

# Wood Scientists without Borders



**PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION FROM  
SWST VISITING SCIENTIST COMMITTEE &  
SWST EXECUTIVE BOARD**

# Goal



- **Benefit a local community in the area of Wood Science and Technology**
- **Increase SWST visibility internationally**
- **Widen SWST's influence globally**

# How would it work?



1. **SWST will solicit technical assistance needed through web announcements**
  - Requirements
    - ✦ project should not take more than a month to complete
    - ✦ backed by local research organization, leaders, and people directly affected

# Memorandum of Understanding



- 2. Interested group of researchers (SWST members) draft a MOU outlining**
  - Tasks to be completed
  - Parties involved
  - Financial obligations and assistance needed from SWST
  - Local organizations involved and committed
  - Responsibilities of each group involved
  - Impact of the work
  - Timeline

# Approval by SWST



- 3. SWST committee and board will evaluate the proposal**
  - impact
  - obligations
  - duration
  - commitments
  - financial support and obligations
- 4. Decide whether to support & fund**

# If Approved



- **Project will be completed by the group based on MOU established**
- **Press release outlining the work done, region affected, and impact**

# Concerns



- **Financial burden**
  - fund raising activities
  - contributions from companies, government organizations, UN, foundations (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Paul Allen Family Foundation)
  - Commitment from the locals
    - ✦ **crucial that local research organization is committed and involved**
  - Visas and security