

# JLI GBV Hub members meeting

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# What is the JLI & the GBV Hub?

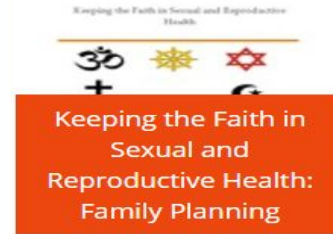
The JLI is a collaboration on evidence for faith groups' contributions to local community health and wellbeing and ending poverty.

## The GBV Hub: launched April 2014

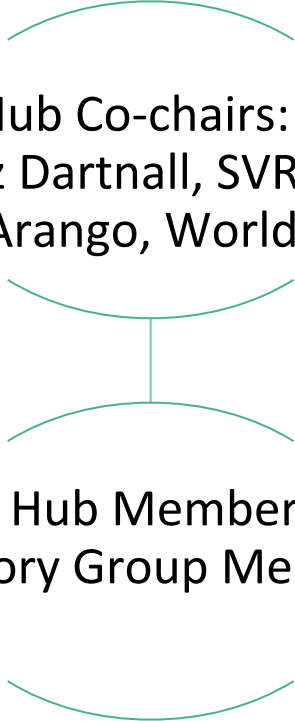
a horizontal learning community linking academics, policy makers and practitioners working on issues of faith and SGBV, with a focus on evidence for faith

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# Hub Structure



Hub Co-chairs:  
Liz Dartnall, SVRI  
Diana Arango, World Bank

80 Hub Members  
9 Advisory Group Members



Hub Secretary  
Prabu Deepan, Tearfund

Hub Secretariat Co-ordinator  
Lucy Gardner

# Survey Monkey results

## Reasons for joining hub:

- a. All responses said that they joined as a way of sharing learning from one another - what are best practices etc.
- b. High number of responses saw it as an opportunity to share knowledge and resources - 90%
- c. Networking opportunity - 72%
- d. “A way of keeping in touch, up to date and engaged in the developments of GBV and faith as well as an opportunity to contribute to the resources and reach to a wider audience”

## Short term goals we want to achieve:

- a. Focussed evidence based research aimed at influencing policy
- b. Ensuring gender is kept visible in FBO work and from this, the contribution of faith to influence policy is kept.
- c. More generally, emphasis on sharing tools and information between organisations for staying up to date with approaches to GBV prevention - what is cutting edge, what is working?
  - i. “Ensuring recommendations of Traditional Practices’ work is used and promoted.
  - ii. Become a well-known trusted source of information for GBV and faith.

# What are the gaps in the field of GBV and faith that we should be addressing?

- a. Ensure that we are addressing different countries' contextual learning as FBO responses are not universal
- b. Mobilising faith leaders:
  - i. to understand the important role that faith and faith leaders can play in GBV response; understanding holistic response
  - ii. to challenge social norms within faith context
  - iii. to develop a **relational partnership** across and within different sectors / faiths.
- c. Increase the use and production of evidence.

## What activities should the hub avoid doing?

- a. Should avoid acting or appearing particularly politically aligned.
- b. Duplication should be avoided - scope, understand and consult with FBOs and other organisations who partner with FBOs
- c. Should not be actively doing research: should focus on facilitating, curating and disseminating research: identifying funding pools and ensuring that best practices are followed in research

## Meetings/ interaction of hub

- **All agree that face to face meetings, newsletter and webinars**
- **Virtual meetings should be held - 55% agreed quarterly, 45% said twice annually.**
- **Participation in activities:** webinars, face to face meetings and online discussions - also mentioned were international conferences such as CSW and SVRI forum.



## Additional comments

- It's important for us to strategise together - therefore there's a need to have regular contact
- Local level research with FBOs have been done - is there room for collaboration with JLI on these?
- There's a need for south south collaboration - is this something we can work towards?
- Need for identifying funding streams for our research.

# Current activities

1. Rewrite of ToR for GBV hub
2. Collaboration between JLI GBV Hub and PaRD GE workstream

Main objectives:

- Align common evidence interests to inform specific research and evidence activities and outputs by Spring 2019
  - Summary report of existing literature
  - Webinar to discuss research gaps and research agenda
- Following the completion of the synthesis report, JLI/ PaRD will further develop a work plan around additional evidence activities including completion of a joint research agenda.

# SVRI recommendations

## 1. Sharing research:

- Synthesise existing research from individual organisations, and share more proactively e.g. media articles, policy papers etc as well as academic papers.
- Categorise these by subject e.g. FGM/C etc so relevant information easier to find
- How research linking with implementation? (a gap-ties to collaboration)

## 2. Collaboration

- More proactive with opportunities to collaborate e.g. highlight upcoming research projects, or potential consortium calls, inviting input into ongoing research, etc.
- More opportunities highlighted/created for vertical engagement e.g. with policy makers

## 3. Resourcing

- Writing/promoting guidelines on how to engage with faith communities/academics on SGBV and share good practices, capacity-building tips to bridge this gap.
- Build research capacity for Global South

## 4. Research Uptake

- Louder voice/increase presence not limited to academics & NGOs in JLI but use social media etc to share our findings/research more widely
- Essential have more representation & engagement from other faiths (not Christian/Muslim) & Global South Academics/NGOs-make a concerted effort to identify & link with these
  - e.g regional hub model?
- Make space for intersectionality & marginalised voices e.g. LGBTQI voices

# Possible Workplan for JLI GBV Hub

- Develop a strategic plan.
- Hub to develop recommendations for academics and others on working with the faith sector around GBV.
- Continue to share tools and information for delivering best practice and research.
- Promote interfaith dialogue through different mechanisms, including online discussions and at key events such as the SVRI Forum.
- Disseminate knowledge of funding opportunities
- Hold a series of webinars on topical issues identified by the membership
- Members present their own work through webinars and through the GBV hub updates/website.
- PARD.
- Other ideas? Thoughts?

# Questions Raised During Presentation

- Advisory group - who should sit on that? How should this be selected
- Creating a slide deck for hub members to use in conferences and promote the work of hub members
- How do we build the capacity of those who are meant to implement our research findings. Not just policy makers, but faith leaders and faith communities as well
- How do we measure our capacity building efforts in a rigorous way? Third Party evaluation. Collaboration
- How do we build the evidence base using the current ongoing work (not taxing research)
- Intra- faith relationships

# Survey Discussion

- Learn from adaptation and replication across faiths - how do we keep fidelity of interventions?
- Database of sermon seeds and smaller communities of practice with those working on similar issues
- Research agenda?
- We all have to reach out and make the south south partnership
- How are we influencing policy makers and donors?
- Peer review process - guiding principles and criteria for placing studies and resources on the website
- Budget for communication
- Collect social media handles and sites
- Mapping/Inventory of expertise

# Next steps

- The suggested workplan was discussed and it was agreed that this is a good starting point.
- In addition, through the discussions throughout the meeting, three broad themes were identified to target action points and strengthen our identity / purpose as a hub.

These three themes are:

- 1. Sharing knowledge and learning**
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- 2. Distilling best practices and information on GBV and faith**

# 1. Sharing knowledge and learning

- All members to be proactive in sharing resources and learnings (ongoing).
  - This can be done through [this link on JLI website](#)
- Mapping / inventory of expertise within the hub required: will help determine who is appropriate to lead in different parts of the workplan.
  - GBV Hub coordinator to begin this exercise.
  - Members directory [available here](#) to all registered members
- Working group to collate a database of sermon seeds
  - A couple of members at the meeting were happy to begin this
- *Islamic Relief* - 'Channels of Hope', scriptural reasoning resources to be shared with Hub Coordinator.
- Smaller communities of practice for those working on similar issues
  - Members can do this through looking on the JLI members directory
  - Once there the mapping of expertise has been finalised, members can use this as an aid to build communities of practice as well.



## 2. Communications / networking

- GBV Hub Coordinator to create GBV Hub slide deck for hub members to access and use at conferences.
- Keep track of relevant global conferences: can be accessed through JLI central site [here](#)
- Consensus that it would be good to create a culture of celebrating wins and sharing difficult learnings/challenges through a combination of virtual discussions and webinars
  - Requires members to be proactive in raising questions/points for virtual discussion
- *Side By Side* - infographic template/guide/examples to be shared with Hub Coordinator
- SVRI 2019 - Hub should convene at the conference.
  - Call for abstracts: deadline is 20th January 2019
  - Secretary/Coordinator to look into getting a booth for the hub at the conference.
- CSW March 2019 - Convene as a hub; opportunity to share PaRD literature review summary

# Distilling best practices and information on GBV and faith

- There's a need for a peer review process/guiding principles for research which is disseminated through the hub.
  - Secretary/Coordinator to send out a call for members interested in creating a working group around this
- Bridging gap between academics and FBOs through a recommendations document gathered by hub members
  - *Emma Bridger* to reach out to contact at Leeds University as a first step
- Evidencing effectiveness of work with faith leaders needs to be stronger in the sector: further discussions on M&E to follow in future meetings.
- PaRD partnership will help to:
  - Distill and disseminate existing evidence interests
  - Identify gaps and make recommendations