

6. Prayer

The value of prayer in helping to shape and influence the hearts and minds of those in power, but also those praying, cannot be under-estimated, and clearly this is a central role that can be played by the local church.

For example, national weeks of prayer for children's issues is a major way churches are currently engaged in advocacy in Bolivia and Colombia through Red Viva.

7. Experience

Many local churches are already doing advocacy, even if they do not use that term. For many, standing up for the oppressed and for the vulnerable is a natural thing to do.