Things are slowly improving in Haiti.

The airport arrival is now quite pleasant and security has been ensured, with surveillance and a wide area clean and safe outside the arrival doors and a 5 minutes drive in drop-off area at departures with welcoming, approved porters. Proper check ins have been built indoors.

There are at least 3 plastic recycling centres working with slightly different styles: from franchises to collection centres creation and buying back plastic.

The Route Nationale #1 has all been asphalted and easy to drive, unfortunately driving education is not yet up to standards and results in excessive speed, still.

Many new guesthouses are available starting from the $20 (including dinner) geodomes for 7 people of Haiti Communitaire and the $25 At Volunteers Guesthouse.

For La Gonave changes still arrive bit by bit. The main road, nicknamed “the corridor” has been elongated to the main square, also resulting in higher speed. People are much more aware of the issues of their immense littering problem, tree cutting/reforesting and composting, in the main town as well as in the rural areas. Very felt is now the issue of entering commerce and lessening dependence from imports.

Cooperation seems to have increased at all levels, and community water tanks and community gardens are rather common now and rather well known.

Remains somehow a division between “Down Lagonav” (Western area) and “Up Lagonav” (Eastern area).
Commerce seems to have slightly increased and there is much demand to enter commerce as a means to “make it”.

There seem to be more boats, and coastal transport seems more frequent.

There still is a lack of rubbish collection centre, no speeding, littering or any other fine system, though the few trees growing along the main road have been fence-protected.

Houses are more aware of rain water collection needs, though not many can yet afford it, especially because of pump costs.

The Saline area remains the most destitute area of the town, but more boats than last year are under construction there.

At the dock, new areas seem to also be under construction.

Goats and donkey seem to remain largely in Down Lagonav, where there is more water-wise applied basic technology to grow corps (e.g. melons). There is much animal commerce between Down and Up Lagonave.

There are kids along the roads, as a job they fill the holes so cars can drive better and get some small change in exchange.

The contributing input of AAE in Nan Riske and other areas has been of gelling the communities via the self-initiated post-earthquake survey and later via the cholera campaign, the only one arriving these areas, and since has progressed spontaneously and in cooperation with AAE.

**Further improvement proposals**

AAE has arrived to the understanding that AAE must continue operate as a non-profit, yet must diversify and create income generating activities. This has been felt by all branches. For this reason we have revived the old AAE bank account with Unibank, so donations and income finances will be kept separate.

AAE committee has decided that, as the state school in Palma has started working again, the priorities have shifted and what is most needed in that area is a small dispensary, rather than another school. However a pre-school centre would be also needed.

Consequently, AAE asks – if possible - to reallocate available finances as follows:

**AAE HQ**

1. Pre-school 3 rooms (minimum for registration, permit approved) in Anse a Galets (see plan) IG
2. Two guest rooms at rear of pre-school to be rented (see plan) IG
3. Completion of shop as AAE activity but separate from the AAE school and pre-school (see plan) IG
4. Rear of shop to become storage. Former storage to be devoted to more computer classes IG
5. Pre-school rooms to be used after hours for other activities (art school, sewing, etc. see plan) IG
6. Coffee shop, fruit juices, drinks, icy poles and multi-sales aside AAE HQ (see plan) IG
7. Kitchen at rear for pre-school and AAE (making coffee and cakes for shop) IG
8. Food garden for pre-schoolers (see plan) -
9. Chicken coop for pre-school and shop IG
10. Ceiling to AAE premises to limit dust entering the building -

**For Palma/Nan Coton**

1. Build one dispensary room and one residential room (Cedric), water tank IG
2. Fence small portion of Nan Coton land to create compost and community garden
3. Purchase mule
4. Support shop (private) in Palma with solar panels for one fridge

For Mare Sucrin

1. Support Marcelin Fleuricin business carpentry establishment (private, materials only)

In general

1. Support Jean Denis training at Watsons’
2. Support briquette training at Valme’s
3. Support plastic recycling project
4. Support sewing start up (fabrics only)
5. Sponsor $120/month for 1 year Jean Johnnel’s work (4 tasks)
6. Sponsor gas $120/month for 1 year for AAE
7. Organize pre-school desks sponsorship (Marcelin to build)
8. Start child sponsorship program for 1 year