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# FINAL REPORT AQUIN FISHING VILLAGE



Aquin, Haiti

"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40

#### FINAL REPORT

#### **Project Description and Objectives**

The *Aquin Fishing Village Project* provides for the establishment of a fishing village that will allow fishermen to bring a greater amount of fish into the community. The fishing village will include: the purchase of 4 22.5-ft fiberglass boats with a 25 or 40 HP engine (depending on location), fishing gear and accessories for the fishermen, construction of a gear shed, a sanitation block, installation of solar panel system with street lights, and an artesian water well.

#### **Changes to Original Project Description**

In order to provide a more appropriate power source for the freezers, the solar power system will now include one solar street light and one solar panel charging system. There will be no change in the budget as the added expense has been funded through another source.

Without a change to the project budget, the water component is being modified. Depending on water availability, the system will either consist of the artesian well or a concrete cistern.

#### **Progress Update**

As previously reported, the gear shed was constructed and the solar panel charging system and lamp installed.

Since then, the water cistern, sanitation unit and septic tank have all been completed, bringing this project to a close.

The Aquin Fishing Village was inaugurated in August. The ceremony was attended by members of the Food For The Poor staff and other guests. All enjoyed a delicious lunch of fish and lobster, which were caught fresh from the waters of Aquin because of the new boats and fishing equipment.

The fishermen took great delight in showing of their catch, and sharing fishing techniques.

This was a great day of celebration for families and fishermen to share. The brand new boats and fishing equipment represent new beginnings for this village that could not have been possible without the generosity of complete strangers.

#### **Future Action**

All components of the Aquin Fishing Village have been completed; therefore, no further action is required.

The newly built water cistern with sanitation unit and adjoining septic pit



Before ....





After ....





The new boats are ready to be tested





The boat engines are stored in the shed for safekeeping







Excitement is in the air as the villagers gather to watch the boats' first trip out to sea





The freezer and supplies





New equipment brings more bountiful catches!





The catch of the day





The little children are all ears on the day of inauguration



