

ANCCI UNIVERSITY  
THEOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT  
TD 104 SECULAR AND BIBLICAL BASED DEVELOPMENT

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### RATIONALE

Secular and Biblical based development approaches course, is a very important area of study for church leaders who seek to fulfill a wholistic mission in their calling. The course seeks to critically differentiate development work done in Gods way and development work based purely on human mind. Development work that is God centered and development work that is man centered. Workers in Faith Based Organizations {FBOs}, and in Non-Governmental Organizations{NGOs} find this course to be very relevant and of paramount importance in their practice. It is also a very important course for any development worker, agent, body who seek to be efficient and effective in their practices. Nevertheless, this course is designed to offer paradigm shift in development approaches for efficient and effective wholistic transformation from local to the international level.

### OBJECTIVES

1. 1.Enable the student to understand key concepts in both Secular and Biblical based development.
2. 2.Enable student understand and appreciate both secular and Biblical development approaches.
3. 3.Enable students to differentiate between God centered and man centered development approaches.
4. 4.Enable students to understand the role and practices of FBOs and NGOs in development.
5. 5.Enable students understand the role of the church in development.
6. 6.Enable students to understand the will of God in social transformation.
7. 7.Enable the learner and all development stakeholders engage in development work with a difference, from local to international level.

### STRATEGIES

Topics to be covered are; -

- General introduction.
- Secular development.
- Biblical based development.
- Distinctiveness of Biblical based development.
- God as the principle personality in development.
- God as the primary resource in development.
- Church and Faith organizations as a leader and active participants in development.
- Development as a task of all, both the poor and the rich.
- The role played by FBOs and NGOs in development.

## 1. EVALUATION

1. Write a 10-15-page double spaced term paper on EITHER, Discuss the characteristics and the differences between secular and Biblical based development approaches. With supportive examples indicate the approach you would use and how, to transform your society.
2. OR Discuss a Faith Based Organization that you know and the extent to which it has transformed the economic status of a region known to you. Discuss how you can use such example to establish an FBO and transform your society.

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ANCCI University system of grading will be employed