Secondary Inputs: Key Factors for Setting Priorities

Audience

How important is it to work toward reaching or ministering to particular groups of people? This may be indicated by continents, countries, religious groups, or people groups.

Balance

How important is it to achieve a better balance of local and global efforts? Do we need to adjust the locations of use of our budget dollars, workers, projects, or partnerships.

Focus

Should we shine a beacon or glow with 1000 points of light? How important is it to adjust our focus?

Is it better to do one big thing, many small things, or somewhere in between?

History

How much should we continue the mission efforts and values of the past? How much do we need to change and how quickly?

'Our Own'

How important is it to support those we already know or who are part of our congregation or fellowship?

How willing are we to partner with others?

Our Roles

How important is it to engage in ministry that fits the gifts, skills, vocations, and inclinations of our congregation?

Participation

How important is it that our people be able to contribute hands-on to the ministry? How important is it that we work in areas that are safe, close, or cost effective for our travel?

Partnership

How important is it that our congregation partner with other entities in mission work? How important is it that the projects or missionaries we support are part of larger partnership efforts?

Tack

How important is it for us to evaluate, select, and support more strategic, critical, and urgent ministry tasks?

How important is it to avoid or minimize less strategic ministry opportunities?