



## OVERVIEW: The Seven Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission

### 1. GOD-CENTEREDNESS

An excellent short-term mission seeks first God's glory and his kingdom, and is expressed through our:

- **Purpose** – Centering on God's glory and his ends throughout our entire STM process
- **Lives** – Sound biblical doctrine, persistent prayer, and godliness in all our thoughts, words, and deeds
- **Methods** – Wise, biblical, and culturally-appropriate methods which bear spiritual fruit

### 2. EMPOWERING PARTNERSHIPS

An excellent short-term mission establishes healthy, interdependent, on-going relationships between sending and receiving partners, and is expressed by:

- **Focus** – Our primary focus on intended receptors
- **Plans** which benefit all participants
- **Mutual trust** and accountability

### 3. MUTUAL DESIGN

An excellent short-term mission collaboratively plans each specific outreach for the benefit of all participants, and is expressed by:

- **On-field methods** and activities aligned to long-term strategies of the partnership
- **Goer-guests'** ability to implement their part of the plan
- **Host receivers'** ability to implement their part of the plan

### 4. COMPREHENSIVE ADMINISTRATION

An excellent short-term mission exhibits integrity through reliable set-up and thorough administration for all participants, and is expressed by:

- **Truthfulness** in promotion, finances, and reporting results
- **Appropriate** risk management
- **Quality** program delivery and support logistics

### 5. QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP

An excellent short-term mission screens, trains, and develops capable leadership for all participants, and is expressed by:

- **Character** – Spiritually mature servant leadership
- **Skills** – Prepared, competent, organized, and accountable leadership
- **Values** – Empowering and equipping leadership

### 6. APPROPRIATE TRAINING

An excellent short-term mission prepares and equips all participants for the mutually designed outreach, and is expressed by:

- **Biblical**, appropriate, and timely training
- **On-going training** and equipping (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- **Qualified** trainers

### 7. THOROUGH FOLLOW-THROUGH

An excellent short-term mission assures debriefing and appropriate follow-through for all participants, and is expressed by:

- **Comprehensive debriefing** of all participants (pre-field, on-field, post-field)
- **Thoughtful** and appropriate follow-through for goer-guests
- **On-field and post-field** evaluation among sending and receiving partners



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