

ACSI GLOBAL: NATIONAL KEY STAGES GUIDE - AFRICA

PREAMBLE

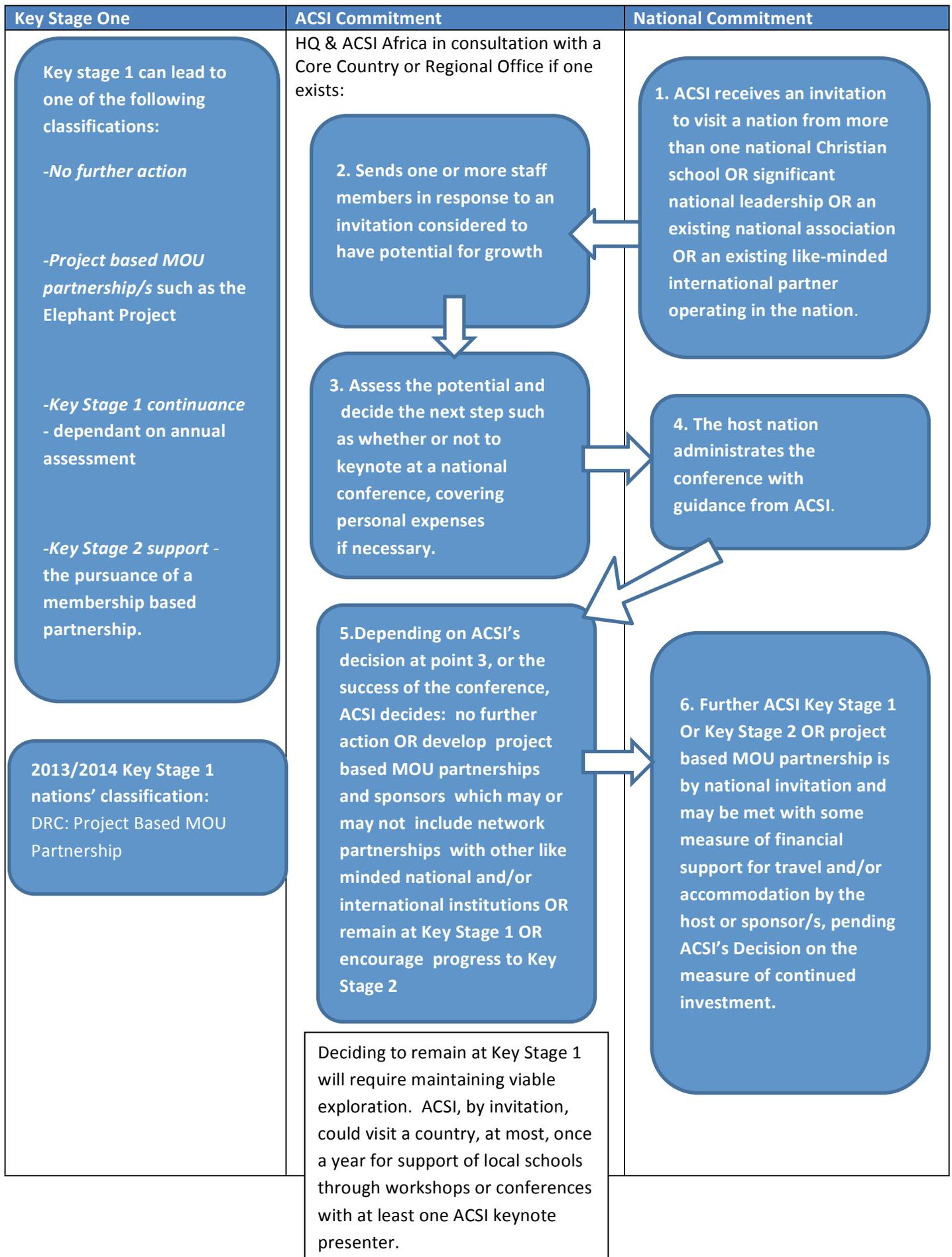
This guide must be understood in the context of the document, 'The expansion of ACSI worldwide', revised May 2010. The May 2010 document's content and principle of "flexibility within structure" provides the outline for this guide. Other referenced documents include 'Foundation and Establishment of New ACSI Offices', Jan 2010 and 'Benchmarks for the Establishment of a New ACSI Country Office', Oct 2010.

ACSI is recognised as a leading Association amidst expansive renewal and growth in Christian education in developing world nations. With such recognition comes great resource demand and responsibility.

Historically speaking, the initial impact of Christianity on the African continent has been described as 'a mile wide and an inch deep'. It is imperative that ACSI avoids such a legacy when contributing to the continent's development. To this end, a National Key Stages Guide is intended to framework the commitment of ACSI resources and informs the expectations of African nationals who desire the work of ACSI in their respective nations.

The developing world presents the Association with circumstances unique to its more established operations in the developed world. ACSI founding activity in the developing world is seed sowing with a view to return on investment. Notwithstanding medium to longer term financial return, the most valued return on investment is sustained evidence of the ACSI mission statement. The Association partners with nationals for deep roots that self-sustain national growth. It is therefore important that ACSI sows seed responsibly (Key Stages 1 & 2) to enable sustained expansion.

This guiding framework presents five progressive national and regional key stages defined by sequentially numbered points intended to clarify strategic ACSI commitments and national expectations and commitments. The key stages and numbered indicators provide broad-strokes, leaving decisions involving inevitable variables and their detail to prayer, divine intervention (James 4:13-16), collaboration, consensus and unity. The value of such a guide is only realised in practise. Countries' key stages would need to be annually determined with accompanying alignment of strategic ACSI operations.



Key Stage Two	ACSI Commitment	National Commitment
<p>MOU PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Key Stage 2 MOU Partnership is created if a host nation has critical mass with potential to progress to a Key Stage 4 membership model.</p> <p>Alternatively, the partnership may remain at Key Stage 2 or be dissolved to Key Stage 1.</p> <p>2013/2014 Key Stage 2 nations:</p>	<p>HQ & ACSI Africa in consultation with a Core Country or Regional Office if one exists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Educate national leadership about ACSI and the work of ACSI offices, possibly through a national leadership roundtable. Chart & sign a MOU partnership 4. Annually support activities and review progress to determine return to Key Stage 1 OR remain at Key Stage 2 OR encourage progress to Key Stage 3 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitute a group of national schools and leaders with capacity to deliver on a partnership agreement with ACSI. 3. Establish and deliver a national calendar for ACSI MOU partnership activities suitable to the national academic and ACSI Africa Continent and Regional calendar if one exists.
<p>STEPS TOWARDS A COUNTRY OFFICE</p> <p>Key Stage 3 is a brief stage that follows a proven partnership MOU. Its outcome is the establishment of a Core Country Office or a Country Office where a region has an established Core Country Office or Regional Office.</p> <p>2013/2014 Key Stage 3 nations:</p>	<p>HQ & ACSI Africa in consultation with a Core Country or Regional Office if one exists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chart a course for the establishment of the new ACSI (Country) Office within a brief and specified time line. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The national partners actively move towards fulfilling “Benchmarks for the Establishment of a New ACSI Country Office”, Oct 2010.

Key Stage Four	ACSI Commitment	National Commitment
<p data-bbox="191 184 402 216">COUNTRY OFFICE</p> <p data-bbox="136 254 448 688">A contractual agreement in which ACSI HQ shares responsibility for delivery of its mission and brand rights with a Country Office and Country Office Director, which may also be considered a Core Country Office if it is the first national office in a region.</p> <p data-bbox="136 726 415 800">2013/2014 Key Stage 4 nations: Nigeria</p>	<p data-bbox="516 142 984 237">HQ & ACSI Africa in consultation with a Core Country or Regional Office if one exists:</p> <p data-bbox="548 264 971 422">2. Appoint a Country Office Director, establish communication and operation protocols and schedule a signing ceremony.</p> <p data-bbox="548 615 967 810">3. Enable consistent and excellent fulfilment of ACSI mission through setting an annual collaborative calendar, frequent on site visits and communication.</p>	<p data-bbox="1044 174 1438 411">1. National partners qualify to become an ACSI Country office by meeting all the requirements set out in “Foundation and Establishment of New ACSI Offices”, Jan. 2010.</p> <p data-bbox="1060 552 1393 825">4. Establish and deliver a national calendar for ACSI MOU partnership activities suitable to the national academic and ACSI Africa Continent and Regional calendar if one exists.</p>

