

REPORTS ON FOUR BOREHOLE PROJECTS FUNDED BY HAITI MISSION IN GHANA

1. Dambai New Junction Borehole project

This borehole project was completed in August 2021. The Dambai New Junction Community embraced the project with impressive enthusiasm and joy. The community was especially happy to have clean water very close to residents of the area. However, in course of time, the enthusiasm waned as the water production went low because the well could not sustain the daily demands. This was due to the initial poor hydro geological survey.

The water production from the well was lower than the pumping capacity of the water pump. As a result, the pump was left hanging midway during pumping.

Happily, Haiti Mission kindly provided additional funding for another hydro geological survey and the drilling of another well. Since then, water supply has been constant.

It is worth mentioning that the initial pump that was fixed in 2021 broke down in July 2023 probably due to pressure from having to continue working above water level. The committee in charge of the borehole replaced the pump with funding from the small amounts of money collected from clients.

Currently, the client base has gone very low because a Saudi Arabian NGO has provided two boreholes close by. No monies are charged for collecting water at these boreholes, so many have migrated for free water supply. In addition to the two free boreholes provided by the Saudi Arabian NGO, another borehole has been drilled by an individual in the community, thus further bringing down the clientele of the Haiti Mission borehole.

The Dambai New Junction is a new settlement in the Dambai town with a constantly increasing population, so it is expected that as the population continues to increase, the clientele will increase.

It is heartening to say that the borehole is still in very good working condition serving those who go there looking for water.

2. Takrabe Borehole project

The Takrabe community started enjoying clean water from this borehole in January 2023. The borehole continues to serve the community's water needs. The Takrabe Catholic Community has selected a monitoring and supervision committee to see to the daily running and maintenance of the project. The committee has displayed reliable and accountable stewardship. The committee has been able to undertake repair works on some of the pipes to increase water supply during fetching periods. Monies for the repair works come from the little charges collected from clients that come to get water.

3. Obuase Borehole Project

The Obuase borehole project was completed in September 2023. The Catholic Community has set up a committee that takes supervisory charge of the project. Bills for electricity and needed repair works are paid from monies collected from clients. The

project has so far not faced any operational problems and so continues to serve the community well.

4. Nyambong borehole project

The completion date of this project was in July 2024. Sited within the land of the Roman Catholic Church, and in close proximity to the Catholic priest's residence, the priest together with the borehole committees takes direct charge and supervision of the borehole. Monies collected from clients are used to pay the electricity bills and other costs that might be needed. No problems have so far been encountered with this project. The community is happy to have clean source of water supply for drinking and their daily household chores.

Conclusion

The four Communities are grateful to the Haiti Mission for the kindness in providing the funding for these boreholes in order that they can stay free from water borne diseases.

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