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ONE HUNDRED FOR HAITI takes lead on major anti-cholera effort *Grassroots Seattle-based organization responds to cholera in Haiti*

Seattle, Wash., August 18th, 2016 – “In the midst of worldwide breaking news today of the United Nations admitting to its role in starting cholera in Haiti,” Greg Bennick (One Hundred For Haiti Founder and Executive Director) explained, “its important to note that our Rural Water Project in Haiti has kept deaths from cholera at ZERO since it started. We are doing what major NGO’s don’t have the ability to effectively do: continually serve extremely rural areas, more than five hours drive from Port au Prince. “

One Hundred For Haiti, a Seattle-based 501(c)3 nonprofit humanitarian organization has been leading anti-cholera efforts in Haiti in the rural Ranquitte region for the last two years. Major NGO’s are largely based in Port au Prince, and it is for this reason that One Hundred For Haiti has focused its efforts on local people who otherwise would not have access to support like the kind needed to help stop cholera.

Water in rural villages, typically drawn from sources ranging from streams to trickles beneath root systems, are highly vulnerable to cholera, which lives in the water table and can be reintroduced after any disruption to the groundwater. Cisterns are being built by local people (funded by One Hundred For Haiti) that allows water from those natural sources to be collected and maintained with chemicals which can kill cholera before any water is consumed.

In addition to funding thirty-four cisterns throughout the project which allow rural people to access clean cholera-free water which is also free of contamination from animals who otherwise would have access to the same water sources, One Hundred For Haiti maintains on its website easily downloadable information on cholera prevention, translated into Creole, for people in Haiti to access and distribute.

“The threat of cholera is still very real, and a valid fear of the Haitian people is the return of massive death by cholera cases in droves like we saw in 2010 and 2011,” said Haiti activist Nathan Bean. “The brilliance of the Rural Water Project program is that all thirty-four tanks are at locations requested by local people, based on their travel patterns, and the natural hydrology of the area,” added Bennick. “This is health care, of the people, by the people and for the people.”

One Hundred For Haiti (<http://www.onehundredforhaiti.org>) was formed in January 2010 as a humanitarian development organization to support the people of Haiti in response to the devastating January 2010 earthquake. Its supporters span the globe, from punk rockers to businesses to compassionate citizens.

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