

JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE  
ON  
**FAITH AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**



**The Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI F&LC)**

*An international collaboration on evidence for faith groups' activities and contribution to community health and wellbeing*

**Our Vision**

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- ◆ Cross sector, multi-religious, cross-disciplinary, collaborative learning platform
- ◆ Robust evidence and smart communications to transform the quality, effectiveness, and impact of partnerships between faith groups and the development community

**Questions We Ask**

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To fully engage the capacities and assets of faith groups to realize a world without poverty, what data about them, and what evidence for activity and impact is required, and by whom?

- ◆ What do policy makers and practitioners **want and need to know?**
  - ◆ What do we **already know?** Data on faith groups is limited and 'silo-ed'
  - ◆ How can what we know be **better communicated?**
  - ◆ How can we collaborate to **fill critical research gaps?**
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- ◆ **Why:** To support effective engagement with faith groups by practitioners, policy makers, and donors
  - ◆ **Who:** Over 70 multi-sector & international partners
  - ◆ **How:** Working through Learning Hubs to collect, commission, and communicate evidence about the faith groups' activity and impact

**JLIF&LC Leadership**

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ADRA  
Anglican Alliance  
Christian Aid  
Digni  
Glasgow University  
University of Cape Town/IRHAP  
IMA WorldHealth  
Islamic Relief  
McKinsey & Company  
Partnership for Faith & Development  
Samaritan's Purse  
Tearfund  
Traidmission  
UNAIDS  
UNFPA  
World Vision International

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John Drew  
Jean Duff  
Chris Blackham  
Matthew Frost (Co-Chair)  
Rob Kilpatrick (Co-Chair)  
Sally Smith  
Azza Karam  
Dan Ole Shani

## JLI F&LC Learning Hubs

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### ◆ **Resilience:**

**Co-Chairs:** *Helen Stawski, Islamic Relief & Alastair Agar, Columbia University*

- What is the impact of faith groups in promoting individual & community resilience in humanitarian and disaster situations?

### ◆ **HIV & Maternal Health:**

**Co-Chairs:** *Azza Karam, UNFPA, Christo Greyling, Word Vision International, & Julie Clague, University of Glasgow*

- What is the impact of faith groups on HIV and Maternal Health, with special attention to PMTCT and skilled birth attendants?

### ◆ **Immunization:**

**Chair:** *Jill Olivier, University of Cape Town/IRHAP*

- How do and can faith groups contribute to the acceptance of immunization and delivery of vaccines?

### ◆ **Capacity Building for Local Faith Communities:**

**Co-Chairs:** *Astrid Foxen Tearfund, Rachel Carnegie, Anglican Alliance, & Jean Duff Partnership for Faith & Development*

- How do faith groups strengthen the capacity of local faith communities to care for their communities, and to collect and communicate data?

### ◆ **Sexual and Gender Based Violence:**

**Co-Chairs:** *Veena O'Sullivan Tearfund/We Will Speak Out, Lizle Loots, Sexual Violence Research Initiative of the Medical Research Council of South Africa*

- What are faith groups' activities and contributions to the prevention of SGBV and to the protection and care of victims?

## Results To Date

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Scoping Studies; Policy Briefs; New research underway; Leadership in Lancet Series on Faith and Health; NGO and government Briefings in London NYC and Washington; Presentations at international development meetings; new multi-religious collaborations; new partnerships among practitioner and academic Hub members.

## Future Events

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International working meeting on the role of evidence in full engagement of faith groups: February 2015 in the UK (tentative)

## Thank You

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