

TRAINING MODULE FIVE

Develop a Community Plan

The following is only an outline model. You will find after a community consultation this may have to be modified.

Identify your community. (this will be geographical – probably your village)

List your priorities (these will be arrived at after analysing the Needs Assessment Survey Form.)

Identify your “Open Door” (This will not necessarily be the highest priority identified, but rather something that is easily achievable.)

What is your target group? (Usually the community, but may be youth or widows etc.)

List biblical principles (What is God saying about community development in your community?)

Outline the strategies for putting into action the Community Plan

What resources are available?

Possible volunteers (most of them will have been identified in the Needs Assessment Survey Form)

List skills available

Assign responsibilities. The art of delegation is essential and biblical i.e. Paul talks about the equipping of the saints.

How will the project be managed? (A volunteer coordinator supported by a management committee is often the model that works well).

What financial considerations are there and how will this be provided for? Essential if the project is to succeed. Most groups started by setting up table banking (community banking) and registering (in Kenya) as a self-help group.

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IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

<u>Step</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Done</u>
Work methodically through each of the steps listed in Module Five and list the issues - and any queries that may need addressing:		
1. Developing the Community Plan		
2. Implementing the Community Plan		

Community Development



IN REVIEW:

In Module 1 we looked at the definition and characteristics of Community Development: how to initiate change by local people, the importance of valuing local knowledge, local culture, local resources, local skills and local processes and the importance of working in solidarity “with” the community, not “for” the community

In Module 2 we looked at the importance of participation and decision making.

In Module 3 we looked at how to do a Needs Assessment, and how to analyse and prioritise the results and the “Open Door Principle.”

In Module 4 we looked at the 7 principles of Christian Community Development and empowerment.

In Module 5 we looked at how to develop a Community Plan as the basis for future action.

Conclusion:

This course has provided you with the community development tools to assess the needs of your community, identify your open door, and to develop a community plan. God cares about the poor and needy in our communities and He wants us to stretch out our hands in love to those outside the church. He wants us “to be doers of the word and not hearers only.”