

There Are Different Ways to Help a Neighborhood

It is important that groups working with the poor understand what specifically they are doing and then assessing if that is what they really want to do.

- **Relief Ministries** - Provides temporary assistance without addressing long term needs nor using assets found in the neighborhood.
- **Betterment Ministries** - Tend to create short term positive, caring beneficial environments and relationships that offer participants respite or positive experiences and helps improve their life.
- **Development Ministries** - Focus on measured changes in knowledge, skills abilities or conditions of the participants which is put into practice and then shared with others in the neighborhood

	RELIEF DOING FOR	BETTERMENT HELPING	DEVELOPMENT EMPOWERING
When Do	Crisis short or medium term	Persistent need not going away	Long Term need that is holding the community back
Target Individual or Community	Individual	Generally Individual	Community
Need	Identifiable quickly	Lingering need outsider steps in beside to alleviate	Real need might be different then presenting need
Orientation	Event oriented, do something now	Relationship oriented	Relationship oriented
Who Does	Outsider does for them	Outsider does with them	Insider does for themselves
Fosters	Dependency	Inter-dependency	Independency
Behavior Change	No behavior change	Generally a little behavior change	Behavior change with transformation
Duration	Short term one time	Medium term help	Long turn transformation
Resources Come From	Outside	Generally from outside	Inside people themselves
Ownership	Outsider	Outsider	Insider
End Result	Few people affected but no change in life style	Few people affected and limited change in life style	Physical, spiritual, social, change taking place throughout community
Examples	Clothes & food give away	Kids Tutoring	People being equipped to change something in their community and it is happening