

# Hens for Haiti - Recent Highlights



POULAYE

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## Fifteen Hundred Strong

Hens for Haiti is proud to report that the hen house in Gros-Morne has successfully operated for over two months! Soon after the arrival of 1500 hens at the end of March 2012, the layers started to produce more than 7,000 eggs per week. Guy Marie Garcon, agronomist with the local Caritas, has made tremendous efforts to promote the sale of eggs from the Kampech Poulaye as well as mentor the on-site staff.

Despite the long anticipated opening of the Poulaye, egg sales within the first month were well below production levels. Guy Marie and facility manager, Gènè Remy, have since increased efforts to market the local egg products through radio announcements and personal promotion. Community members have also gathered into groups to pool their resources and buy eggs from the Poulaye in bulk. Even popular egg sandwich vendors are proud to say that they use local products.



Founder Christie Newman shows off the first tray of eggs on the day of hen arrival.



## Meet our Staff!



Left: Nathanael Saintfleunord, Animal Caretaker; Gènè Remy, Manager; Lucene Alsaindor, Guardian



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## One Egg at a Time



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#### Gros-Morne Next Steps—Bridging the Gap

Egg production in Gros-Morne brings great economic opportunity to the rural Haitian town. Unfortunately, the challenge does not end there. The Poulaye is located outside of the main downtown so as to not disturb living situations, but so far away that a major river must be crossed to access the property. Eight months out of the year, this is not an issue. However, during the rainy season, when the river rises and the current becomes strong, the force of water washes out the dirt road connecting this suburb to downtown Gros-Morne. Not only does this hinder the sale of eggs, but it affects the population of Kampech, stranded by high waters.

With the egg production facility operational, Hens for Haiti is ready to begin the next phase in this development project - reinforcing the road. To do this, the team will need to raise an estimated \$50,000 to acquire the materials and labor necessary to secure the bank of the river and divert water from eroding the riverbank. This endeavor would not only facilitate the market for egg sales, but once again serve as progression for the community, providing safe passage for schoolchildren and other residents to the main town.



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