

ABM's Community Development Strategy 2015-2019

ABM's community development program, ABM(AID), is part of and supports ABM's overall vision and mission. It recognises the holistic nature of that mission, which seeks to see lives empowered and transformed spiritually, materially and socially. Within that, the community development program identifies its vision and mission as follows:

Our Vision

Empowered, cohesive communities that build on their strengths and address challenges of poverty together so people enjoy whole and meaningful lives.

Our Mission

ABM(AID) supports communities experiencing poverty to transform themselves by partnering with local Anglican or ecumenical church-based organisations. With our partners, we promote a strengths-based approach to community development that is inclusive, encourages participation, empowers women and fosters positive and sustainable change. We support our partners to become effective, self-sustaining community development organisations through respectful relationships, mutual learning and sharing of experience across our network.

Our Objectives

With our partners, ABM will assist community groups and community leaders to become champions and examples of positive change that can inspire others.

With our partners, ABM will introduce new practices and resources that assist people, especially the poor and disadvantaged, to enjoy whole and meaningful lives.

What will we see?

- A sustainable increase in harmonious community group activities.
- A sustainable improvement in the health, income, education or general well-being of community members, especially the poor and disadvantaged, vulnerable and excluded.
- New practices and resources are introduced AND...
 - (i) Community groups and community leaders see sufficient long-term benefit in these new practices and resources to find sustainable ways to maintain and up-scale them.
 - (ii) The new practices and resources help improve the health, income, education or general well-being of community members, especially the poor and disadvantaged.
 - (iii) The resultant changes increase the target communities' cohesiveness and pride.