



FACT SHEET

Ennery Bridge

The construction of Ennery Bridge is critical to supporting recovery efforts and humanitarian relief for Gonaives and surrounding areas.



USAID staff

Ennery Bridge during construction of the new structure.

The completion of a new bridge of Ennery River has been a multi-staged process, including demolition of the old bridge, building of a temporary ford to allow passage over the river, and construction of a new permanent structure.

Ennery Bridge was completed in mid-November 2011 and officially handed over to the Government of Haiti in January 2012.

Overview

Haiti has long been vulnerable to tropical storms and hurricanes. The 2008 hurricane season was particularly strong, with four major storms and hurricanes hitting Haiti over a four-week period. Transportation infrastructure was severely damaged, including the failure of the Ennery Bridge. The collapsed bridge seriously impacted ground transportation between two important economic centers, Cap-Haitien and Gonaives.

USAID awarded a contract for the design of the new bridge—which was done in close cooperation with the Government of Haiti’s Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communication—followed by a contract for the construction of the bridge. The construction of the bridge was completed in mid-November 2011, and officially handed the bridge over to the Government of Haiti in January 2012.

By constructing the bridge, we have increased opportunities for people to earn an income by opening routes to new populations and markets.

Objectives

The Ennery Bridge project aimed to 1) further integrate Artibonite, North, Northeast, and Northwest departments; 2) restore safe road traffic services along the National Road Number 1; 3) significantly reduce the transportation costs, travel time, and occurrence of river crossing accidents in the area of the bridge; and 4) restore access to nearby markets.

Activities

Through this project, USAID has supported all activities associated with the construction of a new bridge over Ennery River in Artibonite Department and the road approaching the bridge. We continue to support the bridge’s maintenance during the year following the bridge’s completion date.

Life of Project: July 2010 – September 2013

Implementing Partner: AECOM/Lakeshore Engineering Services