

HAITI OUTREACH

Community Well Update for Lagonjon, Haiti



CURRENT WATER SOURCE:
WATER HOLE

LAGONJON: N19.17994 W-72.07501

ADOPTED BY: EVANSTON, IL AND
MINNEAPOLIS, MN UPTOWN ROTARY CLUBS

The village of Lagonjon holds an unprecedented 9 meetings in 9 days to get a head start before the rainy season made their village inaccessible.

WAITING FOR THE RAIN TO STOP

The village of Lagonjon, in Haiti's central plateau, has historically taken its drinking water from the hole pictured above. On average, people travel 2 miles to reach this water hole. On the return trip, they carry full buckets. Many of those fetching water are children. On April 12, 2014, the 260 residents of Lagonjon set out to change their future: they wrote a letter to Haiti Outreach requesting a community managed well.

The population was eager to begin the training timeline (shown on the right) before the rainy season began. They knew that the road to their village would soon become dangerously muddy and the raging Bouyara river, unpassable.

Once financing from the Rotary clubs was secured, Haiti Outreach Animator, Jean Denis Lubin, was put in charge of training the water committee to manage their well. Thanks to his dedication and the commitment of the community, an unprecedented 9 meetings were held in

just 9 days. Mr. Pierre Ferno was elected President of a 5 person water committee who worked tirelessly to accelerate the training. The committee performed surveys, created a census, obtained legal title to land for the well, created rules for managing the well and completed a water/sanitation survey which revealed an impressive 98% of homes with latrines.

As great progress was being made, however, the rains came and the steep and muddy road to Lagonjon became dangerously slippery. The swollen Bouyara river became unpassable by truck and Jean Denis could no longer safely reach the community. On April 21, the training had to be postponed for the season.



Jean Denis is eager to return to Lagonjon because he believes the community is united and motivated to quickly achieve their goal of having a healthy community with clean water.

ITEMS LISTED HERE ARE DOCUMENTED IN LAGONJON'S DOSSIER, ON FILE AT THE HAITI OUTREACH OFFICE, PIGNON, HAITI

Progress Report

- Community Members Notify Local Authorities Regarding Collaboration with Haiti Outreach.
- Source Water Survey Completed
- Community Request Letter Received
- Haiti Outreach Response Sent
- Community Application Submitted
- House Survey/Census performed
- Local Water Committee Elected
- Deed for Land (well site) Obtained
- Monthly Budget Created
- Rules for Well Management Created
- Household Enrollments Completed
- Water/Sanitation Survey Completed
- Environmental Protection Rules Created
- Public Meeting to Review Rules
- Well Drilled
- Well House Built and Painted
- Public Inauguration Ceremony**
- Post-Inauguration Inspections
- Sanitation Training
- Monthly Mentoring by Haiti Outreach (for Two Years)