

Navigating the Intersection between Faith and Public Health

Acronyms

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AACC:	All Africa Conference of Churches http://www.aacc-ceta.org/
ABC:	<i>abstinence, be faithful and correct and consistent condom use</i>
ACHAP:	Africa Christian Health Associations Platform http://www.africachap.org
ADRA:	Adventist Development and Relief Agency https://adra.org/
AHN:	Anglican Health Network http://www.anglicanhealth.org
AHPSR:	Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research http://www.who.int/alliance-hpsr/en/
AIC:	<i>African initiated church; African independent church</i>
AIDS:	<i>acquired immune deficiency syndrome</i>
ANC:	<i>antenatal care</i>
ANERELA+:	African Network of Religious Leaders Living with or Personally Affected by HIV & AIDS http://inerela.org/
ARDA:	The Association of Religion Data Archives http://www.thearda.com/
ARHAP:	African Religious Health Assets Programme http://www.irhap.uct.ac.za
ART:	<i>anti-retroviral therapy</i>
ARV:	<i>antiretroviral treatment</i>
ASO:	<i>AIDS service organisation</i>
ASSOMESCA:	Oeuvres Médicales des Eglises pour la Santé en Centrafrique
BDOM:	Bureau Diocésain des Oeuvres Médicales (Diocesan Office for Medical Works)
BoD:	<i>burden of disease</i>
BUFMAR:	Bureau des Formations Médicales Agréées de Rwanda [The Office of Church-affiliated Health Facilities in Rwanda]
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CA:	Christian AID http://www.christianaid.org.uk/
CAM:	<i>complementary and alternative medicine</i>
CAPA:	Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa http://www.capa-hq.org/
CBO:	<i>community based organisation</i>
CCAP:	Church of Central Africa Presbyterian
CCCS:	<i>community care coalitions</i>
CCIH:	Christian Connections for International Health http://www.ccih.org/
CCM:	<i>country coordinating mechanism</i>
CCT:	<i>conditional cash transfer</i>
CDC:	United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http://www.cdc.gov/
CHA:	<i>Christian Health Association</i>
CHAK:	Christian Health Association of Kenya http://www.chak.or.ke/fin/
CHAG:	Christian Health Association of Ghana http://www.chag.org.gh/
CHAli:	Christian Health Association of Liberia http://challiberia.org/
CHAlE:	Christian Health Association of Lesotho
CHAM:	Christian Health Association of Malawi http://www.cham.org.mw/
CHAN:	Christian Health Association of Nigeria http://www.channigeria.org/
CHAS:	Christian Health Association of Sudan http://www.chasudan.org/
CHASL:	Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone http://www.chasl.sl/
CHAZ:	Christian Health Association of Zambia http://www.chaz.org.zm/

CHART:	Collaborative for HIV, AIDS, Religion and Theology http://www.chart.ukzn.ac.za/
CHW:	<i>community health worker</i>
CIC:	<i>conseil interconfessionnel de lutte contre le SIDA</i> (Interfaith Council to Fight AIDS)
CMC:	Christian Medical Commission
CNMLS:	<i>conseil national multisectoriel de lutte contre le sida</i>
CORDAID:	Catholic Organization for Relief & Development Aid https://www.cordaid.org/en/
CRS:	Catholic Relief Services http://www.crs.org/
CSG:	<i>community support group</i>
CSO:	<i>civil society organisation</i>
CSS:	<i>community systems strengthening</i>
CSSC:	Christian Social Services Commission (Tanzania) http://www.cssc.or.tz/
CSW:	<i>commercial sex worker</i>
CUAHA:	Churches United Against HIV and AIDS in Southern and Eastern Africa
CWS:	Church World Services http://www.cwsglobal.org
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DATF:	<i>District AIDS Task Force</i>
DCA:	DanChurchAid https://www.danchurchaid.org/
DFID:	Department for International Development https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development
DHO:	<i>District Health Office</i>
DHS:	<i>Demographic Health Survey</i>
DIFAEM:	German Institute for Medical Mission - Deutsches Institut für ärztliche Mission http://www.difaem.de
DOT:	<i>directly observed therapy</i>
DRC:	The Democratic Republic of Congo, République Démocratique du Congo (RDC)
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EAA:	Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance http://www.e-alliance.ch/
ECC-DOM:	Eglise du Christ au Congo, Direction des Oeuvres Médicales (DRC) http://sanru.cd/
EHAIA:	Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Alliance (WCC)
EPN:	Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network http://www.epnetwork.org
FBO:	<i>faith-based organisation</i>
FGD:	<i>focus group discussion</i>
GFTAM:	Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/
GHC:	Global Health Council http://globalhealth.org/
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GIS:	<i>geographic information system</i>
GPS:	<i>global positioning system</i>
GTZ:	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Cooperative Group) http://www.giz.de/de/html/index.html
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HBC:	<i>home-based care</i>
HIC:	<i>high-income country</i>
HIMS:	<i>health information management system</i>
HIS:	<i>health information system</i>
HIV:	<i>human immunodeficiency virus</i>
HRH:	<i>human resources for health</i>
HPSR:	<i>health policy and systems research</i>
HSS:	<i>health systems strengthening</i>
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IAH:	<i>intersectoral action for health</i>
ICCO:	Inter Church Organisation for Development Cooperation (Netherlands) http://www.icco-international.com/int/
ICT:	<i>information and communication technology</i>
IDR:	<i>interdisciplinary problem-focused research</i>
IDS:	<i>interdisciplinary studies</i>
IEC:	<i>information, education and communication</i>
IFDC:	<i>interfaith dialogue and cooperation</i>
IGA:	<i>income generating activities</i>
IHP:	Interfaith Health Program (Emory University) http://www.ihpnet.org

IMA:	IMA World Health https://imaworldhealth.org/
IMCI:	<i>integrated management of childhood illnesses</i>
IMF:	International Monetary Fund http://www.imf.org/external/index.htm
IMR:	<i>infant mortality rate</i>
INGO:	<i>international nongovernmental organisation</i>
IR:	Islamic Relief http://www.islamic-relief.org/
IRCK:	Inter-religious Council of Kenya http://interreligiouscouncil.or.ke/
IRHAP:	International Religious Health Assets Programme http://www.irhap.uct.ac.za
JLIF&LC:	Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities http://jliflc.com/
KAB:	<i>knowledge, attitude, behaviour</i>
KABP:	<i>knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and practices</i>
LMIC:	<i>low- and middle-income country</i>
MDG:	<i>millennium development goals</i>
M&E:	<i>monitoring and evaluation</i>
MEDS:	Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies http://www.meds.or.ke/
MF:	<i>mutual faithfulness</i>
MIAA:	Malawi Interfaith AIDS Association http://www.interfaithaids.mw/
MNCR:	<i>maternal, newborn, child and reproductive health</i>
MOH:	<i>Ministry of Health</i>
MOU:	<i>memorandum of understanding</i>
MTCT:	<i>mother to child transmission</i>
NAC:	<i>National AIDS Commission/Council</i>
NACC:	<i>National AIDS Control Council; National AIDS Coordinating Committee</i>
NCA:	Norwegian Church Aid https://www.kirkensnodhjelp.no/en/
NFBHN:	<i>national faith-based health network</i>
NGO:	<i>non-governmental organisation</i>
NHS:	<i>national health system</i>
OAIC:	Organisation of African Instituted Churches http://www.oaic.org/
OVC:	<i>orphans and vulnerable children</i>
PBF:	<i>performance-based funding/financing</i>
PEPFAR:	President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief http://www.pepfar.gov/
PGIS:	<i>participatory geographic information systems</i>
PHC:	<i>primary health care</i>
PIRHANA:	<i>Participatory Inquiry into Religious Health Assets, Networks and Agency</i>
PLWHA:	<i>person living with HIV/AIDS</i>
PMTCT:	<i>prevention of mother to child transmission</i>
PNFP:	<i>private not for profit</i>
PPP:	<i>public private partnership</i>
QMAM:	Quadria Muslim Association of Malawi
RCC:	<i>Roman Catholic Church</i>
RCB:	<i>religious coordinating body</i>
RE:	<i>religious entity</i>
RHA:	<i>religious health asset</i>
RNGO:	<i>religious nongovernmental organisation</i>
SA:	The Salvation Army (armée du salut) http://web.salvationarmy.org/ihq/www_sa.nsf
SACBC:	South African Catholics Bishops Conference http://www.sacbc.org.za/
SANRU:	Santé Rurale (DRC) http://www.sanru.cd/
SDA:	<i>Seventh-day Adventist</i>
SDG:	<i>Sustainable development goals</i>
SES:	<i>socio-economic status</i>

SSA:	<i>sub-Saharan Africa</i>
SH:	Stakeholder Health http://stakeholderhealth.org/
ST:	<i>systems thinking</i>
STD:	<i>sexually transmitted disease</i>
SU:	Scripture Union
SWAp:	<i>sector-wide approach</i>
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TB:	<i>tuberculosis</i>
TF:	Tearfund http://www.tearfund.org
TB DOTS:	<i>directly observed treatment for Tuberculosis</i>
TBA:	<i>traditional birth attendant</i>
TBFF:	Tony Blair Faith Foundation http://tonyblairfaithfoundation.org/
TOT:	<i>training of trainers</i>
UCMB:	Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau http://www.ucmb.co.ug/
UCT:	University of Cape Town http://www.uct.ac.za/
UMMB:	Uganda Muslim Medical Bureau
UNAIDS:	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (ONUSIDA) http://www.unaids.org/
UNDP:	United Nations Development Programme http://www.undp.org/
UNFPA:	United Nations Population Fund http://www.unfpa.org/
UNGASS:	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
UNICEF:	United Nations Children's Fund http://www.unicef.org/
UPMB:	Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau http://upmb.co.ug/
USAID:	United States Agency for International Development http://www.usaid.gov/
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VCT:	<i>voluntary counselling and testing</i>
WB:	The World Bank http://www.worldbank.org/
WCC:	World Council of Churches http://www.oikoumene.org
WCRP:	World Conference of Religions for Peace http://www.religionsforpeace.org/
WFDD:	World Faiths Development Dialogue http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/wfdd
WHO:	World Health Organisation http://www.who.int/en/
WV:	World Vision http://www.wvi.org/
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YMCA:	Young Men's Christian Association http://www.ymca.int/
YMWA:	Young Women's Christian Association http://www.worldywca.org/
ZACH:	Zimbabwe Association of Church Related Hospitals http://www.zach.org.zw/
ZINGO:	Zambian Inter-faith Interfaith Networking Group on HIV/AIDS http://zambiainterfaithgroup.org/
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