

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE



The key goal of the partnership between OLQP and St. Joseph parish is promoting sustainable development. Père Luckson, former pastor of St. Joseph parish, was acutely aware of this goal. He stated that the best way for Medor's development to "come true" is for the local people to take ownership and responsibility for the problems, improvements, and successes. Even if a project receives funding, if the people do not really feel like they're a part of, it will not have weight, and will not last. Père Luckson stressed that the people of Medor need to be involved and do the work themselves so that all progress comes from them. Members of the community must own the project and say, "I will give it all I can to help."

According to Père Luckson, education is key to development. It enables people to participate actively in planning and carrying out activities in the community. This social sustainability is integrally linked with environmental and economic sustainability.

Père Frantz, the new pastor of St. Joseph parish, discussed sustainable development with Père Luckson and the OLQP Haiti Committee and is in full support of the goals and program objectives. He looks forward to working together to achieve them in the future.

The ultimate goal of all the programs and initiatives shared by OLQP and St. Joseph is to improve the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Medor sustainably, while nurturing the loving relationship between our two parish communities. Our shared effort aims, as Pope Francis appeals in *Laudato Si*, "to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development."

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