

## Key principles for the local church

By local church, we mean the local Christian congregation that the organisation is relating to in the community. This may be a mainline church (such as the Anglican church or the Baptist church) or it may be an independent church without formal denominational ties.

Contexts where church and community mobilisation processes are most effective are those where the local church involved shows the following characteristics:

1. The church is led by humble, facilitative leaders
2. The whole church is involved in and owns the process
3. The church is a listening community
4. The church is a releasing community
5. The church focuses on relationships, not projects
6. The church is a celebrating community
7. The church is a prayerful community
8. The church is a united community
9. The church is a patient community
10. The church is a giving community

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