

ASME Haiti Well Project

March – April 2011



Haiti, the Country



- ❑ Haiti occupies the western, smaller portion of the island of Hispaniola
- ❑ Haitian Creole and French are the official languages
- ❑ Haiti's population was about 9.8 million according to UN 2008 estimates
- ❑ About 66% of all Haitians work in the agricultural sector, which consists mainly of small-scale subsistence farming



Les Anglais, Haiti





Coffee and Mangoes are two of Haiti's most important exports





























Goals of ASME Trip to Haiti

- ❑ Establish Well Locations
- ❑ Identify Pump make and model
- ❑ Pump Performance Test
- ❑ Train local well board members on pump repair
- ❑ Geologic Samples and Locations

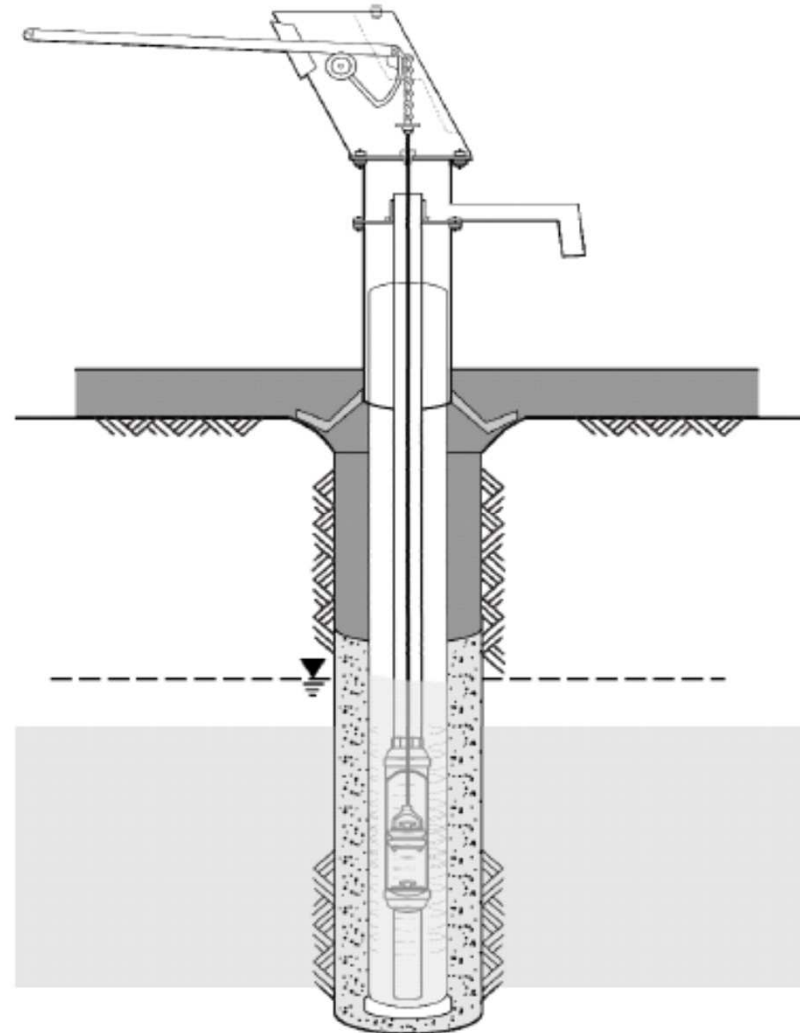




- 11 Well Locations in Les Anglais, Haiti

Typical Well Construction

- ❑ Well Head
- ❑ Riser Main Pipe
- ❑ Pump Rod
- ❑ Well Cylinder
- ❑ Borehole Casing
- ❑ Well Screen
- ❑ Gravel Pack
- ❑ Aquifer



Typical Deep Well Pump Cylinder

- Well Cylinder
- Piston Valve (Traveling Valve)
- Foot Valve
- Tail Pipe

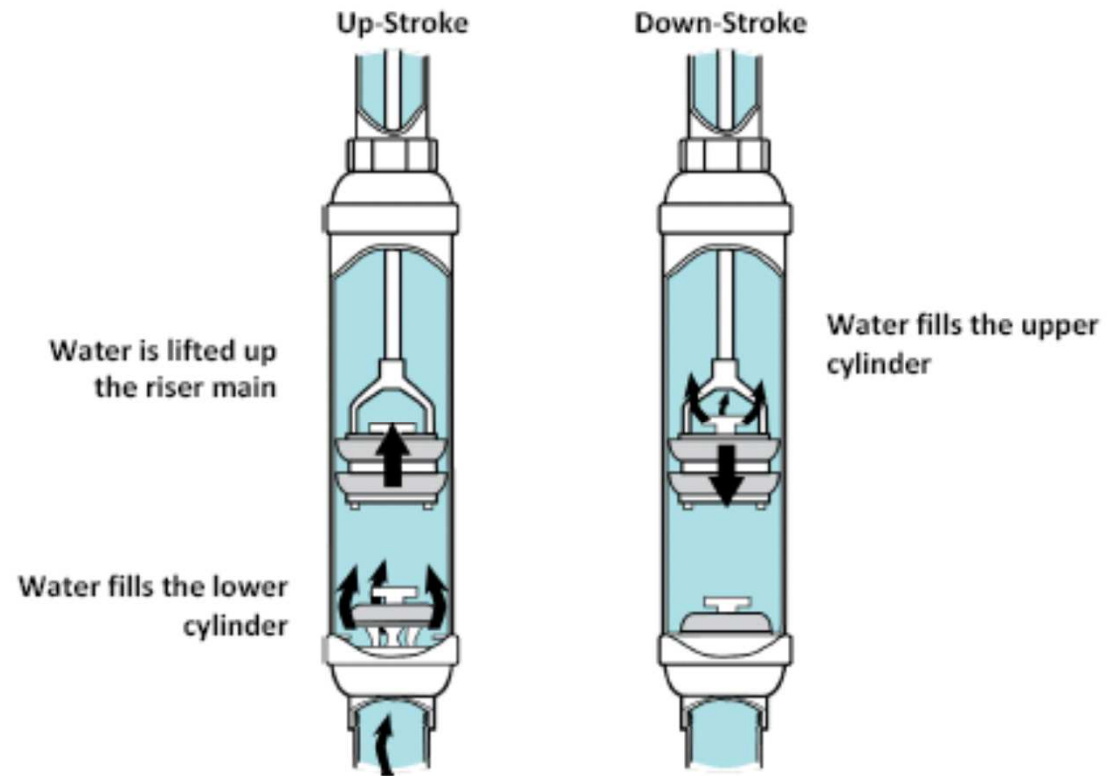


Figure 6 Pump Cylinder Operation

Pump Performance Test

Hand Pump Performance Testing Procedure*

- Pump Test:**
1. Operate the pump until water comes out of the spout.
 2. Place a bucket under the spout and then pump 40 full strokes.
 3. Measure and record the volume pumped.

[Alternative: Count the number of strokes to produce 20 liters (5 gallons).]

- Leak Test:**
1. Let the pump be idle for five minutes.
 2. Count the number of strokes before water comes out again.

Table 1 Pump Performance Ratings

| | Pump Test | Leak Test |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| OK | >10 liters | <5 strokes |
| Poor | <10 but >3 liters | >5 but <10 strokes |
| Broken | <3 liters | >10 strokes |

*Source: Kjellerup, Brent and Asimah, S.E. "Hand Pump Performance Monitoring" proc. 26th WEDC Conference, 2000.

- ❑ Average 40 strokes to fill 5-gallon bucket
- ❑ Average 57 seconds to fill 5-gallon bucket
- ❑ Leak Test – All < 5 strokes

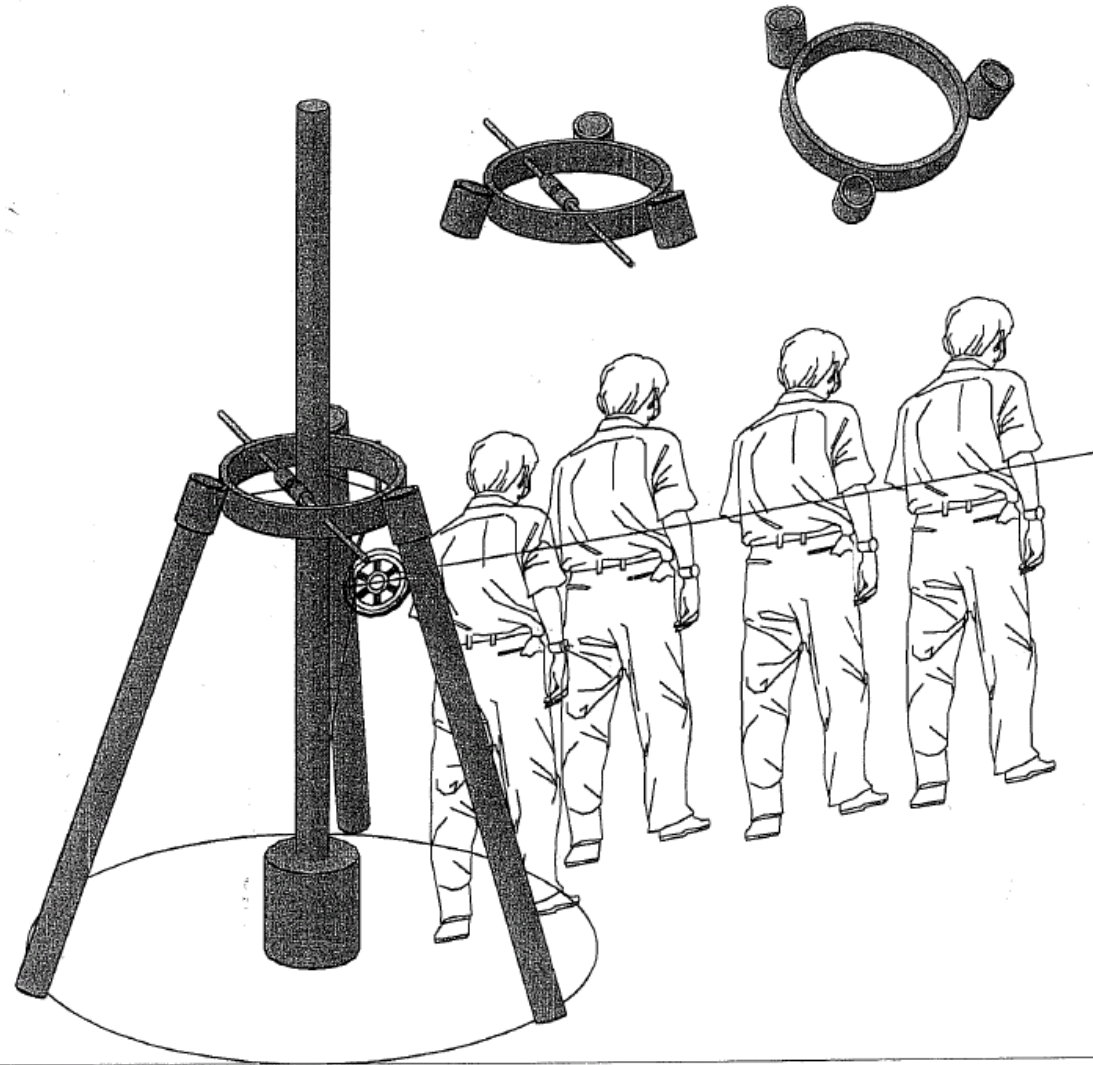


Groundwater Data

- Water Temperature = 79°F to 84°F
- pH = 6.5 to 7.0
- Turbidity = Clear
- Previous Testing for Pathogens - Negative for E. coli and Choliform Bacteria
(However, positive in Health Clinic Tank and Mountain Reservoirs)



Proposed Method to Pull Riser Pipe













Health Clinic Repairs



Geology for Siting Future Wells

- Haiti's terrain consists mainly of rugged mountains interspersed with small coastal plains and river valleys



Charcoal

- ❑ Estimated 98% of its original forest cover has been deforested, much of as fuel for cook stoves.
- ❑ Demand for charcoal accelerates this deforestation
- ❑ Source: United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization







Political Uncertainty and the Return to Port-au-Prince.



On April 4, 2011 the Provisional Electoral Council announced preliminary results that Michel Martelly had won the presidential election.



Political Uncertainty to Celebration



Tap-Tap Local (Colorful) Public Transport



Market to Table

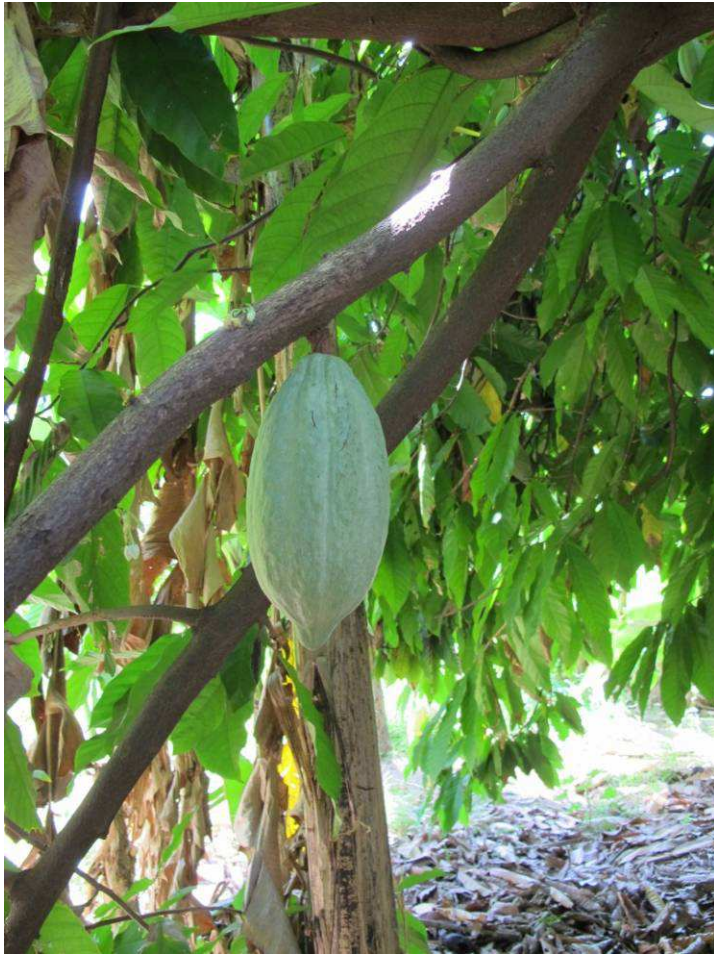








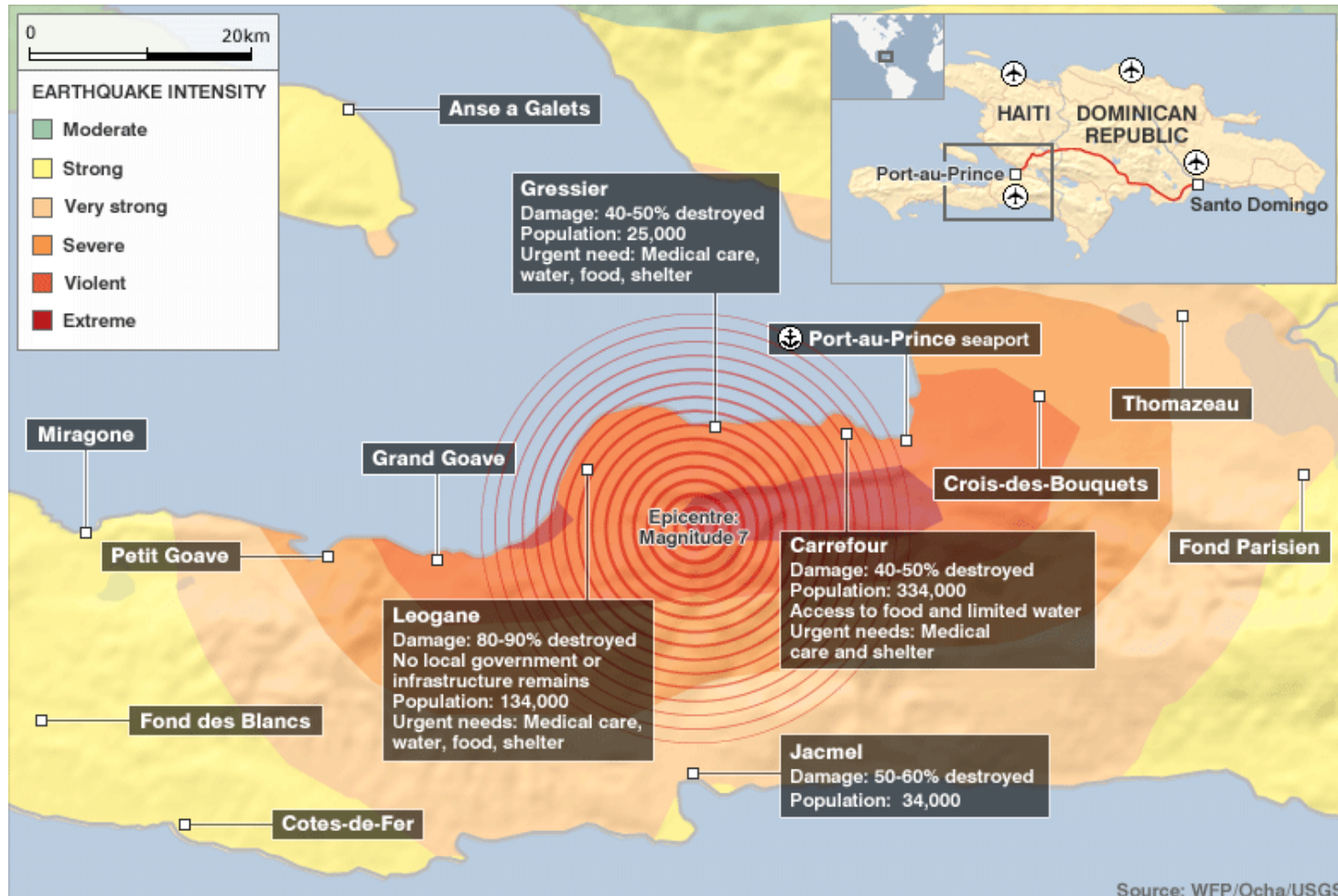
Haitian Chocolate





Earthquake, Magnitude 7.0

January 12, 2010





National Palace





Goals of a Future ASME Trip to Haiti

- ❑ Return with replacement parts for pump repair
- ❑ Provide basic tools to repair pumps + tool box + lock
- ❑ Work with local well board to repair pumps



Gratitude to those making this trip possible

- ❑ ASME, Idaho Chapter - Haiti Project Volunteers
- ❑ Karen Moore, Haiti Project Lead
- ❑ Jon Kofler, Volunteer
- ❑ Joel Hubbell, Hydrogeologist
- ❑ Junior, Haitian Driver and Translator
- ❑ Engineers Without Borders - Portland Chapter
- ❑ Carolyn Shapiro

