

Hens for Haiti - Recent Highlights



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Eggs, Eggs Everywhere!

The poultry industry is really starting to take off in Haiti. Hens for Haiti receives multiple inquiries a day through the website, Facebook page, and direct email from groups and individuals looking for more information on chickens! Questions range from “How do I get started in the egg business?” and “How much does it cost?” to “Where can I find birds and feed at a reasonable price?” After more than 10 years in the Haitian poultry sector, we’ve come to learn that something as simple as making eggs can be quite a complicated and risky business. But that doesn’t stop us from trying.

Hens for Haiti now partners with like-minded groups all over Haiti from Trou-du-Nord and Perou near Cap-Haitian, to Jeremie, Leogane, and everywhere in between. The reach of the Haitian poultry sector has no boundaries. If water, transportation, and oversight are available, a poultry business can thrive.

As we come near the end of 2018, Hens for Haiti starts to take a look at this year’s grant awardees and newly founded partnerships. Highfield’s Hens in Beudachita, Haiti was a second-time recipient of a matching grant from Hens for Haiti. In 2017, the group cleared land and constructed a poultry house with beautiful views on the side of a mountain. This year the group decided that they were ready to expand their flock and used grant funds to purchase additional hens for the business. The group continues to be successful attending trainings with aspirations to start producing chicken feed on site. We are excited to continue support of this motivated project.

Likewise, Scagitech, a Haitian-led organization located along the northern coast of Haiti, received matching grant funds to complete construction of their hen facility and water distribution system. The group is now seeking local investment to finalize the purchase of hens and start production by the end of the year.

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Top Right: Members of the management committee for Highfield’s Hens.
Top Left: Construction progress on the Truvapoulaye for Scagitech.

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One Egg at a Time

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Hens for Haiti Founder, Christina Lamour, visited these project sites as well as several others during a trip to Haiti this past June. She found many similarities between the struggles of each operation. As Scagitech is having trouble locating hens in a timely manner, Caritas Gros-Morne is also struggling to secure birds as promised by Food for the Poor. The poultry boom in Haiti means that something is going right, but unfortunately not all industries are prepared.

While waiting for a flock, many groups are brainstorming ways to reduce operational costs and thus make the businesses even more sustainable. Both Caritas Gros-Morne and Highfield's Hens in Beaudachita have aspirations to produce chicken feed on site using locally sourced bulk products and small grain mills. The operation in Gros-Morne has taken steps to purchase a solar-powered grain mill and mixer and secure this equipment in newly constructed storage houses. Highfield's Hens eagerly awaits new funds to obtain and transport their small grain mill as well. With these developments, Hens for Haiti is anxious to see how the improvements will affect production and profit margin. Clearly, exciting things are happening in Haitian poultry!

For more information on the poulaye and partner programs, please visit HensforHaiti.org!

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The online store is now open!

Get an early start to shopping this season at www.hensforhaiti.org. The 2018 edition of the holiday ornament features a handmade and custom painted hen straight from the artists in Gros-Morne, Haiti!

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Keep an eye out for the **2019 Sustainable Agriculture Matching Grant!** The RFP will be released on our website early December with an **anticipated application deadline of February 2019**. We look forward to forming new partnerships!

Hens for Haiti is always looking for new team members and volunteers! Lend your support through volunteer technical assistance or giving of time and talent! For more information on how to get involved with Hens for Haiti or how to partner with the organization on a potential poultry project, visit our website or contact Christie Lamour at hensforhaiti@gmail.com. Hens for Haiti continues to be extremely grateful for all volunteers, Board Members, donors, and supporters who make this organization a success!

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