



A Framework for Missions Project Definition and Selection

Decision Criteria and Measurements

A - Great Commission – *How well does the project fulfill the great commission? How well does it achieve the biblical mandate to travel to the ends of the earth and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ?*

This is measured by the number of people reached

- 1 = Less than 10 people are reached for Jesus Christ
- 5 = Approximately 500 are reached for Jesus Christ
- 10 = More than 10,000 are reached for Jesus Christ

B - Local Development – *Where is the project on the "Participatory Continuum"? To what degree will the local community participate in creating the ideas for the project, based on local needs, resources, and skills? Is it going to utilize local assets? Will the project become sustained by the local churches and cultures? Will the project need continuous funding or support or training from LifePoint? Will the project take off on its' own and grow organically in the local community? Will the project generate a surplus of resources beyond what it consumes?*

This is measured by the "participatory continuum" from When Helping Hurts (pg 148 Table 6.1)

- 1 = Coercion - local people submit to pre determined plans developed by outsiders (doing to)
- 5 = Partnership – we do the project together with local people using their plans and joint resources
- 10 = Encouragers – the local people do the project while we help using their plans and their resources

C - Sustainable/Reproducible – *To what degree will the project result in missions that will be easy to repeat in other locations and cultures? To what degree will the knowledge and skills we gain from conducting this project be captured and transferred to others? How well does this project enable other groups to replicate the outcomes efficiently and effectively?*

This is measured by probability that the project can and will be reproduced again elsewhere

- 1 = Not repeatable; a unique event with specialized circumstances not likely to ever occur again
- 5 = Repeatable; reproduced in some locations, cultures and times with incremental effort
- 10 = Highly repeatable; easily be reproduced in any location, culture and time with little effort

D - Develop Leaders who Disciple – *How well does this project empower, mature, sustain, train, and grow ministers and pastors who reach individuals. How strong are these influencers and leaders in their church or organization? How committed are they to creating new disciples?*

This is measured by the number of Leaders reached and their potential to disciple others

- 1 = No disciple leaders are created or grown
- 5 = Approximately 5 disciple leaders are created or grown
- 10 = More than 100 disciple leaders are created or grown

E - A good fit for LifePoint – *How well is this project aligned with LifePoint's purpose driven church? To what degree does this project generate excitement? How effectively will LifePoint's resources be utilized, including it's small groups, it's people and their corresponding skills, aptitudes and interests?*

This is measured by the alignment to LifePoint's purpose and resources

- 1 = Not aligned with LifePoint's purposes, people, passions and resources
- 5 = Moderately aligned with LifePoint's purposes, people, passions and resources
- 10 = Precisely aligned with LifePoint's purposes, people, passions and resources

F - Christian Population - *What percentage of the local population is reached or unreached for Christ? What % of the area is Christian and or churched? What is the density of churches? The fewer Christians and Churches the greater the weight. LifePoint is currently looking for less that 5% Christian population and less that 5% Evangelical Church density.*