

7 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ALL

Resources can be wasted,
can be well-used, and can
be created.

Once a community begins
to understand all the
resources available to
them, and that they can
be created, they start to
see how these can be
used properly to meet
their own needs.

Progress occurs as people
meet their own needs,
own their own
development, and look to
outsiders merely to
facilitate that learning.



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As followers of Jesus, our work of Integral development is built on a calling to announce good news!

While we often think of this as the message of salvation, because it is the greatest gift of God's love given freely to all, Jesus Himself proclaimed the good news of God's Kingdom. This invites people on earth to experience new sight, and new life through faith in Jesus Christ, the King. Wherever the King is, you have the "Kingdom of God".

As the global community of Jesus' followers, we respond to God's call to participate in His mission around the world. We witness, and people respond, in word and deed, to the work of the Holy Spirit who convicts them of their need to be redeemed by Christ.

Similarly, development is not about projects, or "things that we do." Development happens when a community mobilizes their resources to meet their needs, as defined by them. A community decides what must be done. Then, as they recognize the resources

Development is not about projects

they already have, and as they see that God equips them to solve their own problems, the attitude of the community turns to hope. When they continue to repeat this process of seeing a need and connecting the resources. This is how poverty is broken.

We Are the Outsiders to a Community

We are challenged to answer the question, "What is our role"?

Is it to meet needs, or to provide resources? Or to facilitate and mobilize people to identify their resources and their needs, and put them together?

What are the resources available to every community all over the world?

