

JOINT LEARNING INITIATIVE *on* Faith & Local Communities

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News from the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities



Our work is divided into the following hubs:



● ● ● WASHINGTON, DC / JULY 7-9, 2015
RELIGION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Building Partnerships to End Extreme Poverty

In pursuit of its goal to enhance engagement of faith-based organizations in development by reaching out to policy makers and practitioners with information about faith groupsâ activity and contributions, the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities is convening and managing a conference on Religion and Sustainable Development: building effective partnerships to end extreme poverty. The conference is co-hosted by the World Bank, USAID, DFID and GIZ/BMZ , (the German Development Cooperation agency), and co-sponsored by American Jewish World Service, Catholic Medical Mission Board, Catholic Relief Services, IMA World Health, Islamic Relief, Tearfund, World Vision International.

The conference will be held July 7-9th at the World Bank, in Washington DC. 120 international development policymakers, leaders of faith-based organizations and scholars will review and discuss models, methods and mechanisms for partnership between public sector and faith groups, and will work together to develop actionable recommendations to strengthen collaboration.

At the opening of the conference, a new Series on Faith-based health care delivery will be launched by the Lancet, with presentations by the authors. JLI F&LC has had an important role in assembling the writing team, and contributing to articles. You are invited. Please RSVP to the invitation [here](#).

The conference is supported by an information platform located on the JLI F&LC website, which will be accessible to everyone closer to the conference via www.jlifc.com

The McKinsey pre-conference survey of policymakers's attitudes and experience regarding partnership with faith groups is available [here](#). We are very grateful to McKinsey and Co for their generous contribution of this work, conducted in collaboration with JLI F&LC.

The recommendations and proceedings of the conference will be available on line following the conference, along with several papers drawing on the content presented in the sessions. For more information please contact Jean Duff JLI F&LC Coordinator at jeanduff@pfaithdev.org



New JLI F&LC Learning Hub on Peace and Conflict

We are pleased to announce that the new JLI F&LC Learning Hub on Peace & Conflict has now appointed its four co-chairs,



- Professor Alpaslan Ozerdem, co-director of the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation Studies at Coventry University (joint academic co-chair)
- Professor Jeffrey Haynes, director of the centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation, in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, London Metropolitan University (joint academic co-chair)
- Lucy Moore, Senior Policy Adviser: Conflict Transformation & Fragile States, Islamic Relief Worldwide (joint practitioner co-chair)
- Sarah Pickwick, Snr Conflict Adviser, World Vision UK (joint practitioner co-chair)

The group has finalized its terms of reference and plans to hold its first meeting on the 15th July. Please get in touch with any of the co-chairs if you wish to join. The hub's web space will be live before then.

DFID Provides Funding for Scoping Report on Faith Groups' Activities and Contributions in Relation to Sexual and Gender Based Violence



Lisa Le Roux, Professor in the Unit for Religion and Development Research, Stellenbosch University



Veena O'Sullivan, Head of the HIV & SV Unit, Tearfund

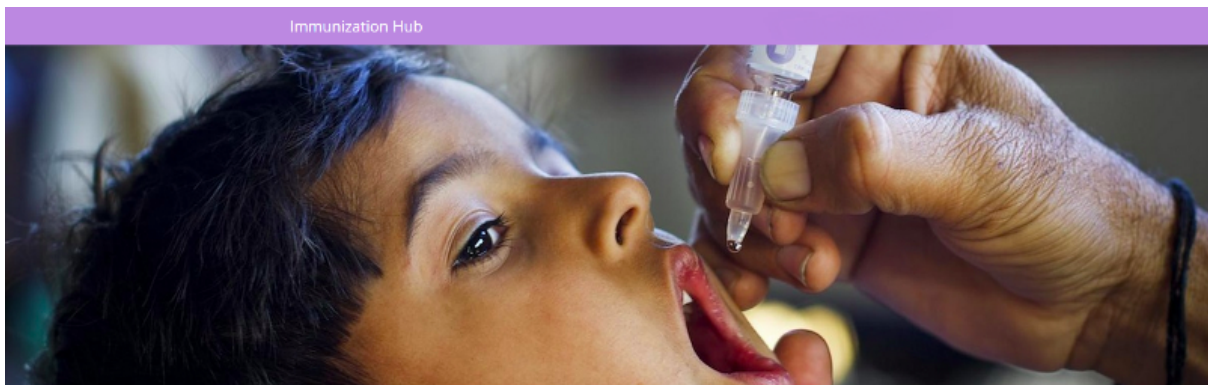
Lisa Le Roux, Professor in the Unit for Religion and Development Research at Stellenbosch University has been awarded through a competitive process, a grant from UK DFID to prepare a scoping study *on the evidence of faith groups' activity and contribution to the prevention of sexual and gender based violence and to the care of survivors*).



Lizle Loots, Sexual Violence Research Initiative of the Medical Research Council of South Africa

The study is being carried out in close collaboration with the SGBV Learning Hub Co-Chairs, Veena O’Sullivan and Lizle Loots. The Hub’s 74 members are actively participating in the survey of published and gray literature evidence resources .

A preliminary report on the research will be presented at the July Conference as part of the SGBV session, and a more detailed report will be shared at the September meeting of the [SVRI](#). For more information on the Scoping Study and to contribute information resources , please contact Lisa Le Roux at eleroux@sun.ac.za and Veena O’Sullivan at veena.osullivan@tearfund.org



Jill Olivier, Co-Chair of the JLI F&LC Immunization Learning Hub briefed GAVI Board Chair Dagfinn Håøybråten GAVI staff members and invited guests on the [Scoping Report: Local Faith Communities and Immunization for Community and Health Systems Strengthening](#) at a meeting in Washington DC on February 2nd. Rick Santos IMA



Jill Olivier, Research Director for the International Religious Health Assets Programme, School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town

World Health CEO has agreed to co-chair the Immunization Learning Hub. GAVI's plans for faith engagement are in development. An annotated bibliography of the report may be found [here](#).

Jean Duff, JLI F&LC Coordinator, has recently made presentations about evidence for faith-based activity and contributions, on behalf of JLIF&LC, at the African Christian Health Association meeting, and the InterAction Forum.

News Items

- [New Report on Building Effective Partnerships between Public Sector and Faith Groups](#)
- [Theology of Disaster: Wrestling with God in the Face of Natural and Social Disasters](#)
- [Japan, China and Republic of Korea Highlight Importance of FBOs in Disaster Relief during Trilateral Forum at WCDRR](#)

Resources

- [Building Effective Partnerships between Public Sector and Faith Groups](#)
- [UNICEF Guide to Partnering with Religious Communities](#)
- [From Commitment to Action](#)

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