



**Restoring Hopes, Inspiring Actions, Transforming Lives !!!**

**CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT**

**CARD'S**

**COMMUNITY WORKING PRINCIPLES**

## **Community Engagement.**

We believe community are they custodians and actors to improve their own wellbeing conditions. Hence we are committed to engage and bring all stakeholders on board to own the process and take collective responsibilities so that they can build new communities and alternative structures which empower the poor and enable all people to become subjects of their own destiny. Our aim is to let the community take the project ownerships, to meet their needs / expectations, address their issues as Well as contributing to learning and innovation in products and processes, and enhance the sustainability to enhance their quality of lives.

## **Community Empowerment.**

CARD is committed to empower vulnerable communities with Developmental skills and Leadership empowerment, economic empowerment, physically development, spiritual development for the transformation of community's living standard. We aim to equip the community with relevant skills and knowledge to enable them to participate in nation building, and contribute to economic growth and benefit from growth process in ways that recognize the value of their contributions, dignity and power to influence decision on a fairer distribution of the benefits of growth. We nurture community's spiritual to grow in the faith in Christ and become Christ centred community equipped for God's services and enhance sustainable community development and leadership development.

## **Community Participating.**

We strongly believe in community participation in the project, because it is the heart that pumps the community's life blood-its citizens into the community's projects to take ownership and to enhance project sustainability. Community's participation in project it makes them feel they are not only participants but valuable and recognizable people whose ideas, opinions, skills, experience counts. We ensure that stakeholders participate in project through various ways, actions, in decision making and in project design and planning. Their participation in project/programme enable them to have a degree of power and control in the processes with which they are involved and influence decisions that affect them.

## **Christ Centered Community Agency.**

CARD mission is to Transform Vulnerable Community's Lives Wholistically through Integrations of Community Developmental Innovative Programmes, community empowerment and Stakeholders Engagement. We strive to enhance the lives of the poor's Spiritually, Socially, Economically, Educationally, Healthily, Physically, Psychologically Developmentally, Spiritual development is one of the aspects in which CARD intended to bring transformation through proclamation of the good news to the

poor and disciple them for God services to transform God's people through discipleship programmes.

We are not immune to relief and development physical needs only. We are holistic in nature in that we diversify development programs based on community needs and within the context but more importantly we proclaim God's Word to the people we serve. We believe that no single organization can bring permanent solution to community's situation except God. We disciple people to deepen their faith in Christ and grow spiritual.

### **Community Development in Action-for Lives Transformation.**

CARD is Christian Action and its motto is to inspire these actions. It is driven from the Book of (James 2:18) which talks about God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense. Faith and works, works and faith, fit together hand in glove. We are committed to inspiring the spirit of action in communities wherever we work to be active and productive members in the society and to transform their lives.

We believe! With our words, life story we can inspire them but words alone without actions cannot bring real change in people's lives. Radical changes and life transformation can only be experienced when a person makes a personal decision and takes action to change his/her life status and so we are committed to actions rather than words.

CARD works to ensure that communities are not only engaged but involved in physical action. We believe that no community will benefit from words without taking imitative action, our working principle is to ensure that communities are not only engaged in projects but involved in them and take action. This will make them become leading actors of their own lives transformation and permit them to move from being beneficiaries of external development interventions to generators of their own development and donors to themselves.

Community development in action makes people more responsible of their actions and accountability for their works. With this approach comes a sense of ownership and accountability and they become solutions to their own problems, and become more proactive to identify their challenges that face them and take appropriate action to address them.

#### **Noted:**

These are our community working principles which we believe will enhance project ownership, sustainable community's development programs, lives transformation and make them become self-confident communities, self-reliant and productive members of society, Self-supporting Community, self-propagating community, Self-Governing Community finally master of their own development programs