

Transforming a nation: One community at a time Sustainable water & sanitation for 49,000 people in Cavillon

The commune of Cavillon is located in the southwest region of Haiti and is home to 49,000 people. It is evenly split between rural farmland and urban settings, including small villages and the town of Cavillon.

The commune is approximately five hours from the capital city Port-au-Prince.

In Cavillon reliable and safe drinking water is not readily accessible. Currently over 65% of the population lacks access to safe water and sanitation. Moreover, the region was hit by a devastating earthquake in August 2021, which has added to the challenges facing the region.



Rotarians are collaborating with regional water regulators OREPA Sud, the Mayor of Cavillon, other local authorities and beneficiaries, and three Global Grants approved by The Rotary Foundation to help work towards water security in Cavillon.

The total investment of this project is currently projected to be between \$2.0-2.5 million USD and the overarching goal is to reach 100% coverage in Cavillon within five years of partnership. So far, Rotarians have achieved many milestones including funding several "Adopt a Well" projects, developing pipeline systems for community residents to access clean water, and exploring innovative new technologies such as ground water recharge.



Project Location: Cavillon Commune
Host Club: Rotary Club of Les Cayes
International: Rotary District 6960

Initial Grant Budget: \$2.0-2.5 Mill. USD



Cavaillon Commune: Water System

What is life like in Cavaillon?

Life in Cavaillon is community oriented. The town hosts bi-weekly markets on Wednesdays and Saturdays, selling products ranging from livestock, to schoolbooks, to fresh fruit, rice, beans, salt and clothes. This market attracts many people from nearby villages and towns, as it is a primary form of income generation. Often people must walk many miles to reach the village center which is made difficult due to unkept roads. Likewise, water sources are hard to come by and require travelling far distances which occupies significant time for those in Cavaillon.



How have these projects changed people's lives?

Reducing the amount of effort, it takes to access drinkable water can help create new opportunities for residents as it frees up time and energy that was previously account for. Additionally, safer water supplies help facilitate healthier communities and indirectly reduces the morbidity incidence.

How has this system been designed?

This system has been designed based on the Commune Action Plan and working with the regional water regulator OREPA Sud. The first Global Grant in Cavaillon (#1984515) resulted in four communities being engaged under the HANWASH model, and four wells being constructed, serving approximately 1,000 people. The second Global Grant in Cavaillon (#2014851) is currently being implemented and is focused on the rehabilitation of the water supply system serving the urban population centre of Cavaillon in the commune. The third Global Grant in Cavaillon (#2233682) is focused on 9 rural villages that lack WASH services per the Commune Action Plan (Community Needs Assessment). Additional Global Grants in the future are likely and significant resources will also need to be mobilized from non-Rotary funding partners.

What is HANWASH?

HANWASH is a partnership between Rotarians and Haitian government at national & local levels. Rotarians in Haiti and globally bring their voices, raise money, and volunteer their time to support the country's institutions to reach everyone with drinking water and safe sanitation.

Rotarians, Clubs, Districts, from anywhere in the world can participate actively in this innovative and impactful program and be a part of this story! For a list of contributors and partners,

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Your HELP is still needed!

Ongoing funding will be required to meet the vision of safe and affordable water and sanitation for all.

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