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## OVERALL INFORMATION

One Hundred For Haiti started in 2010 after the earthquake in Haiti. Executive Director Greg Bennick sailed to Haiti from Miami as a crew member on a relief sailboat. The boat was one of, if not THE, first private relief boats to reach the southern coast of the country after the quake. Greg had been in Haiti the summer before the earthquake, and after helping to unload the boat, he stayed in-country to determine the whereabouts and safety of his closest Haitian friends. Upon being evacuated from the county, he decided to continue supporting the Haitian people. Months of relief efforts yielded many tons of supplies sent to Haiti from generous donors in the USA, but Greg quickly realized that relief efforts post-disaster were effective only as immediate aid, and that long term, these projects created a cycle of dependency in the people receiving the aid. Greg and the core team of One Hundred For Haiti then set out to pinpoint and work on *development* efforts, or in other words, ways to elevate and empower the people, culture, and communities of Haiti from within. At this point, our mission is simple:

*One Hundred For Haiti creates and supports long-term social development and human rights programs in rural Haiti. We focus on clean water access in rural communities and anti-sexual assault education initiatives in the south of Haiti.*

## THE RURAL WATER PROJECT

In the Ranquitte region, our Rural Water Project has been bringing clean, cholera-free water to rural Haitians who have no running water and no means to protect themselves from this deadly disease. Historically, people have used local natural water sources, mere trickles at times from between rocks and from under trees, but with the recent introduction of cholera into the water table in 2010, this is no longer safe. We have changed the approach to water in the Ranquitte region northeast of Port au Prince. People who otherwise would not have had access to clean water now are empowered themselves to build, maintain, and protect water receptacles – essentially cisterns - for natural spring water to fill, and then be treated when necessary to kill the cholera. This is possible to do at all times, but especially before any event which might upset the water table (storms, earthquakes, typhoons, etc). We help identify sites, and then empower the Haitian people to keep their water sources safe by helping to build the cisterns themselves.

Along with help from our Haitian in-country director, we have identified thirty-four water sites, some of which have been built and need repair (Haitian weather and climate tends to be harsh on anything outside in the elements) and some which are still planned and need to be built from scratch.

Empowering Haitians is the way to go. In the past, this organization and others have focused on relief. Relief is disempowerment. For the country to grow, and for individuals to thrive, they must be supported in their own efforts to bring safety to their communities with health as a priority. The Rural Water Project allows that to happen in a direct way.

## THE GTPE ANTI-SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAININGS

In the south of Haiti, where child rape is on a sad and upward trend (sixty cases reported against children alone in 2014/2015), donations have allowed us to step in and be the sole funder for a consortium of social workers, government officials, local authorities, teachers, and concerned citizens who had planned and previously failed to implement an education/training program to go into rural communities and train people about assault and what can be done about it.

Specific goals of the trainings are:

- Raise community awareness (parents, children, religious leaders, community leaders, local authorities) of the issue of abuse and sexual violence crimes against children and women

- Teach parents, religious leaders, community leaders, local authorities of their responsibilities in the fight against violence on children and women
- Inform communities on services (medical and legal) existing in the department/region
- Share information on existing services and support processes (medical, psychological and legal) for helping children and women victim of abuse and sexual violence

The trainings take place in community centers, and wherever else people can be accessed (radio programs, after church services, in schools). Before the involvement of One Hundred For Haiti, the project was fully stalled due to lack of funds. Now, in the last year, we have paid for the training and education of thousands of people. This makes for safer communities, and for protected children.

The group is called GTPE (*Groupe du Travail pour la Protection des Enfants*, or Organization Working to Protect Children). The budget covers: the trainers themselves, advertising by sound truck (a truck with an enormous external speaker system); meals for trainers; shirts for the trainers so that they can be easily identified; travel expenses to get to the rural communities where we are training; digital camera / memory card / laptop (obviously those are one time expenses); DigiCel phone minutes (to help with coordination of the training in schools); Natcom phone minutes (a different provider for some of the trainers); banners and signs; and refreshments for local attendees (in Haiti snacks can be an enormous motivator for attendance at such an event).

The value here is extraordinary. The trainees aren't simply the hundreds of people directly impacted in each area, but the community at large, members of which encounter support/advertising materials. We have seen already that response has been overwhelming and is growing. There have never been trainings like this before. Community members are talking about the effect the trainings have on their community safety, their education, and their outlook on behavior/conduct in the future and how to manage it for the safety of all. These community members in turn have been spreading the word to others in more rural areas. We know that thousands of people have been impacted so far.

There is no price that is too expensive for a child to be saved from sexual assault. That said, we feel that the way we are effectively using money is efficient, cost effective, and impactful in a major way with measurable effects. We want to see the number of reported assaults *rise* in the next year. Not because we want more assaults, but because we hope that improper conduct is recognized as such and reported *so that victim/survivors can be heard* and receive the help they need. Often times victims either hide due to shame or try to take revenge into their own hands, resulting in more violence instead of real justice. **Our focus is on women, children, and the physically challenged.**

The budget covers:

- a meal for all sixty community leaders participating in the training session in each community (in addition to the social agents executing the trainings)
- radio broadcasts in each community
- pads, pens for each participant to take notes
- a banner with a slogan of non-violence in each community
- a television ad of 30 seconds in length to be shown in each community
- printing of flyers raising awareness about sexual assault (identification and clear steps of what to do about it) in Creole

Following up with the committees and with each community we train is critical and is one thing that GTPE members highlighted as a goal going into 2016 (during a recent meeting). This is where impact will be measured and will ensure that the impact of the trainings is lasting.

The more rural communities served the better. Everyone in GTPE is thrilled to have reached rural areas because they so desperately need this training. People are murdering and raping others in communities like this without even hiding afterwards, since nothing is ever done about it. Domestic abuse is extreme for married women in these communities. People have been calling social services following our trainings in schools in the area of Tiburon for example, to report violence because they have for the first time, been given a definition of violence itself and an avenue by which to report it.

As proof of the viability and success of the program so far, even international NGOs who heard of the training (such as *Hope for Haiti*) who have been working in Les Cayes for many many years, have requested GTPE trainings for their staff (specifically for their medical staff who work in medical clinics) as well.

**HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF:**

We are working with local partners in Haiti on relief efforts and more importantly on development efforts. Details will be forthcoming on our website and social media.

**OVERALL:**

We want to expand all of these projects in 2016/2017 and beyond. Thank you for considering to help us reach this goal.