FONDATION Joseph Lagesse

## **Annual Project Report**

2022-2023

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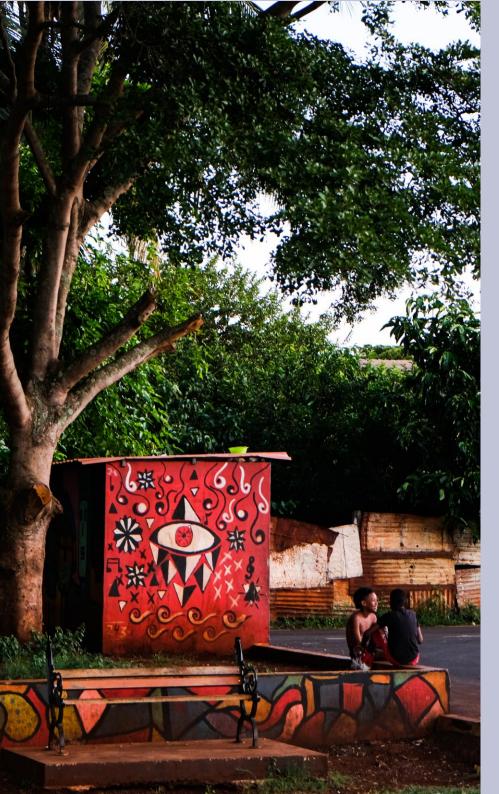
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## FONDATION Joseph Lagesse

Fondation Joseph Lagesse is a non-profit organisation which works towards the sustainable reduction of poverty through the empowerment of vulnerable individuals and communities.

It is currently running various community development and personal empowerment projects in vulnerable regions of Mauritius, though the focus remains the communities of Bois Marchand, Chemin Rail and Amaury.

A major project now in place in Bois Marchand is "Horizon 2024", a multi-clustered 4-year project funded by the EU Delegation, whose main goal is to reduce teenage pregnancies through programs and initiatives aimed at youth and their families.

Fondation Joseph Lagesse is also set to tackle the issue of illiteracy among vulnerable people and has completed a needs assessment exercise on the subject.

Under Fondation Joseph Lagesse are two other entities that have been created to improve focus of projects: Nou Zenfan Bois Marchand Ltd and Chemin Rail & Amaury Housing Ltd.



14 Community Facilitators, representing 6 men and 8 women



15 meetings were organised to talk about issues in Bois Marchand, and projects to be implemented

During one of the meetings, in October 2022, delegates from ATD Quart Monde International, came for a visit for observation the facilitators in action, and to share experiences. 1 community meeting organised and hosted primarily by the facilitators in February 2023 to present the project Horizon 2024 (EU funded project) to the community of Bois Marchand.

55 adults and youth, and 29 children of the community were present for the event.

#### 1. The Capacity Building Program

The Capacity Building Program aims at training a group of adults living in Bois Marchand so that they become community leaders and learn to implement small-scale local initiatives and eventually set up their local non-profit entity for the benefit of their community.

The beneficiaries of this program are the facilitators of Bois Marchand, and, as part of the program, meet up to twice a month to discuss issues in the community, and attend training offered by our technical empowerment program team. Topics presented include project writing, how to develop a social network, how to set up an association in Mauritius.

Another objective is to develop the collaboration between FJL as a funding organisation and the community.





12 youths aged 10-13 years regularly attended



15 sessions provided (30 teaching hours)



Participants attendance rate: 64%



Overall percentage improvement in SRH knowledge: 21.4%

#### 2. <u>Horizon 2024: a teenage pregnancy</u> prevention initiative

*Horizon 2024* is an EU funded, multi-clustered project, designed to prevent teenage pregnancy and violence upon female youth and women. Launched in 2021, the following activities were run in 2022-2023:

*C.* Promoting healthy sexual education (prevention) This section of the program aims at providing youth aged 10 to 16 years old with a comprehensive and holistic sexual and reproductive health education, based on 8 key concepts provided by the UNESCO.

For the content of the course to be age-appropriate, the young participants were divided into two age groups: 10 -13 years old and 14-16 years old.

From September to December 2022, a second group of 10-13 years old youth benefitted from the SRH education course.





17 youths regularly attended

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17 sessions (35 teaching hours)



Average attendance was 53.8% for original recruits and 80% for additional recruits.



10 youth were eligible for career advice, and started a job placement program in April 2023



Overall improvement in life skills knowledge: 20.6%



9 youth (7 girls and 2 boys) saw the psychotherapist for counselling over 55 sessions. b. Enhancing development of young adolescents (capacity-building and support)

A life skills course (17 sessions) was offered to youth aged 14 to 19 years. The aim of the course is to enhance their self-esteem, encourage their self-expression as well as develop their ability to cope with life by providing them with soft skills and tools. A full day workshop at Anse-La-Raie was also offered to the young participants (picture)

For the older participants, professional placement, educational opportunities and individual coaching for their career orientation were offered, followed up this year.

The youth have also been provided with the services of a psychotherapist, for one-to-one counselling throughout the duration of the program. However, few requests for same were registered.





10 women beneficiaries



10 workshop sessions (27 hours) *C.* Building capacity of women and parents, building family resilience (prevention and support)

Activities in this section of *Horizon 2024* target the parents of the young beneficiaries, as well as other adults of the community.

One of the two programs of the cluster was aimed specifically towards mothers: *"Atelier des Mamans"* (10 sessions). The first edition was run from 26th May to 28th July 2022.

The aim of this activity is to offer skills to women of the community by covering important topics like self-esteem, acknowledging and overcoming trauma, mother-child communication, and developing healthy habits for better family cohesion.





42.3% improvement in skills



Average attendance: 92%



Focus group with12 women on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



One community meeting, regrouping 55 adults and youth, and 29 children of Bois Marchand organised on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023



The focus group provided valuable information on the difficulties women of Bois Marchand faced when accessing free healthcare services



During the community meeting, the public was informed of the components of the project Horizon 2024, and discussed about access to condoms by youth

*d.* Improving access to birth control and healthcare facilities (prevention and support)

The last group of activities of *Horizon 2024* aims towards improving access to birth control for youth and enhance access to healthcare by women. During the 2022-2023 period, emphasis was put on assessing potential beneficiaries (women of the community) to better serve them in terms of ob-gyn and nutrition services. A focus group was held. Qualitative analysis helped us to better understand the barriers they face when trying to access healthcare facilities.

A community meeting (pictured) was also held in February this year to present the aims of *Horizon 2024* to the community at large. One of the goals was also to assess on how the community felt about the distribution of condoms to youth, to better adapt FJL's approach to birth control equipment.





6 people of the coalition of the Solitude Region, were active



PACS met 21 times

2 members attended a prevention activity organised by Centre de Solidarité on 18th June 2023.

#### 3. Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

The Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program of Fondation Joseph Lagesse is a continuation of the FJL/CADCA's anti-substance abuse program implemented from 2018 to 2022 in four to regions of Mauritius, namely Bois Marchand, Solitude, Barkly and Mangalkhan.

Since Covid-19 and its resulting restrictions, 3 out of 4 coalitions lost touch and became dormant during the past year. Only the coalition of Solitude, PACS (Prevention Action Communautaire Solitude) remained active.

Currently, following the recruitment of its new Empowerment Program and Advocacy Officer, Fondation Joseph Lagesse is actively working towards the restructuring and retraining (pictured) of the coalitions, before the rekindling of all the activities





3 young men were still beneficiaries of the program



The youth were studying in France, South Africa and the USA, respectively.



Steven Ramjee graduated in 2022 and will be specialising in emergency medicine this year.

#### 4. Support to Youth: Tertiary Education

The Support to Youth: Tertiary Education program has been implemented by Fondation Joseph Lagesse ever since its beginnings, to improve access to tertiary education in Mauritius and overseas.

When CSR funding was reduced in 2018, while tertiary studies were not considered as eligible for funding from NSIF anymore, the program was suspended.

Financial support continued for current students. In 2022-2023, three young adults were still part of the program: Steven Ramjee was studying medicine at Université de Montpellier (France). Andy Brelu-Brelu is finishing his last year of studies in osteopathic medicine at NSU Florida (U.S.), and Terry Edouard is studying for a Commercial Pilot Licence at the Progress Flight Academy in South Africa.

From left to right: Andy Brelu-Brelu, Steven Ramjee and Terry Edouard.





Beneficiaries: 100 primary school children (breakfast) 89 children of grades 5 and 6 (afterschool care program) 357 families (home visits)



14,716 breakfasts served



Average absenteeism rate has lowered from 45% to 14% from July to October 2022



38 sessions of afterschool care support



An average of 60 home visits provided weekly from July to November 2022.



PSAC pass rate improved from 10% in 2021 to 38.1% in 2022

#### 5. Support to Serge Coutet ZEP School

Fondation Joseph Lagesse supports Serge Coutet ZEP School in Baie du Tombeau since many years through its "Projet Proximité" via the seafood cluster of IBL. Support to the children of the school is provided in various ways.

Children are provided with a healthy breakfast every day, to boost attendance rate, which is an issue in the school. Chronic absentees are followed up by a newly appointed Assistant School Community Facilitator, who acts as liaison between the school and the children's families. This person has benefitted from support and guidance from our social worker.

Afterschool Homework support is also provided to Grade 5 and 6 pupils, to improve PSAC pass rates.



A training on the animation of group preparations for Liniversite Popiler was organised on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022, and representatives of Fondation Joseph Lagesse attended



A meeting was organised on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 on the theme "Living with Dignity", to which Ms. Martine De Souza participated (pictured).

#### 6. Liniversite Popiler ATD Quart Monde

Liniversite Popiler (Université Populaire Quart Monde) is an initiative of ATD Quart Monde (France), set up since more than five decades by Father Joseph Wresinski.

Its aim is to give the people living the experience of poverty the opportunity to share their knowledge and their thoughts and to offer them the opportunity to meet other families going through similar life challenges.

Fondation Joseph Lagesse is a partner of ATD Quart Monde in Mauritius and member of Comité 17 Octobre. We have participated in Liniversite Popiler held in 2022-2023.







71 follow-up visits provided by the social worker.

3 BLUPs were obtained, and construction of sanitary blocks completed for the 3 households.

#### 7. Improvement of Housing (Sanitary Blocks)

Following a survey conducted as part of the community development program *Bois Marchand Mo Landrwa* in 2016, Fondation Joseph Lagesse found out that many families were in need of decent toilet and bath facilities.

The project has taken longer than expected to take off since a number of the beneficiaries were not official owners of their homes and new beneficiaries had to be added to the list.

In 2021, especially following the Covid-19 period, the activity picked up considerably, and in 2022-2023, good progress was made in the provision of the sanitary blocks (pictured) to the families.









234 active listening sessions



60 referrals made to relevant institutions.

Beneficiaries were accompanied 25 times

#### 8. Social Support

Social Support is the main component of the Rapid Response Program. Visits are provided to identified vulnerable families by the social worker, and support is provided via active listening sessions, referrals to relevant institutions, and accompaniments to some of these institutions when necessary.

Social Support was originally provided to families from the vulnerable regions of Bois Marchand, Chemin Rail and Amaury.

In 2022-2023, a second Social Worker joined our team to reinforce the social support program. It was therefore expanded to other vulnerable regions of Mauritius, including Bambous, Roche Bois, Briquetterie, Quatre-Bornes, Rose-Hill, Sainte Croix, Riche Terre, Baie du Tombeau and Camp Yoloff.





28 families aided via food packs and food vouchers.

12 families were beneficiaries of the Consolidation of houses program



40 food packs/ food vouchers were provided



11 houses in Bois Marchand and 1 house in Batterie Cassée were repaired post torrential rains.

5 Households were provided with new mattresses

#### 9. Food Aid & Consolidation of Houses

The Rapid Response Program of Fondation Joseph Lagesse also includes an emergency service provided to families in times of crisis.

Food Aid is one component where families with no means to purchase food are identified by social workers during their visits as part of the Social Support Program. Support is provided via food vouchers, which can be exchanged for groceries at the select local supermarket, or via food packs.

Consolidation of houses has been another component on an ad-hoc basis. It was provided to families following torrential rain in January 2023. Many houses are made of wood and corrugated iron sheets and are prone to leakage and breakage during bad weather. Fondation Joseph Lagesse ensures that the houses are strengthened or repaired.





23 children and 40 adults supported



Health issues tackled through surgery are strabismus, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and scoliosis

#### 10. Health Emergencies

Health Emergencies support is the 4<sup>th</sup> component of the Rapid Response Program.

Individuals with urgent health issues, usually life-threatening, which require treatment only available in private local health services or overseas have benefitted from our financial support to fund treatment. Requests are reviewed on case-by-case basis. Payments are made directly to the healthcare facilities.

In 2022-2023, FJL participated to a fund-raising initiative for the medical surgery of children suffering from strabismus. We also participated to an important fund-raising initiative in favour of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, led by Tina Staub during her challenge to swim around the island of Mauritius in high sea. The fundraising was led by A Small Step Matters.





#### 2 young men supported



15 one-to-one meetings and coaching sessions provided





40 hours of vocational course in "Design, Install, Maintain and Repairs of Standalone of Grid PV System"

#### 11. Youth Project 2018 (Phase III)

The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the Youth Project initiated in 2018, is the final touch to a 2-year program with youth: it involves career orientation, training and professional internships for 10 youth of the program.

The 2022-2023 beneficiaries are two young men, Jean Eric Boudeuse and Darren Dubois, who received financial support as from October 2022 to integrate a 40-hour short course from 24th September to 10th December 2022 provided by Manser Saxon: "Design, Install, Maintain and Repairs of Standalone of Grid PV System" (MQA approved program).



IBL on the Move is a yearly fundraising sporting event organised by IBL. The total amount of registration fees are channelled to a selected NGO evry year while Fondation Joseph Lagesse is responsible of the implementation part of the project proposed by the selected NGO.

#### 2022-2023



10 women completed the Facilit'Art course.

81 women and 3 men participated in workshops and discussions around parenthood.

9 women and 1 man participated in psychological support groups.







aries 6 sessions of psychological group sessions were provided to parents



223 children from 3 7FP

of art workshops.

30 children were

beneficiaries of 1

pedagogical outing

schools were beneficiaries

87 art workshops were provided to children, with the aim to improve their citizenship values.

14 art workshops and discussions around parenthood.

#### 12. IBL on the Move 2020: TIPA

TIPA is an NGO whose goal is to empower vulnerable children to become active citizens our society by favouring their development through the promotion of interactive pedagogy and education to Art and Culture. Due to Covid 19, the project delivery was postponed, and the funds were still currently in use by June 2023.

TIPA's projects funded by IBL on the Move include the train the trainer Facilit'Art program for parents of vulnerable regions, and their support, via one-to-one and group psychological sessions.

The funds also served to provide art workshops and events, as well as educational field trips, in ZEP schools to children from vulnerable areas.





1 "The Good Shop" outlet was fitted with health and safety equipment



Salaries of 4 staff member: 3 women and 1 man funded

#### 13. IBL on the Move 2021: The Good Shop

The Good Shop supports the environment, employment, and education through second-hand and up-cycled retail shops. It provides jobs in its workshops and shops to excluded members of the society, while promoting circular economy by selling second-hand clothing and objects. The NGO was the beneficiary of IBL on the Move 2021. The financing period was in 2022-2023, since the funding was related to their new shop in Petite Rivière, which was only opened in mid-2022.

The money collected by IBL on the Move was first used to purchase health and safety equipment for the new outlet, as well as the part-payment of newly recruited staff during the funding period.





17 children beneficiaries of the nursery, and 40 children beneficiaries of the pre-primary school



70 days open days for pre-primary school

Average attendance: 95%



1 nursery building was refurbished.

The nursery was open for 10 hours every day.



29 children graduated to grade 1 in January 2023

#### 14. IBL on the Move 2022: Le Centre d'Amitié

Centre d'Amitié is an NGO found within the vulnerable community of Bambous, and which main aim is to provide a free of charge day-care centre and pre-primary school, as well as free meals and pedagogical materials for the children.

IBL On The Move 2022 funds were used for the renovation of the day-care centre (pictured) and purchase of new equipment. It was also used to support the salary of one carer and one pre-primary schoolteacher.





7 educators sponsored for their Facilit'Art course



29 children and 52 youth supported at Ecole de Foot Jean Eon

#### 15. External Support to NGOs (Arts and Sports)

Fondation Joseph Lagesse has at heart the promotion of development of children and youth using arts and sports. As such and as part of its external support, two NGOs were provided with ongoing financial support on a period of three consecutive years: Cirque Social Cité La Chaux and École de Foot Jean Eon.

Cirque Social Cité La Chaud is an NGO near Mahébourg, which provides visual arts, theatre, music, literacy, and circus arts workshops to vulnerable children of the community. In 2022-2023, Fondation Joseph Lagesse supported the training in Facilit'Art (conducted by TIPA) of educators from Cirque Social. Ecole de Foot Jean Eon provides football training to vulnerable children and youth in the region of Grand Gaube. Fondation Joseph Lagesse provided funding for the salary of four football coaches.







4 children of the SEN curriculum and 5 in mainstream primary from Ecole St Patrick were beneficiaries.

They completed their first trimester and have made good progress.

#### 16. External Support to NGOs (Education)

The academic development of children and youth is another goal of Fondation Joseph Lagesse.

Vatel Hotel and Tourism Business School, under its LIFT program, made a request for the support of two young adults for a 3-year BA(Hons) International Hotel Management program. A MoU was signed with the institution in support of the LIFT program (picture).

Ecole St Patrick (Fondation Cours Jeanne d'Arc) made a request to Fondation Joseph Lagesse for funding for the schooling for one year of a small group of children. An exceptional fundraising initiative was organized at IBL Corporate unit at the occasion of the International day against Poverty. 89 IBL members of staff participated to the fundraising by making a monthly contribution for the cause for a period of one year. The remaining needed funds were given by FJL.







Nou Zenfan Bois Marchand is an entity under aegis of Fondation Joseph Lagesse, which runs an educational program aimed at the education and good development of children in Bois Marchand.

There are currently five programs which are being run under this entity:

- 1. The Pre-Primary Education Program
- 2. The Food Program
- 3. The Home Visits Program
- 4. The Health Project
- 5. The Afterschool Care Program

All the programs usually are held at the Education Complex of Bois Marchand, premises shared with two other NGOs: Caritas and Bois Marchand Women's Association and are partly supported by the National Social Inclusion Foundation.



40 boys and 37 girls attended school





156 teaching days

80 % average percentage

attendance

7.

1 end of year event on the theme "Africa"



1 fieldtrip to Odysseo and 1 sports event organised



41 children received a Christmas gift



34 children were promoted to Grade 1 in January 2023

#### 17. The Pre-Primary School Program

Ecole Maternelle Sainte Famille was set up in Bois Marchand in 2011 when it was discovered that many parents of the community did not send their children to pre-primary school due to lack of funds and lack of access, since there was no school in the immediate area.

The children therefore entered Grade 1 without the basics of numeracy and literacy and had difficulty keeping up with their peers.

Since 2011, Fondation Joseph Lagesse ensures that vulnerable children of the community are provided with accessible quality pre-primary education.





**Beneficiaries:** 

77 pre-primary school children (breakfasts and lunches)
54 primary school children (breakfasts)
54 primary school children (snacks during afterschool activities)
40 pre-primary school children and 4 primary school children (hot meals in December 2022 as a rapid response)

6222 meals served to preprimary school children

4237 breakfasts served primary school children



669 snacks served to primary school children



330 lunches served from 5th to 14th December 2022 (school holidays) as rapid response.

#### 18. The Food Program

The Food Program was first established at the Ecole Maternelle Sainte Famille of Bois Marchand to ensure that the children of the pre-primary school, being from vulnerable families, received at least two hot meals (breakfast and lunch) every day.

As more projects were implemented for children in the area, the Food Program was extended. Nowadays children from the school, now attending primary school, can sign up to receive breakfast before going to school every day.

Beneficiaries of the Afterschool Program, now attending primary school, also receive an afternoon snack during the activity, as part of the Food Program.





86 families served





17 special visits provided to households with identified issues



30 sessions of active listening



8 referrals made to relevant institutions

#### 19. The Home Visits Program

The Home Visits Program was implemented at Nou Zenfan Bois Marchand to act as a bridge between the school and the children's parents from pre-primary school and up until they reach Grade 7.

Three Home Visits Workers (pictured) provide regular home visits and part of their responsibility is to ensure that the house environment in which the child lives is safe and healthy.

Issues detected are signalled and followed up. Home visit workers provide active listening sessions to the family members when needed. According to their specific needs, they also make referrals to specific institutions for support.





182 children: 90 girls and 92 boys, aged 2 to 11 years, served



paediatric and dental screening organised



115 children referred for furtherfollow-up with specialists.130 follow-up visits done15 issues solved.1 incomplete vaccination cardupdated.



1 day of screening and advice provided by nutritionist



13 children seen bypsychotherapist for103 sessions

#### 20. The Health Project

The Health Project is an initiative which resulted from a community consultation done in 2017, where it was found that many children of the community did not have proper medical follow-up and care, due to lack of access to medical facilities, caused mainly by distance.

The beneficiaries of the project are the pre-primary school's pupils and children attending primary school, as well as the toddlers at Caritas Centre d'Éveil, Bois Marchand.

Children receive paediatric and dental screenings twice a year, as well as advice and follow-up from a nutritionist. Detected health issues are referred to specialists. Preprimary school children identified as requiring aid also benefit from weekly support from a psychotherapist.





52 primary school children, representing 26 boys and 26 girls of grades 1 to 6



147 sessions of afterschool care provided





1 fieldtrip at Gros Cailloux Leisure Park, the Albion Lighthouse, and Albion Public Beach.

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56.3% percentage improvement in literacy (ability to write short sentences) noted in children in grades 4-6 by the end of the 2022 school year.

#### 21. The Afterschool Care Program

The Afterschool Care Program is an initiative implemented at Nou Zenfan Bois Marchand for the children currently attending primary school. They were previous pupils of the pre-primary school.

It was observed, during a previous evaluation of the education program, that children's pass rates at primary school tended to plummet as from Grade 4.

The ultimate goal of the Afterschool Care Program is to improve children's performance at school while enhancing their development. It also aims at improving PSAC pass rate by tackling the children's literacy and numeracy as from Grade 1. The Afterschool Care Classes offer a holistic approach towards learning, combining creative arts, theatre, and sports to teach academic subject to children.





#### **CHEMIN RAIL AND AMAURY HOUSING**

Chemin Rail and Amaury are two areas in the north of Mauritius, in which Fondation Joseph Lagesse has been active for more than a decade.

A major accomplishment of the foundation in the region is the relocation of 20 families who previously lived in the area illegally in corrugated iron sheet and wood houses. 5 of them were subsidized for the construction of their houses, while 15 others were provided with newly built houses for a minimal monthly fee.

In parallel, Fondation Joseph Lagesse has implemented, since its inception, several projects, focusing on education, employment, and sustainable agriculture through a community garden program.

Since the families are now no longer in extreme precarity Fondation Joseph Lagesse has decreased the number of projects but is still providing support to the communities through food aid and counselling.

#### <u>2022-2023</u>



15 households were provided with 35 visits from the social worker

Active listening provided 23 times.



3 beneficiaries referred to the psychologist for 35 individual sessions.



5 youth provided with career guidance over 20 one-to-one meetings.

4 jobs secured.



Part-time employment provided to 1 man and 1 woman of the community

#### 22. Chemin Rail and Amaury Support

Though most activities in Chemin Rail have phased out, Fondation Joseph Lagesse has maintained support in the following areas:

- Social and psychological support: Our social worker, Nicholas Florine, provides visits to families requiring support. On request, individuals were referred to a counsellor in July and August 2022, for individual counselling sessions. Youth were also provided with career counselling.
- 2. Employment of two members of the community: one man and one woman from Chemin Rail were provided part-time employment as gardener and cleaner, respectively. This provided them with a steady income over the years.
- 3. Community garden program: though there is lack of interest from the community for cultivating crops in the community garden, it was kept running by the gardener, mentioned above and the main service provider.





#### Sustainable partnerships

Reducing poverty in Mauritius is a long-term commitment which Fondation Joseph Lagesse has taken 18 years ago, quite some years before Mauritian government set up CSR funding policies and tax. Over the years, Fondation Joseph Lagesse has lost more than half of its CSR funding, causing IBL companies to review their approach to poverty alleviation and to empowering vulnerable communities. We moved from *"des projets d'envergure"* like building a pre-primary school and 16 houses to annual initiatives which are subject to regular reporting and multiple administrative procedures, which are undeniably essential as far as good practices, governance and ethics are concerned.

Without funding, reducing poverty is an almost impossible endeavour. On behalf of FJL's team, who I thank from the bottom of my heart for its continued commitment towards vulnerable families, as well as the team from Nou Zenfan Bois Marchand, I would like to thank every company and individual who renew their support to our mission every year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your trust in our programs, for your support and words of encouragement. Thank you to the volunteers!

Major programs could not be renewed or initiated without the partnership with funding entities. The Delegation of the European Commission in Mauritius supports the *Horizon 2024* program for a total duration of 4 years, and the National Social Inclusion Foundation supports part of our ongoing programs. Our gratitude goes to them and their teams for their continued support, guidance and help.

Fondation Joseph Lagesse's impact derives directly from the vision of its Board of Directors, who manifests in many ways – policy, contributions in kind, leadership and guidance – its support to our initiatives, especially during challenging times. Thank you for allowing our team to evolve in an atmosphere of mutual trust, professional development and sharing.

My deepest thanks go to Mr. Arnaud Lagesse, Group CEO and President of Fondation Joseph Lagesse, for his leadership and trust.

My sincere gratitude also goes to Mrs. Christine Marot, Group Head of Technology and Sustainability. Thank you for your trust, encouragement, leadership and enthusiasm.

Fondation Joseph Lagesse is recognized for its careful and evidence-based approach in assessing vulnerable communities' needs before setting up on a long-term commitment. Each contribution brings huge value to our programs, enabling us to call upon high-quality service providers, to deliver some of the most challenging programs: empowerment program, literacy, rapid response, securing low-cost houses, providing food, bringing support to ambitious youth...

THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart!

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