



THANK YOU

buildOn

Franchipagne, Haiti

Before the 2010 earthquake, **Haiti** was already the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with extreme poverty rates as high as 84% in rural areas. After the quake, thousands of people fled Port au Prince and relocated to the villages surrounding Les Cayes, further decimating the economy. According to the World Bank's last measure in 2009, 52% of the total population in Haiti was illiterate and more than 70% of people were illiterate in rural areas. Further, 60% of children in Haiti abandon primary school before the 6th grade. One-third of girls over the age of six never attend school at all.



The village of **Franchipagne** was named after a local plant by the same name. The village is located 17 kilometers from the main road and 120 kilometers from the buildOn office in Les Cayes. The majority of the community generates income as small-scale farmers. They rear animals and grow crops such as millet and plantains.

With your help, the people of **Franchipagne** now have increased access to education that will help effect change in the lives of children, parents, and grandparents for generations. Each new school helps Haiti increase literacy rates one community at a time.

BEFORE CONSTRUCTION



Photo: Students in Franchipagne are currently learning inside an old UNICEF relief tent.

At the time of construction, **Franchipagne** had one government-supported primary school, with 140 students (48 girls and 92 boys). Five teachers are currently conducting classes for six grade levels. To get to a school with proper classrooms and supplies, students must walk 5 kilometers.

BUILT BY COMMUNITY

Before breaking ground on a new school, every member of the partnering community, both men and women, must sign the buildOn Covenant. The Covenant is a solemn promise between buildOn and each village outlining their respective contributions to the project.

Each Covenant embodies the consensus of an entire community, and for many of the women in the village, it will be the first time they have been asked to sign their name. Even as many must sign with a thumbprint, everyone is overjoyed to pledge their commitment to a school that will end illiteracy for their children, their grandchildren, and themselves.

buildOn contributes the engineering, materials, skilled labor, and project supervision. Each village provides the land, local materials such as sand, and the unskilled labor to build the school. Additionally, every village promises to send girls and boys to school in equal numbers.



Photo: Despite issues of severe gender discrimination found throughout Haiti, men and women are equal on the buildOn worksite.



Photo: A woman mixes concrete for the school's new foundation.



Photo: It take over 3,000 bricks to construct one buildOn school.

The new buildOn school in Franchipagne broke ground on May 5, 2015.

THE BUILDON SCHOOL IN FRANCHIPAGNE



THANK YOU again for sponsoring the buildOn school in Franchipagne, Haiti. With your help, buildOn is breaking the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, and low expectations through service and education.

The new buildOn school in **Franchipagne** has three classrooms and two gender-specific latrines. It is furnished with desks, seats, and permanent chalkboards. The project broke ground on May 5, 2015, and was completed on July , 2015, 23 days behind schedule. Community members provided a combined 1732 volunteer workdays and students began attending classes in their new school on September 7, 2015.