

GENERAL CRITERIA
for
MISSION, COMMUNICATION, DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OF DMD

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DMD gives priority to projects, programs and activities which meet the following criteria :

- motivate, mobilize and enable member churches and communities to plan, participate in and implement mission and development endeavors which equip people to assume responsibility for their own future and the well-being of the communities and nations to which they belong;
- raise awareness to and deepen people's understanding of the root causes of the problems they face in daily life in order to help them to influence decisions affecting their living conditions and move towards self-reliance and sustainable development;
- are community-based and facilitate community organization;
- are focused on and oriented towards the most deprived and oppressed sections of the population;
- address discrimination of all kinds, enhance promotion and protection of fundamental human rights, especially for women, children, differently abled, minorities and indigenous people, and encourage reconciliation and unity within and among churches, communities and nations;
- contribute to leadership training at all levels and unfold capacities of human beings;
- foster exchange of resources, personnel, ideas and aspirations among member churches, congregations and communities in all regions;
- will contribute to reducing dependence and increase utilization of available local human and material resources;
- promote responsible management of the environment and natural resources and respect the integrity of God's creation;
- respond to new opportunities for witness and service based on creative models of ministry and diaconic work;
- may have a multiplying effect and be shared at a regional or even global level;
- are given high priority by member churches and reflect the special needs and problems in the context in which they exist and work. If more than one application is submitted by the same church, the order of priority should be indicated.

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