



What is Poverty?

- *What* are some descriptive words that come immediately to mind?
- The Western materialistic perspective has focused on the lack of material resources

Some Key Aspects of Poverty

- Poverty of Condition
- Poverty of Being
- Poverty of Purpose
- In trying to help overcome poverty of condition need to be careful not to intensify poverty of being or poverty of purpose

Who are the Poor?

- We all are all broken; we are all poor!
- Until we embrace this, our attempts to help the “materially poor” is likely to hurt them and ourselves.

An Equation for Hurting When Helping

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Material Definition of Poverty} \\ + \\ \text{God-Complexes of Materially Non-Poor} \\ + \\ \text{Feelings of Inferiority and Diminished Vocation} \\ \text{of the Materially Poor} \\ \hline = \text{Harm to both Materially Poor and Non-Poor} \end{array}$$

Key Principles for
Holistic/Transformational
Ministry

Principle 1
Differentiating Between
Relief
Rehabilitation
Development

Relief

The urgent provision of emergency aid to reduce the suffering of victims of a natural and/or man-made crisis.

Relief is by its very nature, immediate and temporary.

The basic dynamic is provider and receiver.

What is a crisis?

"These mothers have started anew and raised the initial capital savings to P200 (\$4) per share and P10 (\$.20) weekly savings. They have also started an emergency fund savings group where the members save P10 (\$.05) per week, for emergency use only. This is outside of the ASCA. Emergency fund loans **will be given to members whose family member gets sick. No other situation is considered an emergency, because according to them, a situation where the electric power will be cut off or water supply will be cut off due to several months of non-payment is not to be considered an emergency because they should have been ready for this, because bills (electric and water) are regular household expenses that all of them should be prepared for. Not even for hospitalization when giving birth, because according to them, they have 9 months to prepare for the delivery of the baby.** The amount of the loan here is limited to the savings pay-in of the member getting the loan."

Rehabilitation

The restoration of people and their communities to their pre-crisis state and minimization of future vulnerabilities.

Opportunities for moving from doing *for* to doing *with*. Local population involved in the work. Often use "Cash/Food/Commodity for Work" program

Serves as a bridge between relief and development.

Development

The **process of on-going change** that promotes well-being. It is moving people closer to being in right relationship with God, with themselves, with others and with nature.

Development isn't done *to* people or *for* people but *with* people.

People must be at the center of planning, implementing and evaluating changes in their lives

Avoid Paternalism

"Habitually providing resources that a person can provide for themselves. Habitually doing for someone what they can do for themselves."

The key dynamic of development is **promoting an empowering process**. This will typically be done around or result in some "products/project"

Development can only be done with **receptive** people

Working with Receptive Individuals and Communities

Receptivity to Change Continuum

- There is no problem
 - Satisfied with things as they are, sees no problem, no reason to change
- There may be a problem but it is not my responsibility
 - Person believes cause of problem and its solution lie with others

Much time and energy will be needed to try and help people change these attitudes and there is little guarantee that change will occur

- Yes, there is a problem, but I have my doubts
 - Person skeptical about proposed solutions
- There is a problem, but I'm afraid of changing for fear of loss
 - Person has fears, often well founded, about social or economic loss

These attitudes reveal the need for more understanding of how people are evaluating risks and rewards and/or better methods of communicating

- I see the problem, and I'm interested in learning more about it
- I'm ready to try some action
- I'm willing to demonstrate the solution to others and advocate change

These 3 attitudes are increasingly open and confident and come from people who are receptive to engaging in the change process

Triggers for Change

- A crisis
- Burden of problem becomes too great to continue to bear
- New ways of seeing and doing things

A Reminder

If people refuse to participate in efforts that will help them help themselves you are not rejecting them, they are rejecting real help

Principle 2

Needs-Based
Vs.
Asset-Based Development

Needs Based Development

- Focuses On The Deficit In The Life Of A Community Or Person
- Implications:
 - ◆ Solutions and resources come primarily or exclusively from outside the community

Asset Based Development

- Focuses On The Capabilities, Skills & Resources Of The Person Or Community
- Implications:
 - ◆ Solutions and resources build upon the assets of the individual or community
 - ◆ Key Tasks: *Identify, Mobilize and Connect Assets*
 - ◆ Use of Outside Resources
 - ◆ When & How Much?

Questions??
