

Rainwater Harvesting Project In Haiti Provides Clean Water



Building a rainwater cistern

Mercy Focus on Haiti Rainwater Harvesting Project was developed to address the urgent need for clean and accessible water in Gros Morne, a small city about four hours north of the capital. Haiti faces critical challenges, including the availability of clean and accessible water, a fundamental right for everyone. The scarcity of water causes food shortages, a myriad of health issues and grave suffering.

The Rainwater Harvesting Project requires the construction of 500 to 2,000-gallon cisterns to collect and store rainwater from rooftops. The cisterns are located next to homes, schools, parishes and farms, so women and children no longer walk miles each day to fetch water from the nearest well or river and carry it home on their heads. Families save precious time when they have nearby access to clean water.

With water from the cisterns, vegetable gardens are planted, providing families with food and income. Students have safe, clean drought with cisterns placed near their crops. Every cistern saves lives and benefits the life of each person it serves water to drink and wash their hands. Farmers store water for the next.

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