

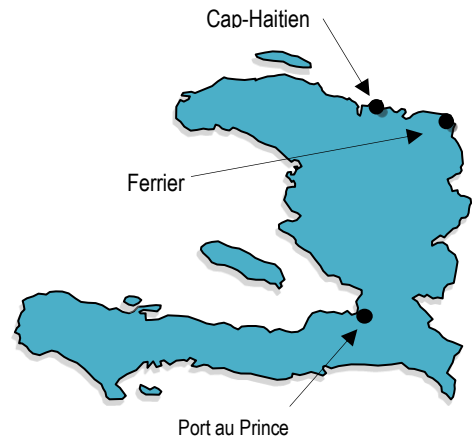


An opportunity for Clubs in District 5060 to participate in a well-organized, sustainable international service project with a small financial stake over 3-4 years.

The Wenatchee Rotary Club is leading District 5060 to “Champion” the HANWASH project in Ferrier, Haiti.

HANWASH¹ is a national initiative created in 2018 by District 7020 (Caribbean), The Rotary Foundation and the Haitian Government’s National Water and Sanitation Agency (DINEPA)², partnering with other NGOs, **committed to providing thoughtfully managed and sustainable clean water and sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti**, along with the associated health, community and economic benefits. The goal is to provide everyone in Haiti with clean water and improved sanitation by 2030. HANWASH is well organized, led by a Steering Committee with subcommittees such as Project / Technical and Finance / Administration. It has written protocols about roles and responsibilities. Our District and clubs will have knowledgeable leadership and support. HANWASH and the Haiti Project was highlighted in December’s *Rotarian*.

The strategy starts with **4 pilot projects in 4 “communes,” (townships)**, each with a Rotary District “Champion.” Wenatchee Rotary is leading **District 5060 as the Champion for Ferrier.**



Ferrier water system. The proposed Ferrier water system includes a solar power supply for an inland well delivering water towards the coastal area that now has saline groundwater. Homes will pay only for the pipe from their meter. Water will be chlorinated and will be piped initially to 1,000 households that subscribe to the system. (Ferrier pop ~ 15,000).

Timeline / action plan.

- Initial work has started, with a survey documenting all water points in Haiti and ~13 water quality parameters for each.³
- HANWASH creates Commune Action Plans (CAP) with proposed interventions.
- Based on the CAP, the initial engineering study for the Pilot will be completed.
- Infrastructure for each commune is expected to cost \$1.5 million, with fundraising as follows.

¹ HANWASH is an acronym for **H**AITI **N**ATIONAL **C**LEAN **W**ATER, **S**ANITATION AND **H**EALTH STRATEGY.

² DINEPA is Haiti’s water and sanitation agency <https://www.dinepa.gouv.ht/> (French). DINEPA handles country infrastructure but is not funded by Haitian government (thus is more stable).

³ FRAPE survey. FRAPE is an acronym for assessing existing infrastructure: **F**unctional, **R**esponsibly **M**anaged, **A**dequate Sanitation, **P**otable and Last Inspected (**E**nspekte in Kreyole).

Fundraising.

District fundraising. HANWASH will do the large-scale fundraising. **The initial investment asked from our District is \$15,000** to fund the initial engineering study defining the specific scope and cost of the project. When that study is completed we may apply for District and Global Grants. *Estimated ask is that we collect \$100,000 in grants.* Money will be spent in steps as the Pilot Project progresses; each step must be approved by HANWASH and Rotary.

HANWASH Fundraising. HANWASH is establishing regional grant coordinators who will work with clubs/districts in their region on project development. The regional grant coordinators communicate with the grant liaison who is a member of the HANWASH steering committee. It is helpful to allocate as much District Designated Funds as we can, since that is matched dollar-for-dollar. Because the Rotary Grant structure is a series of matches, it is beneficial for individual clubs to donate since those funds are then amplified.

Ownership / Operation of systems. DINEPA,² will own each water system once it has met criteria for function and sustainability.

Financial management. The majority of funds are handled through the Rotary Foundation Global Grant structure and through Donor Advised Funds under the RI Foundation. HANWASH will be separately engaging corporate partners.

Capital expenditures are handled by the HANWASH finance & administration team, never through the government. Funds are released only after a full approval process for each step.

On-site participation. On-Site Participation depends on your interests and expertise, including learning, involvement and/or observation of decision making, or even construction. Participants are welcome to participate in weekly HANWASH phone meetings, to be involved in discussions and plans, and to visit Ferrier as travel conditions allow. Rotarians could also serve on subcommittees such as the technical subcommittee.

OUR ASK: we are looking for other clubs in District 5060 to join Wenatchee Rotary to fund the initial engineering study (\$15,000) by this fall.

Further information: www.wenatcheerotary.org > About > Haiti

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