

## 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 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:

- 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 evaluation, 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