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# community trainers



The need for change is difficult for anyone to accept, but any change to deeply-held cultural beliefs can only be successful if it is supported and modelled by local leaders who are trusted and respected in their communities. When trained these promoters pass on information to others and work as catalysts for change in their communities.

## Community leaders

- ▶ model the use of new methods and technologies for farming when, in the face of droughts and flooding, traditional methods no longer result in adequate food supplies.
- ▶ bring new information to families who trust long-held practices of healthcare when newer methods would be more beneficial.
- ▶ are role models for people who now have the opportunity to open their world through literacy training. Unless persuaded, many adults who didn't have the opportunity for an education as children will not be convinced that they can learn as adults.
- ▶ promote long-term strategies for poverty alleviation programs. Some concerned leaders, generously giving of their time and energy in community associations, have started youth programs that include Bible study, sports, and income-generation training.

**CRWRF BEST PRACTICE:** CRWRF comes along side of Christian leaders, who as they allow the Gospel to be worked out in their lives, address not only physical problems, but also social issues like corruption, injustice, and conflict in their communities.

## family devotions - EXODUS 18:13-27

When faced with global needs, one can easily feel overwhelmed and incapable of being able to provide any help at all. Moses also had a daunting task in ruling over many people. What advice did Moses' father-in-law give him? Does this advice sound similar to the "train-the-trainer" approach? In what ways?

### PRAY FOR

- ✎ The willingness of Miskito families in Nicaragua, vulnerable to flooding due to hurricanes, to try new crop varieties and harvesting techniques in order to improve food security.
- ✎ The work of agricultural, health, literacy, and justice promoters in Malawi and Mozambique.
- ✎ Women of AMAFEP in Mali and the Ruth Association in Guatemala who encourage women to change harmful customs and embrace the truth of God's word.
- ✎ Strong leadership of Christians to promote training that benefits and brings advantages to communities.