

Soroguara, Honduras



THE SOLIDARITY PROJECT

Community Leaders from the rural village of Soroguara approached The Solidarity Project to collaborate for development, and we formed a partnership in March of 2020.



Arrial view Village of Soroguara.



Founding members of Community Group "Soroguara in Development" .

HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNITY VISION FOR DEVELOPMENT

In late 2019, The Solidarity Project (TSP) began discussions to form a partnership with Community Leaders in rural village of Soroguara, Honduras. Soroguara is a larger community with over 200 households just outside the Capital of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Many people in Soroguara make a living as small scale farmers producing vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers among other crops. Soroguara is an important community to ensure food security in the Capital and many farmers sell to large grocery store chains and the open air markets of the city. Many men and women also commute to the Capital to engage in other types of work. Soroguara also has a health center, kindergarten and middle school.

TSP has partnered with community leaders who formed a group called "Soroguara for Development" in 2019 to organize their community and guide projects in an open and transparent manner. We have pledged to work with them to complete an artistic and touristic project they started last year. These leaders also dream of someday completing a community water project to improve their ability to farm their land. Currently, all of the water for their homes and farms comes from a well-developed network of ground wells that have been used in Soroguara since the founding of the community over 100 years ago.

In July 2020, TSP worked with leaders in Soroguara to respond to needs in their community during the Covid-19 pandemic and country-wide lockdown in Honduras. Our partners distributed emergency food & seed rations along with educational materials on sustainable family garden practices confronting food insecurity brought on by the economic shutdown.

INFO AT A GLANCE

Partnership formed in



2020

Number of Households



215

Aprox. Population



700 people

Micro-Grant Projects
In progress



1

Number of Leaders in
Community



6

Emergency Food
Rations Given



30

Sustainable Family
Garden Packages Given



36

Wilson's Story



As an emerging community leader in his community of Soroguara, Honduras, Wilson Moncada has been an outstanding community representative as we forged a new partnership this year. Wilson's leadership story began in 2019 when he became a founding member of the group "Soroguara in Development". This group formed when Wilson and five other community members and friends decided to take action to improve & promote the coordinated development of their community to real changes.

At 26 years old, this is the first time Wilson has served his community as a representative and leader, having worked as a small scale farmer since he finished his middle school studies at 15 years of age. Wilson works hard to support his family, working alongside his father to produce crops such as tomatoes and peppers for their own consumption and sale in the capital, not far from their village.

Over the years, Wilson's ability to farm has improved with increased access to agricultural technology, such as using green houses to increase nursery plant production, but it has not been easy. Wilson states, "The thing about agriculture and working with the earth is that there are bad seasons, seasons that have left us with nothing. We have to start again, and we keep going. The only thing I have is the ambition to work and get ahead in life". As a leader, Wilson hopes to grow and achieve many new dreams both personally and professionally.

In early March 2020, The Solidarity Project officially formed an alliance with "Soroguara in Development" and met with Wilson and other leaders to plan our first Mesa Comunitaria micro-grant event with them. However, due to the Covid-19 global pandemic we were not able to hold that event and it has been postponed until further notice. Regardless, Wilson and the other leaders from Soroguara have organized themselves to help respond to the community's needs and successfully completed distribution an emergency food & seed ration with educational materials in July 2020.

"With The Solidarity Project I've learned to not be afraid to speak up in front of people or in my community. I am not perfect at it but little by little I improve. I think life is full of obstacles that we need to get through, and we need to dream big and become better people – support our communities, our families, our friends. That is the only thing that will make us better people and leaders of our communities."



Wilson along with other founding members of community Group "Soroguara in Development" .