Ranking my NGO Priorities

Working with an NGO abroad can result in an independent overseas experience specifically tailored to your goals, interests, and skillset. To fill in the pyramid, reflect on what you value most and least in a potential organization. For example, you may rank goal alignment higher than immersion, or vice versa. While it’s likely you will value multiple items highly, the goal is to identify your top priorities which can then become search criteria as you seek an NGO to partner with.

**Goals: My goals align with those of the organization**
What am I going abroad to do?
Do I want this to align with the mission of the organization?

**Location: The NGO is located in a country I am interested in traveling to**
Do I prioritize being in a specific location over the type of work, or vice versa?
How much does the location matter to me?

**Impact: Working with the NGO will allow me to have an impact in my field of interest**
Am I interested in making an impact (community development, social programs), or do I prioritize other outcomes (learning language, networking)?

**Immersion: Working with the NGO will provide the level of immersion I am looking for**
How immersed in the local culture will I be?
How much do I want the organization to support this immersion?

**Other: Review Developing an NGO Partner Profile for additional considerations.**

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