



COUNTRY ASSESSMENT FORM

1. Introduction

Country	
Reason	
<i>Identify the reason for this assessment (e.g. new country search, annual assessment).</i>	

2. Minimum Criteria

<i>Minimum criteria are criteria that must be met before a country can be considered as a WSN project country. Indicate if the proposed project country meets the following minimum criteria (yes or no). Justify the judgment for each criteria by providing explanatory comments.</i>	
Criteria	Yes/No
1. Region The country is located in one of the four WSN target regions (Eastern Europe, Southern Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa or Latin America) and can be included as a WSN project country without creating an inequitable distribution of project countries across (as well as within) the WSN target regions.	
2. Poverty The country is included in the DAC list of eligible countries for receiving Official Development Assistance (ODA). The country ranks relatively low on UNDP's Human Development Index (HDI) and/or the targeted geographical area within the country constitutes a deprived/poverty-stricken area.	
3. State capacity The State (incl. national, regional, and local authorities) lacks the capacity to meet its progressive human rights obligations (see CRC and CESCR).	
4. Christian presence The country has a Christian presence, in the form of local churches and an established (local) Christian NGO (with a track record and a program with a construction component) with which WSN can cooperate. Other Dutch Christian NGOs have a (positive) history of operation in the country and/or cooperation with the proposed partner.	
5. Security The country has a level of political stability and human security that allows WSN representatives and participants to travel and operate relatively safe within the country, with an acceptable risk level regarding cancellation, evacuation or redirection (see MinBuZa and US State Department).	

3. Selection Criteria

<i>Selection criteria are criteria that serve to select among countries that meet the minimum criteria. Indicate the score of the proposed project country for the following selection criteria. Assessments must be based on the following scoring: 1 = very poor; 2 = poor; 3 = adequate; 4 = good; 5 = very good. A question-mark may be used to indicate that a judgment cannot be made. If this is the case, please explain why a judgment cannot be made. Justify the judgment for each criteria by providing explanatory comments.</i>	
Criteria	Score
6. Travel capability Capability to travel to the country and the proposed program area in terms of flight connection, ease of obtaining visa, quality of infrastructure, distance to the program area, total travel time.	



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7. Emergency response capability Capability to collect quality information and provide adequate response in case of an emergency or crisis scenario (incl. NL diplomatic representation , presence of international NGOs).	
8. Management capability The country can be reached via (mobile) telephone and internet access is regularly available. WSN representatives can communicate with the partner (and local population) in a language they both readily understand (i.e. English or Spanish). Construction materials and suitable contractors are locally available and transport is not a (insurmountable) problem.	
9. Converted cost level The ticket and visa costs (per participant), converted construction costs (per m ² in Euro) and converted facilitation costs (per participant per day in Euro) are reasonable (esp. compared to neighboring countries/regional counterparts). The local currency is a relatively stable one.	
10. Attractive for participants The country offers sufficient freedom to maneuver (e.g. freedom of religion, freedom of association). Participants are not hindered by suppression/harassment from national, local or religious authorities. Participants can understand local people and experience a new/different culture as well as a challenging/confronting development context.	
11. Attractive for fundraising The country offers (concrete) fund opportunities with institutional donors and private foundations.	

4. Conclusion

<i>Draw a conclusion concerning the suitability of the country as a WSN project country (suitable or not suitable) and briefly state the main reasons given.</i>	
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