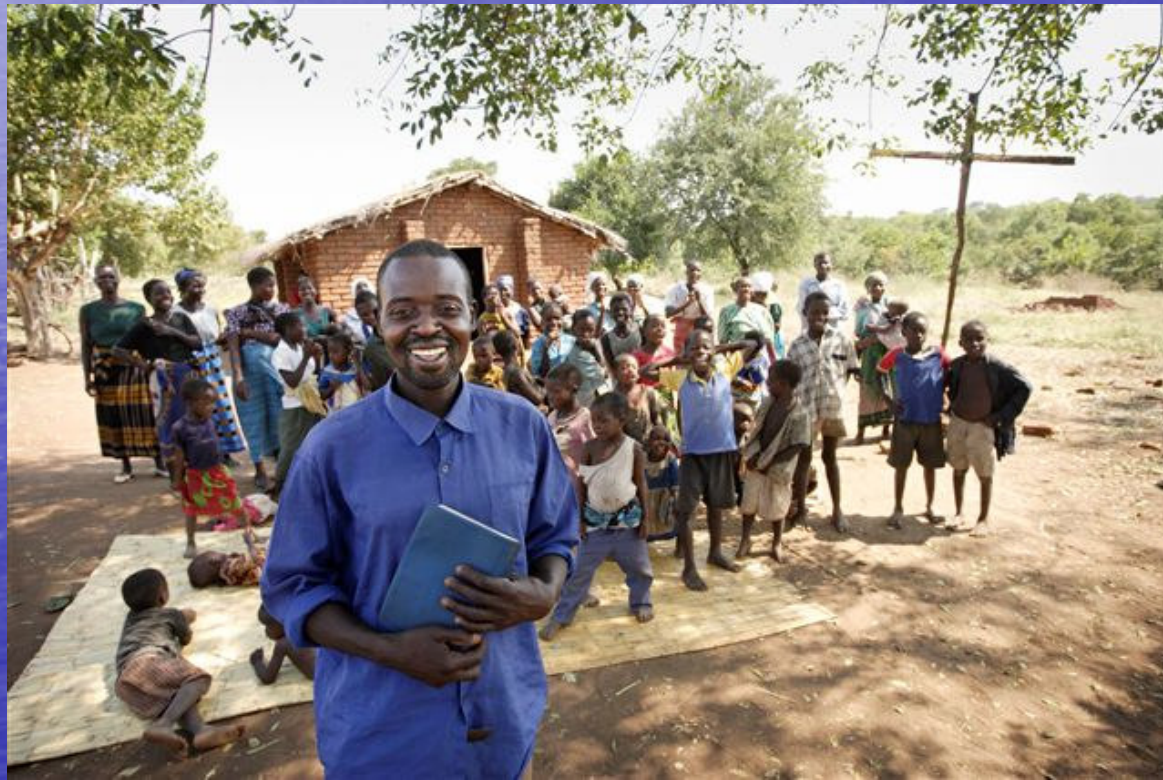


Being distinctively Christian in relief and development



Why clarify distinctiveness?

- Context changing
 - Donors
 - Partners
- Structural changes
 - Merger
 - Decentralisation
 - Cooperation
- Yearning for improvement

Changing donor attitudes?

- DFID - UK
- DGIS - Netherlands
- Sida – Sweden
- Swiss Government
- Norad - Norway
- World Bank
- USAID

Why donor interest?

- Own professional standards
 - Relevance
 - Efficiency
 - Sustainability
 - Effectiveness/Impact
- Own political interests

Now a confirmed atheist, I've become convinced of the enormous contribution that Christian evangelism makes in Africa: sharply distinct from the work of secular NGOs, government projects and international aid efforts. These alone will not do. In Africa Christianity changes people's hearts. It brings a spiritual transformation. The rebirth is real. The change is good.

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Sensitive issues

- Mission - 'spiritual development', evangelism, conversion...
- Discrimination amongst beneficiaries
- Use of Christian practices, such as prayer
- Recruitment policies
- Collaboration with other faiths
- Contextual communication of identity