

YWAM Mercy Ministries International.
Jomtien statement and recommendations concerning issues of Justice
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We affirm that human beings are created in the image of God and have an intrinsic value. We also affirm the importance of justice and reconciliation in God's design for His creation. We therefore have concern for the way in which persons are discriminated against and exploited in areas such as:

- Human Rights
- Gender
- Race
- Economics
- Religious beliefs
- Social justice
- Health
- Education
- Food & Shelter

We affirm the following principles and recommendations

1. We encourage increased intercessory prayer and the establishment of prayer networks and other tools to make these prayer needs known.
2. We recommend that wherever possible YWAM register an NGO at a national level.
This is part of the process of recognition and participation in the plans for development with local authorities, and international agencies in serving the needs of the poor.
3. We are called to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.
We recognize that we require both proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel
4. We encourage the development of an open network for information resource and partnership, as well as secure channels for sensitive information.
5. We need to make people aware not just of the suffering in the world, but also of the fact that God requires justice for all who are oppressed. We recognize our responsibility to inform ourselves, our missions and our supporters of the impor-

tance of these issues.

6. In order to be more proactive in issues of development and justice we encourage project information sharing between the various YWAM localities to inspire a greater participation and new initiatives. We recommend increased networking between YWAM localities on issues of justice to promote a greater participation in response to these needs
7. We recommend to the Deans of the U of N, U of N Centre Committees and school leaders that a Christian response to issues of justice within the framework of a biblical world view be incorporated into the core curriculum of the DTS and appropriate higher level schools.
8. We encourage YWAM localities to build operational and relationship linkages with Christian organizations who use political influence to support and free the poor and oppressed.