Different Foundation NGO Scoring Sheet

Different Foundation uses a holistic approach to measure the suitability of a NGO. A minimum score of 50/100 will be required to consider a project.

There are seven criteria used to measure a NGO. These are shown in the diagram below:

Scoring

Each criteria is broken down into several sections. Each question is scored using the following grading scale:

Excellent - 5	The organisation demonstrates substantial and very strong adherence to the sections under each criteria.
Very Good - 3	Organisation demonstrates consistent and strong adherence to the sections under each criteria.
Good - 2	Organisation demonstrates fairly consistent adherence to the sections under each criteria.
Poor - 0	Organisation demonstrates minimal or no adherence to the sections under each criteria.

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1. Holistic Approach

Organisations/Projects need to demonstrate a holistic approach to community upliftment. They must show how they address (or integrate) all aspects of human nature and need namely physical, spiritual, and emotional needs as well as offering capacity building and personal development elements.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Addressing or integration of multiple areas (e.g. physical, emotional, spiritual) and coordination with other organisations.				
Assessment of outcomes of holistic approach.				

2. Credibility & Longevity

Organisations/Projects need to demonstrate a track record of accountability, transparency and integrity and have broad community credibility and respect. They must have a permanent long term presence and excellent partnerships with other organisations and funders.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Evidence of accountability and transparency.				
Organisation is well respected in their local community.				
Organisation has positive feedback from third parties (e.g. donors, agencies, beneficiaries).				
Organisation has been operating for more than 2 years.		■		
Organisation has a robust and up to date accounting reporting structure.				
Registration with CIPC/Department of Social Development.		■		
Reputation/standing of the facilitators and board (if applicable) of the applicant is excellent.		■		
Applicant is willing to sign a project agreement?		■		

3. Impact

Organisations/Projects must have a measurable positive impact on their community and sphere of influence.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Organisation shows measurable impact that is comparable across time.				
Organisation has impact in their sphere of influence and endorsed by a third party.				

4. Entrepreneurial Leadership

The Organisation/Project needs to be entrepreneurial by nature and is resourceful, proactive and innovative. Leadership needs to be dynamic and seeks to mentor emerging leaders and get the best out of the wider leadership team.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Organisation shows evidence of being resourceful, proactive and innovative.				
Organisation demonstrates leadership is dynamic and can point to specific initiatives for mentoring emerging leaders.				

5. Community Empowerment

The Organisation/Project must have a clear understanding of how it builds capacity in the local community and can demonstrate community buy-in and ownership of initiatives resulting in greater degrees of community participation and less dependence on the partner.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Organisation builds local capacity				
Organisation works, over time, towards less reliance by community on its services				

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6. Sustainability

The Organisation/Project will need to demonstrate a model of operation and funding that is sustainable in the long term. It will must demonstrate identification and management of significant risks to its sustainability.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Organisation demonstrates a model of operation and funding that is sustainable in the long term.				
Organisation has identified and mitigated key risks to sustainability.				

7. Scalability & Expansion

The Organisation/Project must utilise a model that can be replicated and scaled by others for different contexts. The Organisation/Project must also demonstrate the ability and capacity to grow over time and how it would maximise additional funding.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor
Organisation's model is replicable and scalable.				
Organisation demonstrates ability to grow and maximise additional funding.				

Score out of 100

	Excellent (5)	Very Good (3)	Good (2)	Poor (0)
Total Number				
Score				
Total Score /100				