



**STUDENTS  
FOR HAITI**

# PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT



## 1) **Knowledge**

An in-depth understanding of the groups or individuals you are working with.



## 2) **Communication**

Constantly seeking and acting upon feedback from stakeholders, in order to evaluate and improve your interaction with them.



## 3) **Role**

A commitment to playing a supportive role as opposed to a managerial role in the developmental process.



## 4) **Diversity**

Ensuring that diverse stakeholders are involved in decision-making (especially those most rarely heard from).



## 5) **Independence**

Support projects that build independence instead of projects that make stakeholders dependent on your organization.



## 6) **Empowerment**

Focus a significant amount of time and resources on educating and building the capacity of stakeholders so they gain the knowledge and skills needed to effectively maintain projects on their own.



## 7) **Ownership**

Ensure stakeholders are the ones deciding their own priorities and choosing the projects to be implemented.



## 8) **Local Resources**

Focus a significant amount of time and resources on educating and building the capacity of stakeholders so they gain the knowledge and skills needed to effectively maintain projects on their own.



## 9) **The Root Issue**

Support projects that address root issues and long-term needs instead of short-term fixes.



## 10) **Collaborate**

Don't be overly competitive- work towards common goals and seek partnerships with like-minded groups whenever possible.