



## **NCM Canada Criterion for Projects as a ministry of the church**

- All projects must have a direct or indirect community benefit. There can be no direct personal benefit.
- Approval of pastor and DS. We must work closely with these leaders and have their approval BEFORE committing to a project whether verbally or with documents.

### **Other General Criteria:**

- Short-term funding (1-3 years) with clear Exit plan. Must have clear plan showing how the ministry is self-sustaining after NCM funding ceases or the need is no longer there.
- Local church involvement from the beginning.
- Local community involvement from the beginning.
- Entire project budget under \$20,000 total
- Use NCM global concept note, proposal and reporting templates.

### **Specific Criteria:**

- Must be a ministry of compassion responding to an identified critical need in the local community.
- Project must be time bound (have a clear start and end date) and funding by NCMC must be not more than 2 years duration. Project funding advances will be year by year based on acceptable accountability (reporting and financial statements) and continued demonstration of need.
- Selection of beneficiaries must be based on need alone (not religion, denomination, colour, creed or other)
- Local churches/district (submitting the application to NCMC) must be already engaged in responding to needs in their communities. We give preference to projects where local church / churches are already involved in the compassionate ministry for which additional funding is sought.
- Projects must be implemented by and through local churches in cooperation with and in partnership with their communities – this must be documented
- Every project must have at least one expected ministry outcome and the Impact on church ministry must be documented
- NCMC must be able to have clear communication with those involved in managing the project.
- Those managing the project must be willing to build capacity particularly with regard to accountability – financial and writing reports.
- Preference for projects for which we fundraise and for which NCM Canada has sufficient designated funds available, and/or a recommendation in place, approved by the national board, for use of undesignated funds.

**Concept notes (with an estimated project cost) must be submitted to NCMC where they will be reviewed by the ED of NCMC and the NCMC Committee. If approved in principle, then a full proposal with detailed budget can be submitted to NCMC.**