

Schenectady Rotary Club International Committee Report September 10, 2025

As promised, I am submitting a report on behalf of Dr. Dorgu Petit-Homme of the Rotary Club of Camp Perin, Aux Cayes, Haiti. We have sent the entire amount of our raised funds for the Matogou project and I am showing you both photographs and the narrative that I have received from our partners in Haiti. Our Club has sent the balance of our Matogou water project money to the Camp Perrin Rotary Club of Aux Cayes, Haiti, in keeping with the Board resolution made on May 14, 2025. We sent the sum of \$26,385.63 on July 14th thereby purchasing 155 water systems for Matogou and 60 systems for Aux Cayes.























The leadership of COGESSMA, the water authority of Matogou. Proudly the name “Schenectady” will be displayed on life-saving water buckets. Each bucket has the capacity to serve 45 people per day. This, times 155 buckets = 6,975. When added to the 60 systems given to the community of Camp Perin in Aux Cayes, this brings the total to 9,675 people able to be served. When we add this to systems Schenectady Rotary has coordinated over the past 11 years, there have now be delivery of 860 fresh water filters put in use, capable of serving 38,700

people who otherwise would have NO access to clean water. We are and have made a demonstrable difference in the poor country of Haiti!

Here was COGESSMA's message to us:

"Hello everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Brian and all the rest of the staff [members] of the Rotary Club Schenectady for their latest efforts towards the Matogou community. For them, the distribution of filters is therefore considered a drop of water falling into a deep, thirsty Gorge found in an abandoned desert. And a special thanks to Dr. Dorgu, for [her] daily support and [her] first report on the Matogou Project Forum. And when it comes to me, as the saying goes *A good wine, no Densigne* to make the distribution of 155 filters across a population that represents approximately 3,900 inhabitants, it would not be so easy."

*(The idiom "Good wine needs no bush" is an old English idiom that means if something is truly of high quality or valuable, it doesn't require excessive advertising or promotion.)

On behalf of the Schenectady Rotary Club International Committee, thank you for your consistent support over these past 26 years that we have been helping in Haiti.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian H. Merriam, Chair