

Projects

Preamble

The group acknowledges that a lot of good work has already been done in the development of the UEM Partnership Guidelines. Therefore it is not intending to suggest totally new structures. In order to enhance meaningful mission the group proposes that a handbook to be attached to the guidelines would help in the standardisation of projects in UEM.

Generally the group felt that it is not possible to make a comprehensive analysis of issues for all projects. However the following issues seem to come to the fore:

Issues identified:

- Standard procedures and processes
- Whether projects are developmental and empowering
- Whether projects are transformational
- Whether projects are holistic (for gospel proclamation and gospel demonstration)
- Ownership of the projects
- Self reliance and self sustainability
- Theological basis of projects
- Project coordination and supervision
- Impacts on both sides of partnerships
- Communication and reporting

On the whole the group agreed that in order to standardise procedures and processes on UEM projects a handbook should be developed. Initial documents such as the Partnership Handbook in the German region and the UEM application and reporting forms should be incorporated in this handbook. The project handbook should cover issues of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) as well as caption on theological basis for projects. EED/Bread for the World should be involved in developing the handbook. It should be translated into languages of partner churches as well as the Partnership Guidelines.

Action Plan

<i>What is to be done?</i>	<i>Why?</i>	<i>Who should be involved?</i>	<i>Timeline</i>
Project Handbook development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional meetings to gather ideas on what should be included • Joint meetings for the drafting 	For the guidance and standardisation of procedures and processes	Delegates from Partnership groups in all regions, regional offices Partnership contact persons of churches, regional offices and UEM headquarters, Delegates from the regions	Year 1 Year 1.5
Piloting in 3 Regions & Evaluation Feedback of all partnership groups	Feasibility study To involve as many as possible	Selected Projects in partnerships of 3 regions Partnership groups of UEM	Year 2 and 3
Finalisation of the handbook Ratification by UEM	Approval	Joint Meeting UEM Management Team	Year 4
Implementation	Standard procedures	All partnership groups	Starting in Year 4

In Addition

In Addition we propose that there will be workshops and seminars for groups doing similar projects (e.g. micro credit, farming, kindergarten, bible-, vocational training, diaconal work, JPIC projects etc.) for benchmarking and learning from each other.

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