

## Key principles for the local community

By the local community, we mean the community (village, urban district) in which the church and community mobilisation process is taking place.

1. The process can threaten existing power structures.
2. The whole community should be involved in decision-making, planning and implementing development initiatives whenever possible.
3. Forming a development committee can be a helpful way of taking the mobilisation process forward.
4. Communities may always have some expectation of receiving external resources and at times this may be appropriate.
5. Strong community leadership with a vision for improving the welfare of all in the community can help to ensure the church and community mobilisation process is effective.
6. Communities that have some element of mutual support and evidence of working together respond well to church and community mobilisation processes.
7. The process is most effective where the local church and community have to rely on their own resources for initial initiatives.

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