of the fountains

I'm farmer and father of five children. Since completion of the project, my wife and children don't have to go as far to get water and they say that the water tastes better. I don't have to boil the water, which is good because charcoal costs a lot. Now my family has all the water it needs.