

INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVE: ROLE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATION

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Religions for Peace Mission

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Religions for Peace advances common action among the world's religious communities for peace.



Religions for Peace Global Network: World Map

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Active in more than 90 countries, in six regions, and on the global level.



Africa | Asia | Europe | Latin America & the Caribbean | Middle East/North Africa | North America

Assets of Religious Communities

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Each religious community has assets for promoting health:

- Spiritual
- Moral
- Social



Power of Multi-religious Cooperation

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Multi-religious cooperation provides added values:

- Transforms discord
- Aligns community around common challenges
- Highlights complementary strengths
- Offers efficiencies
- Facilitates public partnerships



Methods for Common Action

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- Analyze problem to determine needed problem-solving roles
- Inventory religious assets
- Match religious assets with problem-solving roles
- Define roles for religious leaders and communities
- Equip and build capacity of religious communities to act together
- Mobilize common action to address the problem

Approach Multi-religious Action

		Education	Change Attitudes & Behavior	Advocacy	Service Delivery
Believers	A C T O R S				
Temples/Mosques/Churches					
Local Women/Youth Groups					
Districts of Temples/Mosques/Churches					
National Women/Youth Groups					
National Council of Imams					
National Denominations					
National Councils					
Regional Religious Associations					
International Religious Bodies/Associations					

Multi-religious Framework for Action

Problem/ Challenge	Needed Roles & Interventions		Religious Assets	Religious Actors
New Born Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	Intra-religious At local, national, regional and international levels	Spiritual Assets	Senior religious leaders
Infant and Young Child Feeding				Religious Practitioners
Immunization	<input type="checkbox"/> Awareness raising/Change attitude, behavior & practices	Inter-religious At local, national, regional and international levels	Moral Assets	Religious scholars
PMTCT				Women's groups
Malaria	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy for the adoption & implementation of laws	Multi-stakeholder partnership (Governments, Inter-governmental bodies, civil society organizations and religious communities)	Spiritual Assets	Youth groups
Common Childhood Illnesses and Severe Acute Malnutrition				Faith-based NGOs

Philippines: Multi-religious Action



A universal system of birth registration is critical to prevent harmful practices and to effectively ensure children are not invisible and get the required needed services for their survival and growth.

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Liberia: Multi-religious Actions

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Strengthening Child Protection Mechanisms and Systems to Prevent and Respond to Violence and Abuse against Children in Liberia

- ❑ Increase in school retention rates among girls;
- ❑ Decrease in teenage pregnancies;
- ❑ Reduction in commercial sex involving teenage girls and mothers;
- ❑ Increase in parents and communities reporting rape cases to the police and relevant authorities;
- ❑ Increase in the demand for birth registration for children; and
- ❑ No reported cases of children entering orphanages in 2013



600 mothers and young women trained on Ten Promises to Our Children among the vulnerable communities in surrounding Yangon

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Kenya: Multi-religious Action



Religious leaders are working to reduce violence associated with rites of passage that perpetuate inter-ethnic conflict among the five major tribes located in Isiolo.

UNICEF and the *Religions for Peace* Inter-religious Council of Kenya have engaged over 400 religious leaders, tribal elders, women, and youth who are now at work in their communities advocating for alternative rites of passage.

Kenya: Multi-religious Action

Faith for Life Initiative

- ❑ The Congregational model initiative used by F4L project enables IRCK to reach religious leaders at all levels. (international, national ,grass-root and congregational members). This was evident during the F4L conference and reports received from various implementing congregations
- ❑ The use of the religious leaders and the pulpit to disseminate F4L messages is a powerful tool for information sharing as RL have extensive network and grassroots reach
- ❑ F4L empowers religious leaders and their faith communities in maternal and child survival and development.
- ❑ F4L mobilizes faith communities to disseminate and use the materials and processes developed
- ❑ F4L has enabled faith communities and religious leaders to share nationally and internationally the Faith for Life materials and processes. This has led to faith communities taking action on Maternal and Child health issues internationally.

