

# Glossary

This glossary explains the meaning of certain words according to the way they are used in this book.

<b>accountability</b>	explaining decisions, actions or use of resources to stakeholders
<b>advocacy</b>	helping people to address underlying causes of poverty, bring justice and support good development through influencing the policies and practices of the powerful
<b>beneficiary</b>	someone who benefits from an initiative
<b>bias</b>	a view in favour of, or against, something
<b>catalyst</b>	something that causes change to happen
<b>Christian organisation</b>	Christian organisation that seeks to transform communities through development, relief and advocacy work. It is not the same as the local church
<b>church and community mobilisation</b>	the act of mobilising a local church to act as a facilitator in mobilising the whole community to address their needs
<b>church mobilisation</b>	the act of mobilising a local church to respond to needs in the community
<b>coerce</b>	to use pressure to make people do things they do not want to do
<b>congregation</b>	the same meaning as 'local church'
<b>demonstration</b>	showing people what it means to be part of God's kingdom, such as through caring for others. Also called 'social action' or 'social involvement'
<b>denomination</b>	a system into which local churches are organised and linked
<b>desertification</b>	a process by which land becomes dry until almost nothing can be cultivated, making it a desert
<b>diocese</b>	a district under the authority of a bishop
<b>displaced</b>	forced to move away from one's usual home
<b>donor</b>	a person or organisation that gives financial support
<b>empowerment</b>	the process by which people gain self-confidence and become agents of change
<b>envision</b>	to pass a vision to other people
<b>eviction</b>	when people are forced to move out of their home
<b>exploit</b>	to take advantage of someone or something for personal gain

<b>facilitator</b>	someone who enables a process to happen by encouraging people to find their own solutions to problems
<b>gospel</b>	the good news of Jesus Christ
<b>hazard</b>	a natural or man-made event or situation which could lead to danger, loss or injury
<b>initiative</b>	an activity or set of activities carried out by a local church or community to address a community issue
<b>integral mission</b>	speaking of and living out our faith in an undivided way in all aspects of life
<b>labour-intensive</b>	describing an activity that requires a large amount of human input
<b>local church</b>	a sustainable community of local Christian believers, accessible to all, where worship, discipleship, nurture and mission take place
<b>Memorandum of Understanding</b>	a document which states the intentions and responsibilities of two or more parties who have agreed to work together on a specific issue
<b>mentor</b>	a person who provides advice and support to those less experienced
<b>midwife</b>	someone who helps to deliver babies
<b>mobilise</b>	to help people to act on a vision and make it happen
<b>multi-dimensional</b>	having different aspects
<b>NGO</b>	non-governmental organisation
<b>participatory</b>	describes a situation where many people are taking part
<b>pilot</b>	a noun or a verb related to trying something out before implementing more widely
<b>poor / poverty</b>	lacking basic needs, such as food, clothes, shelter, social networks, political voice, faith in God
<b>proclamation</b>	telling people the gospel. Also called 'evangelism'
<b>project</b>	an activity carried out by a Christian organisation directly in a community
<b>relief</b>	help provided to those in need after a disaster
<b>replication</b>	repeating a process somewhere else
<b>secular</b>	not concerned with religious or spiritual matters
<b>social action / social involvement</b>	the process of a local church addressing material needs in society. Also called 'demonstration'
<b>sustainability</b>	when the benefits of an initiative continue
<b>tangible</b>	able to be felt or seen
<b>welfare</b>	provision of help to people in need, often without their participation