



# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Southern Haiti

Fall 2020 Update

*Photo: Safe water distribution in the community of Guichard is launched with a festive grand opening of the kiosk.*



# Your Compassion at Work in a Difficult Time

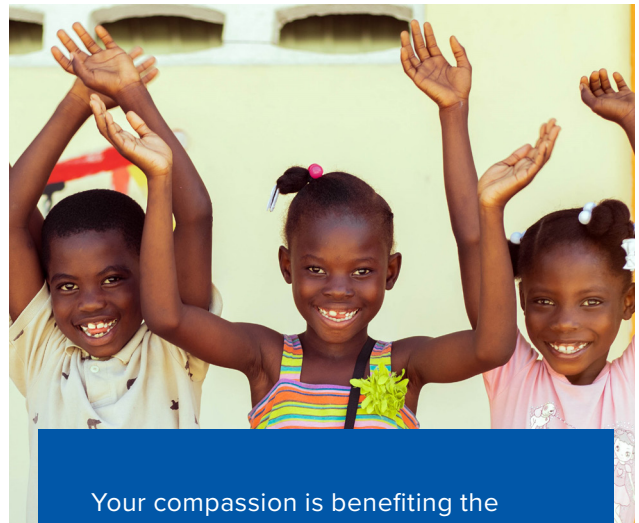
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING THIS important intervention to provide access to safe water and adequate sanitation at 12 Compassion partner churches in southern Haiti. Before COVID-19 struck, this project was on schedule to be completed by mid-June. However, the pandemic has pushed back the anticipated completion date.

Thankfully, before the pandemic struck in mid-March, most of the construction work had been completed. Pre-pandemic milestones reached include the following:

- Completion of the construction or rehabilitation of restroom facilities at nine of the churches. These facilities are in full use. The three remaining facilities, at churches on Ile-à-Vache island, have been completed but await a final inspection.
- Water systems (e.g., borehole wells where needed, installation of water storage tanks) have been completed at all churches.
- The installation of water purification systems has been completed at all but two churches on Ile-à-Vache island.
- Water distribution kiosks have been completed at all churches.
- Sanitation and hygiene training for children and

caregivers started, but was interrupted when Compassion Haiti closed all church-based centers to group activities in response to the coronavirus.

Compassion Haiti is currently putting into place a reopening plan for the country’s Compassion centers and anticipates that by the end of 2020 the final goals of this life-changing intervention will be accomplished.



Your compassion is benefiting the lives of more than 21,500 people in southern Haiti.

## Compassion Haiti’s Response to COVID-19

This past spring, the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in Haiti stopped group activities at the country’s 335 church-based Compassion centers. But it did not stop the centers’ ministry to the more than 120,600 children in their care. As of September 25, Compassion Haiti reports the following interventions on behalf of assisted children and families during this challenging time.

- 162,427 food packs have been delivered to families.
- 92,192 hygiene kits have been distributed.
- 12,756 individuals have been assisted with medical needs.

In addition, as of the first of September, the Compassion Haiti National Office is putting into effect a four-phase plan of reopening centers for program activities, exercising the greatest of precautions for the health and well-being of the children and staff.



# Making a Difference in Southern Haiti



1. Construction in progress on the water distribution kiosk at a church on Ile-à-Vache island.
2. High-capacity water storage tanks at each church ensure a regular, abundant supply of water.
3. The water purification system at the church in Aniquet.

4. An inside look at the renovated girls' bathroom at the First Baptist Church of Les Cayes.
5. Hand-washing stations at each church enable children to practice the good hygiene lessons they are learning.



Training children in good hygiene and sanitation practices is a regular component of Compassion's child development curriculum. The special training provided by your gift will be continually reinforced by center staff, encouraging children to turn good practices into habits.

## Your partnership is important and valued!

Despite political unrest and the COVID-19 pandemic, your steadfast support, love and prayers for the children of southern Haiti have brought this intervention to the point of near-completion. We look forward to bringing you a final report in early 2021. In the meantime, we appreciate your continued prayers for the safety of the children transformed by your generosity as Compassion Haiti works to reopen their child development centers. May God also keep you and your family safe and well during this time!