

Hens for Haiti - Recent Highlights



POULAYE

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Poulaye Kanpech Celebrates One Year Anniversary

April 2013 marked the one year anniversary of egg production and sales at the hen house pilot project near Gros-Morne, Haiti. Despite a few struggles and setbacks, the operation is proud to report high sale percentages and low animal loss.

The first year of production has allowed local staff to hone techniques of efficient production and effective business management. Caritas agronomist, Guy Marie Garcon (pictured right), continues to be highly involved in the management and oversight of the egg production facility. Guy Marie's experience with animal husbandry and financial management have proven invaluable to the success of the operation in Kanpech. Guy Marie's expertise has also been sought to train staff from similar poultry production facilities throughout Haiti. We are grateful to have Guy-Marie as part of the team and look forward to highlighting his skills further as the programs of Hens for Haiti expand.



Caritas agronomist, Guy Marie, Garcon, proudly shows the success of the Poulaye

Next Steps

Now the time has come to think ahead for continued success of egg production in Gros-Morne. Challenges continue, notably the increased cost of feed and the need for replacement hens as current stock begins to show age. Although egg sales are soaring, the business cannot achieve independent economic sustainability with current feed prices and the threat of decreased production. Hens for Haiti believes that the best solution moving forward is to decrease the operation's dependence on imported feed by contracting local farmers to produce the needed ingredients and invest in milling machinery and storage space necessary to supply feed on site. Not only will local feed production help to decrease operational costs, but contracting local farmers will also give these subsistent laborers a secure market for their products. For more information on the progress of this effort or to get involved in fundraising, contact hensforhaiti@gmail.com

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Spread the Word - And the EGGS!

In 2012, representatives from Hens for Haiti attended more than six conferences throughout the United States giving oral presentations and sharing information at tabling events. Many groups were interested to hear of the ideas for economic stimulation coming from Gros-Morne, but were unsure of how the concept would fit into goals for sustainability in their own twinned communities.

Hens for Haiti recognizes that each program and community is unique and that egg production may not be the best option for all groups. However, with projects that can be modified and tailored to specific needs and priorities of each community, the concept can be easily replicated. For this reason, Hens for Haiti offers insight into the qualities necessary to initiate and sustain a successful poultry business. Representatives familiar with the demands of developing a facility offer complimentary feasibility assessments including a potential business plan for all groups considering local egg production. To learn more about the steps to developing a poultry business in Haiti and the questions that must be asked of the host community, please visit our [website](#) or contact a representative from the organization.



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