

Christian Relief and Development: Comparing Principles

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DEVELOPMENT	RELIEF
GOAL	
Facilitate change	Deliver services
Attacks root causes	Treats Symptoms
Prevention	Cure
Long term objectives	Short term objectives
Inspire cooperation	Finish project
Independence	Meet immediate need
Build capacity	Stop-gap solutions
Transformation	Temporary relief
World view change	Behavioral change
Holistic and integrated	Reductionistic and compartmentalized
PRIMARY PARTNERS	
Community focus	Individual focus
Church as "healing community"	Individual recipients
ORGANIZATION	
Decentralized	Centralized
Uses existing structures	Uses donor's structures
Much local ownership	Little local ownership
Participatory	Hierarchical
Uses local resources	Uses foreign resources
Indigenous leadership style	Expatriate leadership style
Volunteers/Non-professionals	Salaried staff
Generalists	Specialists
SCALE	
Small	Big
Grass roots	Institutional
Personal	Impersonal
Low appropriate tech	High Tech
INTERACTION OF LEADERS/CHANGE AGENTS AND PRIMARY PARTNERS	
Fraternalistic	Paternalistic
Incarnational	Extractionistic
Reciprocal relationship	Donor-recipient relationship
Begin with locals' perceived needs	Begin with expats' perceived needs
Participatory appraisal/evaluation	Top-down appraisal and evaluation

On-the-job training
Moves at local pace
Emphasizes flexible process

Centralized training
Moves at expat's pace
Follows standard blue-print

PERPETUATION

Sustainable (reproducible)
Empowerment
"Help others help themselves"
Nonformal "problem-posing" education
Uses contextualized media
Emphasizes stewardship

Non-sustainable
Continued dependency
"Help others"
Formal Western education
Uses alien media
Ongoing donor mentality

Four Dimensions of Christian Development Ministry

HEIGHT

- *motivated by God's mission to reconcile all things to Himself
- *facilitated through the church as the "healing community"
- *integrated vertically with all other types of ministry
- *infused with wisdom and power from above

DEPTH

- *goal is transformation on deepest level of being
- *aims at worldview change as key to transformation
- *attacks root causes, especially sin, not just symptoms

BREADTH

- *broad holistic agenda
- *focuses on a few but with intent to impact everyone
- *decentralized organization spreads ownership
- *participatory leadership empowers more people

LENGTH

- *begins with the end in mind
- *long-term objectives include establishing a church that will serve as agent of reconciliation until the Lord comes
- *inclined against short-sighted use of outside funds
- *concern for appropriate scale with sustainability in mind
- *sustainability balanced by sense of global responsibility and stewardship