

# *L'Anse Pirogue* **VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**1999 - 2018**

The organization L'Essor de L'Anse Pirogue has been actively supporting the résidents living in The Anse Pirogue area since 1999



Anse A Pirogue is located about 40 minutes away from the town of St. Marc. It is a remote community along the cote des Arcadians.

## **Village History**

The village of Anse A Pirogue was established by a group of people in Haiti in 1999.

They wanted to improve the living conditions of the farmers who lived in the community. They lived in leaking huts, without access to water, electricity, and schools.

## **Accomplishments**

With the help and contributions of many volunteers, a primary school was built and teachers were hired. In addition, financial support was provided to each family to build their homes. A home for the elderly was built to accommodate the needs of the seniors.

Children that completed primary school were given scholarships to attend secondary schools located outside the community. A few of them have graduated high school and are currently in college pursuing careers in nursing

## Current Challenge

The need for water was addressed several times without success. The residents were provided with a reservoir in each house to collect the rain water for their daily use. However during the dry season access to water becomes a challenge for the women in the village who are responsible to fetch water for the daily needs of the family.

Recently a group of women from Anse A Pirogue shared with us that their daily life is very hard because of the lack of water. Often they do not have enough water even to prepare meals for their families. With the climatic changes, the dry season has been extended and lack of water is often at a crisis level.

The next village where water can be found is located about 7 miles away. The residents have expressed the need to address the water problems that prevent





The contract stipulated that the organization will pay 25 % of the cost of building and the homeowner will pay 75 %. Each home owner had to also contribute their time and efforts. At the end the men of the village learn different aspects of building a home and became masons, carpenters, and etc.





The deed for each house and the land will be given to the homeowner at the end of 10 to 15 years. Picture of a completed house.





There is no water in the village. The residents have to bring water from far away to meet their daily needs. We are exploring the possibility of digging a well.





Each house has a cistern to collect rain water for their use. However when it is the dry season the lack of water is a big problem for the community





After the cisterns were installed many of them had to be replaced because they were destroyed by the wind storms



When the cisterns were replaced the residents built a strong base in cement to prevent them for falling.