

Increasing understanding of integral mission

Key objective

To enable church members to gain a vision for fully integrating development work into the spiritual work of their church

TOOLS required

Mobilising the church, Mobilising the community, Facilitation Skills Workbook

Personnel required

Trainer able to share skills in facilitation

Church leaders willing to learn and open to new learning

Anticipated outcomes

- Strengthened / clearer vision for integrating social and spiritual needs
- Tangible examples of integral mission in action
- Practical tools such as role-play and exercises used to reinforce learning and understanding of integral mission
- Leaders with vision for integral mission enabled to share their understanding
- Collaboration between development and spiritual ministries of Christian development agencies encouraged.

Suggested approaches

- Work through Guides with church leaders and church groups, to encourage reflection on what it means to be church, and the church's responsibility to the wider community.
- Use Guides as training material.

Case studies

- 'Mobilising the community' is based on the experience of the PEP work used in East Africa capturing an exiting process of church and community mobilisation.
- Wolaitta KHC – Ethiopia used PILLARS to help collaborate the spiritual, literature and development ministries necessary for projects involving input from and support of all these ministries. This encouraged them to think and to work more holistically.