

# Faith to Action Network: Partners in Progress

2019 - 2020





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## Addressing the Need

Modern contraceptive use remains a cost effective strategy to reduce maternal mortality and avert unintended pregnancies yet, in the remote areas of Qicha and Qiltipe, has been a pipe dream. With Faith to Action Network Desip project support, health care workers bring medicine and public health information to the remotest areas by donkey, which has increased indicators for immunization and family planning.

*Through the hills and valleys in delivery of health services to poor rural women  
A story of Qiicha & Qiltipe, Uran, Moyale Sub-County in Marsabit County*

Scaling up the hill, a donkey leads the way for health care workers headed to offer health services at Qicha.

# Introductory Letter

2020 represents almost a decade since Faith to Action Network was established. Thanks to generous donors, we have grown financially, and this has enabled us to grow geographically, technically, in partnerships and in thematic priorities. The 2020 Covid pandemic shifted our work from physical to virtual meetings, travel restrictions and keeping distance. These measures affected our plans, but we have achieved great outcomes through consultation with partners, adaptation and innovation.

We owe a great debt of thanks to our supporters, all those who contribute their time, knowledge, expertise and funding. We register our sincere appreciation to:



- **Our Members:** Spread across four continents and representing Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu and Muslim faiths, their rich diversity has offered immense opportunities to learn, share experiences and work together.
- **Our major donors:** the governments of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom; Population Action International; Amplify Change; Children's Investment Fund Foundation; the European Union.
- **Our Steering Council Members:** Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, Al-Azhar University, Muhammadiyah, Cordaid, African Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace, and Christian Connections for International Health. Their policy oversight and guidance has set a foundation deeply rooted in compliance and innovation.
- **Our partners:** ACT Ubumbano, AMREF, Brot für die Welt, DSW, EANNASO, Equality Now, FP2030, Health Rights International, IPPF, Mensen met een Missie, Partners in Sexual Health, Population Reference Bureau, PS Kenya, Search for Common Ground, Tearfund, KIT, VSO, World YWCA.

Faith to Action Network staff: they have done fantastic work under challenging circumstances and drove the implementation of diverse interventions.

Future plans include putting into action our "Joint Initiative for Strategic Religious Action" to advance freedom of religion and belief in Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria and Uganda. Over the past 2 years, we have co-created this programme with 45 faith organisations to strengthen the voice of religious actors in civil society and in nurturing civic space; and leveraging religious actors' constructive role in national and regional advocacy. Our "Young Women for Awareness, Agency, Advocacy & Accountability" programme will promote young women's rights to dignity, bodily integrity and equal participation in decision-making in Egypt, Kenya, Palestine and South Sudan by partnering with community actors and faith organisations to shift social norms and practices. Of course, we will continue our family planning service delivery work in Kenya, and advocate for the East African Community's new SRHR bill. Last but not least, we will host faith-based consultations on women's rights and gender equality. We are very excited about what lies ahead and have great faith in the network to achieve tremendous outcomes!

This inaugural annual report shines the light on our top 2019-2020 accomplishments. For more detail, please go directly to our website. If you would like to engage more directly with our work, please contact the Faith to Action Network team.

With thanks,  
Peter K. Munene  
Chief Executive Officer

## Who are we?

The Faith to Action Network is a global interfaith network of 110 Bahai, Buddhist, Christian, Confucian, Hindu and Muslim faith organizations. Our members represent a tremendous reach across the world: faith institutions, local and national faith-affiliated organizations, and both national and international networks.



### Mission

Faith to Action Network mobilizes faith organizations' support for family health and wellbeing. We focus on issues that faith actors are grappling with, including sexual and reproductive health and rights; gender equality and women's rights; pluralism and peaceful coexistence.

### Our Approach

We combine innovative, evidence- and faith-backed community-based programming with national, regional and international dialogue and advocacy to influence change at all levels. We meet international standards of quality and accountability and ensure the relevance of our interventions to the everyday lives of faith communities.



# We promote:



## Our Global Impact – 2019-2020

The Faith to Action Network growth in 2019-2020 – in partners, geographical reach, income and staff – enabled many achievements.

- **We strengthened the capacity of:**
  - 34 faith organizations to formulate and implement advocacy strategies to advance women's rights
  - 37 faith organizations to implement interfaith projects to promote peaceful coexistence
  - 117 faith-based facilities, 35 Community Based Distributors and 219 Community Health volunteers to provide family planning services
- **We contributed to institutional change** within 23 faith organizations towards enhanced gender equality and women's rights as well as sexual and reproductive health and rights
- **We helped broker an interfaith declaration** on family health and well-being in Sud Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- **We reached:**
  - 5,491 people directly through sermons in mosques and churches and 16.4 million indirectly through radio messages on family planning in DRC
  - 15,678 women and men with information on family planning through faith platforms in Kenya
- **We sensitized and trained more than 5,500 faith leaders and 18,200 community members** on women's rights and gender equality in eSwatini, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia
- **We contributed to 17 policy changes on SRHR and women's rights**
- **We participated in 9 governmental and inter-governmental** policy consultations regarding the role of religion and SRH and women's rights
- **We organized 9 pan-African and global interfaith dialogues and meetings**
- **We authored 4 research studies and 4 policy briefs**
- **We implemented 2 demonstration projects in Kenya**, providing family planning services to 132,550 women and brokering a consensus around age-appropriate sexuality education in Kenya.
- **With our support, 12 faith organizations from seven countries** in Southern African jointly developed 3 interfaith briefs on SRHR, ending GBV and teenage pregnancies
- **We re-granted € 1,433,947 to 27 faith organizations.**

***"We recall that human dignity is rooted in our sacred texts. We are 'created in God's image', according to the Bible (Genesis 1, 26-27), and "in the best of stature", according to the Qur'an (Quran 95:4). Realising and protecting human dignity, its fulfilment and wellbeing is at the heart of our missions.***

***We recognise that health is a blessing from God. We conceive health as holistic, including physical, emotional, spiritual, and social wellbeing. Birth spacing and reproductive health contribute to family health and well-being, and thus protect human dignity. In addition, our faith encourages all people, including adolescents and young people, to acquire knowledge that they need to live a full life (Qur'an, 58:11; Hosea 4:6)."***

***All holy books clearly support the notion of responsible parenthood and birth spacing (Quran 2: 233; Bible – 1 Timothy 5:8), which can only be achieved if the number of children is correlated with the financial means available."***

***Interfaith declaration in support of family health and wellbeing, Sud Kivu***



## Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights



*A Healthcare worker registering a mother and her child who have come for services provided through an integrated outreach. Services offered include Family planning and child health services.*

**Bringing access to the last mile:** Between 2019 and 2020, the Faith to Action Network DESIP project has increased access to family planning services and reached 132,550 women of reproductive age with family planning services in Kenya's poorest, fragile and conflict affected counties achieving 143,425 Couple Years of Protection (CYP). Our faith-based work has resulted in an increase of 80% in the number of women accessing health facilities due to the Faith to Action Network strategy.

*Source: Kenya Data Health Management System*

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***"Faith to Action Network has increased women and girls' access to family planning services, and we have data to prove it"***

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**Increasing knowledge:** Faith to Action Network built the capacity of 117 faith-based health facilities in Kenya to improve service delivery on family planning services by training health workers on Long Acting and Reversible Contraceptives (LARC), social inclusion and disability inclusion and offering structured mentorship on commodity management and youth-friendly services.

Faith to Action Network increased access to services of marginalized hardest-to-reach communities. It supported 35 Community Based Distributors and 219 Community Health volunteers through trainings on family planning basic information and counselling for continuation at community level. It organized 2,215 outreaches in 2 years.

It has sensitized community members through peer education in youth groups, household visits, sermons and dialogues in places of worship, cultural institutions, radio stations and in schools/ madrassas, increasing religious and cultural acceptance and demand for family planning services.





*A Faith leader providing Family planning information through a radio session while clarifying scriptures to promote Family planning uptake.*

**Building evidence:** To close data gaps on faith organisations' service provision, the Faith to Action Network conducted the WHO-SARA Assessment to identify gaps at facility level and improved data reporting into the Kenya DHIS system through technical assistance and county engagement. The Faith to Action Network built the capacity of 117 health facilities in Kenya to improve data quality for better identification of emerging community needs, commodity security and supply chain management.



*Faith delegation meets East African Legislative Assembly to discuss EAC SRHR bill, May 2019, Arusha*

**Improving regional policies:** The status of family planning in the East African Community (EAC) region is set to improve considerably now that the EAC Secretariat, East African Legislative Assembly (EALA), civil society and faith actors are all working in unison to establish a regional SRHR law. Throughout 2019 and 2020, the Faith to Action Network supported faith actors in the EAC to engage in development of the regional SRHR legislation. As a result, EALA and EAC stepped up their priority for establishing the regional law on SRHR. Faith to Action Network increased dialogue to seek common perspectives on contested issues and promote the regional law on SRHR.



**Interfaith learning and action** for family planning and reproductive health: Five faiths – Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ, Council of Muslims and Seventh Day Adventists – participated in a week-long Learning Caravan for learning, dialogues, advocacy and interfaith actions culminating in a published declaration in support of family planning and reproductive health. Participants committed to leverage their faith institutions and platforms to demonstrate institutional support for the issues. By end of 2020, the Learning Caravan had disseminated the declaration to 5,491 people directly through sermons in mosques and churches and 16.4 million indirectly through radio messages. FP messages were integrated into routine catechism, pastoral work, women, youth and fathers' programs and routine pre-marital counselling.



**Age-appropriate sexuality education:** The Faith to Action Network mapped and assessed curricula that Kenyan faith organizations use to provide adolescents and youth sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services. It also surveyed faith leaders' opinions on sexuality education. Series of intra-faith and inter-faith dialogues brought faith organizations together to reach consensus that adolescents and youth must have access to age-appropriate information. On this basis, the Scripture Union of Kenya enhanced its content on human sexuality in its curriculum of pastoral instructions (PPI) which are offered once a week in protestant primary schools. Organization of African Instituted Churches reached a consensus to support age-appropriate education through a resolution to its executive committee and elders meeting. The All Africa Conference of Churches committed to support age appropriate sexuality education during the Nairobi Summit on ICPD + 25.

Key concepts	Level of Achievement			
	5 - 8 years	9- 12 years	12 - 15 years	15 - 18+ years
Relationships	34%	10%	8%	0%
Values, Rights, Culture & Sexuality	55%	0%	0%	0%
Understanding Gender	0%	0%	0%	0%
Violence & Staying Safe	16%	12%	6%	3%
Skills for Health & Well-being	61%	24%	0%	0%
The Human Body & Development	6%	0%	0%	0%
Sexuality & Sexual Behaviour	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sexual & Reproductive Health	0%	0%	0%	0%

*Faith to Action Network assessment of faith-based sexuality education criteria*

## Gender Equality and Women's Rights

**Advocacy.** As a key partner in the State of the African Woman Campaign, the Faith to Action Network mobilized and activated 30 faith organisations' advocacy for women's rights in Africa. 245 faith and cultural leaders actively promoted gender equality and women's rights at all levels, helping develop 14 institutional policies, 17 public policies, and four social norm changes. This advocacy started with mapping of key power holders to analyse power relationships. The State of the African Woman Report systematically explored how women's rights get implemented in practice and the challenges that civil society face in mediating between duty-bearers and rights-holders.

### Advocacy capacity strengthening:

The Faith to Action network has mapped the advocacy capacities of 34 faith institutions and their leaders to identify training needs and develop content. It offered advocacy trainings, technical assistance and experiential learning on various advocacy components, such as strategy formulation, advocacy skills, and ensuring organizational commitment and vitality. For example, it helped the Elders from the Miji Kenda community, the National Independent Churches of Africa (NICA), Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC Kenya), Association of Member Episcopal Conferences of Eastern and Central Africa (AMECEA), Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) and All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and Tanzania's Supreme Council of Muslims (BAKWATA) to develop and issue internal institutional policies and implement actions that advance gender equality and women's rights.







*Campaign to Re-institute the Traditional Court for Mijikenda Communities in Kenya*



## Action-oriented dialogues:

The Faith to Action Network in collaboration with ACT Ubumbano facilitated a series of interfaith dialogues on women's rights and gender equality. 12 faith organisations from seven countries in Southern African countries declared "We can no longer be silent as we are called to uphold human dignity for all creation." Coming from Bahai, Christian, Muslim and Traditionalist faiths, they developed three Interfaith brief on sexual and reproductive health and rights; Interfaith brief on gender based violence; and Interfaith brief on teenage pregnancy. They also identified opportunities in engaging more effectively within their faith communities. Faith to Action Network supported their action plans through micro-grants and technical assistance, contributing to many powerful results



The Faith to Action Network facilitated dialogue in the Southern Africa region produced many powerful results:

**Mozambique Council of Churches** - Mozambique collaborated with Fellowship of Christian Councils in East and Southern Africa on a faith leaders' workshop on LGBTI and minority rights, including discussion on access to health services. Another workshop aimed at planning and coordinating gatherings after church service for sessions to sensitize young people and adolescents on LGBTI.

**Zambia Network Of Religious Leaders Living With Or Personally Affected By HIV and AIDS (ZANERELA+)**. Using the three Faith to Action Network interfaith briefs, ZANERELA met three faith leaders from the Bishop's Council to discuss SRHR in faith spaces. ZANERELA shared the briefs with UNESCO, UNFPA and Traditional affairs ministry and trained 30 religious' leaders on the interfaith brief topics.

**Fatima Zahra Women's Organization – Zimbabwe**. The Supreme Council of Zimbabwe and Ahlul-bayt Islamic Guidance Council of Zimbabwe have formally agreed to advise and support Fatima Zahra Women's Organization on SRHR, whose workshops strengthened 55 Muslim women leaders' understanding of SRHR from a religious, legal and medical perspective.

**Baha 'I Community of South Africa (BOPA)** – South Africa's clinic sensitized community members on SRHR, GBV and teenage pregnancy. It is reviewing policy to ensure community responsiveness; and began planning sexual health issues as a public project.





*Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust at 'No Longer Silent' Campaign to end SGBV*

**Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust (AWET)** - Zimbabwe sensitized 45 Apostolic groupings in 3 districts and 9 wards on the importance of having church policies to address GBV, SRHR, and teenage pregnancy. Dialogue identified values in Apostolic churches that perpetuate GBV. It generated Apostolic agreement on and commitment to advocating for church policies to prevent GBV. AWET has led creation of safe spaces where women and adolescent girls can talk about sexual reproductive health.



**Anglican Diocese of Natal – South Africa** met with Vicar General to advocate for an action plan to prevent and address GBV. 8 women leaders met the Archbishop on Facebook Live about the patriarchal drivers of GBV in the Anglican Church with 30+ participants. The Gender Ministry met 17 participants and organized a workshop with 25 participants to agree on actions to prevent GBV. A draft Diocesan Position Paper will frame the new gender ministry team's roles and Safe Church cases. The Gender Ministry Coordinator developed contextual Bible studies on GBV. They held 13 contextual bible studies on GBV, with 50-80 participants on average coming from women and men clergy and congregational groups. Youth from one archdeaconry have begun work on a video that shares the Diocese's position on GBV through a narrative story, to publicize the Diocese's GBV position and complaint processes to access justice and/or support. The Vicar General's call to action condemning domestic and gender-based violence was published through multiple channels. The Diocese of Natal Advent and Resource Pack was revised to address GBV and sent to all Diocesan Clergy and the Archbishop's office for wider circulation. Legal advice and strategic support was provided to the Province's new Safe Church Protocols and the Synod of Bishops ground-breaking Statement on GBV. It initiated discussions to establish a hotline USSD-based free GBV reporting and information service. All Anglican dioceses in Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Saint Helena, South Africa and eSwatini are now required to appoint a gender officer or task team. All provinces will organize a "season" focused on GBV with readings, prayers, liturgical materials, sermon outlines and materials for small group bible studies. They have committed to making liturgy gender inclusive and requested the Anglican Theological Commission to eliminate harmful doctrines, beliefs and practices. They spoke on GBV at the Anglicans Ablaze conference 2020 that reached over 9000 Southern Africans through social media discussion.



*Interfaith dialogues to advance women's rights in the SADC region, Johannesburg, September 2019*

**Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission (BSHDC)** – Malawi carried out a gap analysis of its SRHR policy and identified strategies, recommending that the church should collaborate with the Ministry of Health and other NGOs to increase adolescents and young people’s access to SRHR information and services. Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission (BSHDC) hosted two meetings to review their SRHR policy with senior leaders representing the units of Health, Education, clergy, women, children, youth. Senior leadership provisionally approved the new SRHR policy, which has been published and is being institutionalized through training in congregations.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Africa - eSwatini** leadership has committed to at least 40% women representation in all councils from congregations to churchwide level; acknowledged the need for more work with faith leaders to better support survivors. After participating in the training, Bishop Zwane of the Swaziland Council of Churches supported expanding SRHR trainings for faith leaders. ELCSA organized and facilitated a faith leaders survivor accompaniment project acclaimed by President Cyril Ramaphosa as good practice; organized online talks with faith leaders, survivors and “rehabilitated” GBV perpetrators; trained 26 faith leaders (Parish Pastors, Vicars, Dean, Bishop, Parish Councils Representatives) from 6 parishes in eSwatini on adolescent SRHR; decided on joint faith leader / parish council dissemination of SRHR information during church/leagues meetings and events. The interfaith advocacy briefs were discussed with ELCSA HIV/AIDS Coordinator and Bishop Absalom Mnisi at the eSwatini Church Forum, who presented them at the Council of Churches in Swaziland. ELCSA plans to develop a gender policy based on the Interfaith Briefs.



*Interfaith dialogues to advance women’s rights in the SADC region, Johannesburg, September 2019*



## Pluralism and Peaceful Coexistence

**Faith to Action Network has improved interfaith understanding and peaceful coexistence among 17,580 youth through direct interventions and 1,054,123 people through new and traditional media.**

When religious leaders work together, they exert powerful influence on leaders and communities and promote tolerance, pluralism, cultural diversity and peaceful co-existence. The Faith to Action Network, the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, the African Council of Religious Leaders-Religion for Peace, and the All Africa Conference of Churches initiated the Communities Richer in Diversity project which aims to leverage the influence of faith leaders and institutions in Burundi, Egypt, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania. This work has had a tremendous impact on peaceful coexistence in project areas. Illustratively, in Yumbe town council and Kululu sub-county, Uganda, youth who engaged with neighbors from another religion increased by 142% and their knowledge about another religion increased dramatically from almost 0 to 73%. 28% more youth had formed friendships with others from other religions, and 47% more youth respected others from other religions.



*Training of Trainers in peaceful coexistence, Yumbe Town, October 2018*



*Interfaith pantomime sessions at Anglican Diocese of Egypt, Cairo*

**The Anglican Diocese of Egypt** employs creative arts such as drumming and pantomime to prevent religious radicalization. Its activities seek to improve inter-religious relations, increase resilience of youth to radicalization and violent extremism, and increase knowledge about commonalities and differences between religious groups.

The **Inter-religious Council of Burundi** uses a “peacebuilding from below” approach. It promotes religious and ethnic tolerance and collaboration between faith communities with a view to fostering peaceful co-existence within local communities in Muyinga, Rumonge, Bujumbura Rural and Bujumbura Mairie. The **Evangelical Alliance of South Sudan/PACWA** uses a “peacebuilding from below” approach to reduce conflict and promote peaceful coexistence. It strives to strengthen community peace structures and improve intra- and inter-faith collaborations.

The **Kenya Muslim Youth Alliance** uses a “learning circles” model to reduce radicalization and violent extremism in Mombasa and Kilifi counties. It promotes interreligious cooperation and cultural diversity, peaceful coexistence, and tolerance of diversity through youth-led interfaith dialogues. **Uganda Joint Christian Council** and **Muslim Centre for Justice and Law** apply edutainment tools to address a local conflict between Muslims and Christians. It promotes tolerance and peaceful co-existence among youths and contributes towards reduction of faith and ethnic conflicts in the region.



## Movement Building

The Faith to Action Network works to increase coordination and cohesion among interfaith initiatives by creating and participating in international civic dialogue, research and strengthening organizations' capacity. Its philosophy and methodology for engagement and practice recognizes that language matters, who speaks matters, and how things are said matters.

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**Don't judge • All opinions are valid • Envision shared futures • Be Brave**

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The Faith to Action Network promotes interfaith leadership on its thematic priorities in international conferences.

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The January 2019 **"Keep Girls in School"** conference hosted by the Sultan of Sokoto and the Kingdom of Buganda, which brought together influential traditional and religious leaders from 22 African countries to seek solutions to keeping girls in school. The Faith to Action Network assisted faith leaders to develop action plans to ensuring all girls in their constituencies remain and complete at least twelve years of education.







At the November 2019 INSPIRE conference, the Faith to Action Network hosted an interfaith panel discussion on best practices in reaching out to religious actors to advance SRHR.

### Fighting Domestic Violence against Women in the Egyptian Community

Aug 2019 by IMC

#### Introduction

Knowing that the family is the corner stone of society which is responsible for keeping the wellness and stability inside the community and spreading peace culture to new generations, the project is aiming to fight domestic violence against women especially in the area of harmful practice such as physical abuse, psychological abuse, early marriage and FGM.

Fighting domestic violence against women project is implemented by Ibrahim Mada Center for Research in Alexandria - Egypt, starting from May 2018 till June 2020. We are working with 3 local partners in Alexandria with a prior experience in supporting domestic violence survivors and women empowerment. They had discussions on how IMC can complement the work that is already being done, and how they could use their knowledge and assets to fill the gap.



#### Results

- 360 women and 180 men increased knowledge with respect to reducing violence and abuse for women inside the family. They changed their attitude of violence and discover other ways of communications through attending awareness sessions.
- 3 CG organizations develop meetings places for violated women to acquire workshops and trainings where they can make decisions with other duty bearers and stakeholders to improve their status.
- 15 media talk shows containing drama clips aiming to eliminate violence against women to be broadcasting on TV, Facebook and YouTube channels.
- Advocacy activity should rise from the right holders themselves after needs assessment. They are going to analyse their needs and advocate according to these needs.
- 32 lawyers have increased the information they provide to the public with respect to democratic culture and governance through delivering awareness sessions about women's rights in the Egyptian laws.
- 360 women 180 men raise awareness with respect to violence and abuse towards women and girls inside the family through taking awareness sessions about the effects of harmful practices as FGM and early marriage.
- 50 religious leaders (50% Muslims and 50% Christians) increased the information they provide to the public with respect to gender equality through awareness sessions by offering a regular monthly meeting for consultation.

#### Research Methods

**Research:** Gathering data from international website as <https://egypt.unwomen.org/en> and [https://www.unicef.org/egypt/country/egypt\\_statistics.html](https://www.unicef.org/egypt/country/egypt_statistics.html) also from local websites and news articles.

**Interviews:** We have applied 8 main interviews with the head of women department at "Caretas organization", head of "National council of women" and the head of department at "UN-Women" in Egypt.

**Focus groups:** Group of interacting individuals having some common interest brought together by a moderator who uses the group and its interaction as a way to gain information about forms of violence that the Egyptian women face in the community, in a focus group discussion, people, in general from different backgrounds (e.g., mothers, young married women, lawyers, social activists, etc.), are brought together to discuss domestic violence problem.

**Field work:** Collections of stories told by members of civil society organizations and some members from the target group and it is in a form of oral information collection which is may not be documented in formal records.

**Questionnaire:** This questionnaire had applied among 90 women (77 married women) in 3 different areas in Alexandria and results as follow:

Question	Yes	No	%
Are you facing risks in general?	84	6	93
Are you suffering from physical abuse inside your family?	53	38	58
Are you suffering from verbal/emotional abuse inside your family?	77	13	85
Are you suffering from economic abuse inside your family?	86	4	96
Are you suffering from sexual abuse as harassment inside the family?	54	36	60
Are you used to work when you aren't young (child labour)?	29	61	32
Did you marry under 18 years old (13 years maximum)?	31	59	34
Did you face any harmful cultural practices as FGM?	83	17	83

#### Conclusion and recommendations

The project is working with right holders and duty-bearers together on 3 different levels (individual level – CG level – institutional level) to reduce the gap that has been seen from the results presented.

Follow-up will regularly be made by the project personnel during supervision and discussions with target groups will be continuously taking place.

Reports on the changes occurring for each indicator will be recorded and presented during annual and final reports to be used in monitoring and evaluation as well as being an input for baseline studies of upcoming future projects.



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In August 2019, we hosted our annual convention enabling our member organizations to exchange experiences, coordinate advocacy actions and celebrate achievements, while expressing solidarity with challenging experiences. It blended plenary discussions, workshops, networking events, poster presentations and panel discussions.

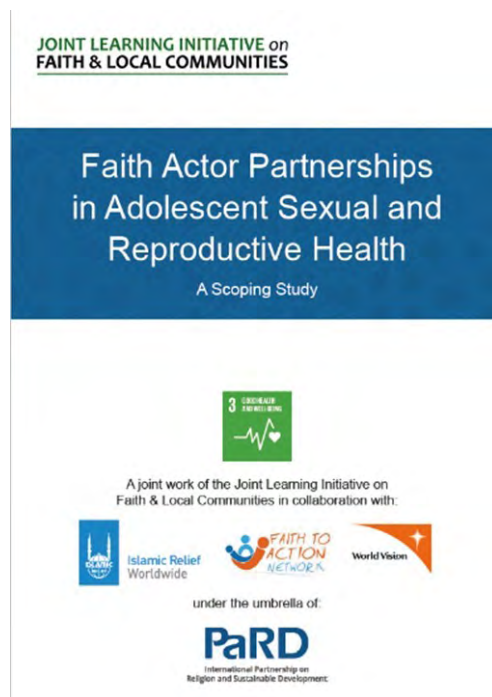
FP2030, World Vision and Faith to Action Network co-authored a brief and facilitated a workshop involving international NGOs, universities and donor agencies on how secular FP2020 partners can more effectively engage with the faith community and faith organizations.

**Government dialogue.** The Faith to Action Network actively promotes dialogue with governments and multilaterals. During 2019-2020, the Network has organized faith participation in meetings organized by the European Commission, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and German Foreign Affairs Office, and the Swedish International Development Agency.

At the 2019 UN Commission on Population and Development, a delegation of Network members including the Church of Sweden, Catholics For Reproductive Health, Anglican Diocese of Mityana, the Salvation Army Zambia, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and the All Africa Conference of Churches supported the Reverend Dr. Lydia Mwaniki, Director of the department of Theology, Family Life and Gender Justice, to urge governments “to engage in dialogues that move away from polarization and towards collaboration, and to ensure adequate resources to achieve the (ICPD) Programme of Action.”

Together with the **Joint Learning Initiative, Islamic Relief Worldwide, World Vision and Partnership on Religion and Development, the Faith to Action Network** published the Faith Actor Partnerships in adolescent sexual and reproductive health, whose main findings show why, how and to what extent faith, governmental, and intergovernmental actors should partner on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and urge more nuanced understanding from all sides.

In June 2020, Faith to Action Network facilitated a briefing with the **Permanent Representations of Finland, Portugal, Latvia and Germany on faith and SRHR**, with technical assistance on faith-based arguments in support of SRHR and how to address sensitive issues in the framework of EU policy making processes: Re-structuring of EU-Africa relations, re-structuring of EU- Africa, Caribbean, Pacific relations, the Future EU budget up to 2027, with a new European Parliament and new Commissioners.



*German government dialogues with civil society on SRHR, Berlin, February 2019*



## Get involved!

### Become a partner

Faith to Action Network knows that we cannot solve the world's most pressing problems alone. Strong partnerships—with faith organisations, civil society organisations, aid agencies, corporations, foundations, governments, and local organizations—are key to creating a world where people live healthy, peaceful, quality lives. From Uganda to the Philippines, we have developed strong partnerships to tackle issues that faith actors are grappling with, including sexual and reproductive health and rights; gender equality and women's rights; pluralism and understanding. To learn more, [click here](#)



*Dialogue on religion and family planning, Interfaith Caravan, Bukavu, November 2019*

### Become a member

Join our work to mobilize faith organizations' support for family health and wellbeing. Engage with people who matter. Be part of a strong community for networking, dialogue, sharing, learning and partnership. Access technical and financial resources. Raise your voice and be heard through representation in national, regional and international decision-making processes. To learn more, [click here](#)



*Scholars from Al Azhar University meet Muslim faith leaders in Bukavu, November 2019*



## Find us at an event

Faith to Action Network values learning and sharing as a central part of our work. We host, attend, and present at countless events, conferences, workshops and trainings throughout the year. Watch for upcoming events, by clicking [here](#).



*Faith to Action Network Annual Convention, Nairobi, August 2019*



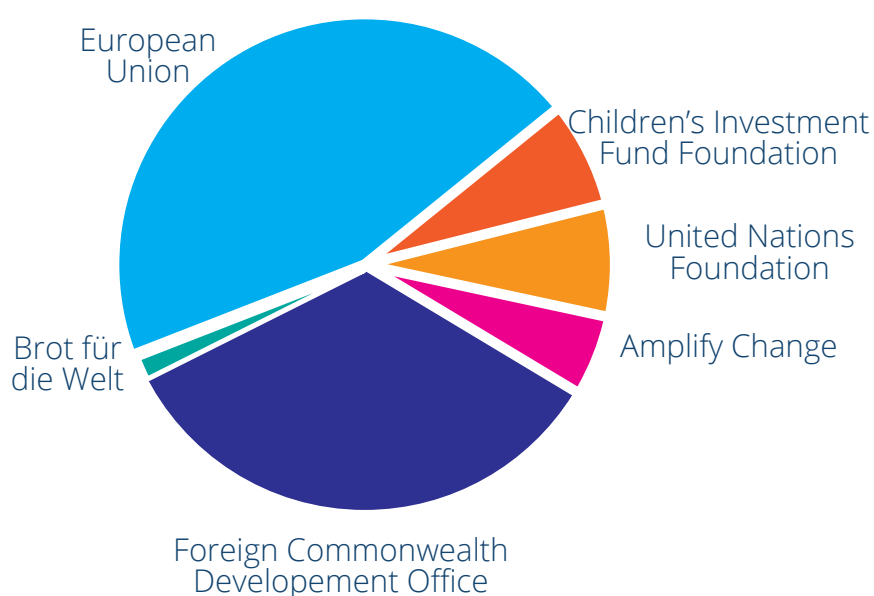
*Keep Girls in School Conference, Abuja, January 2019*



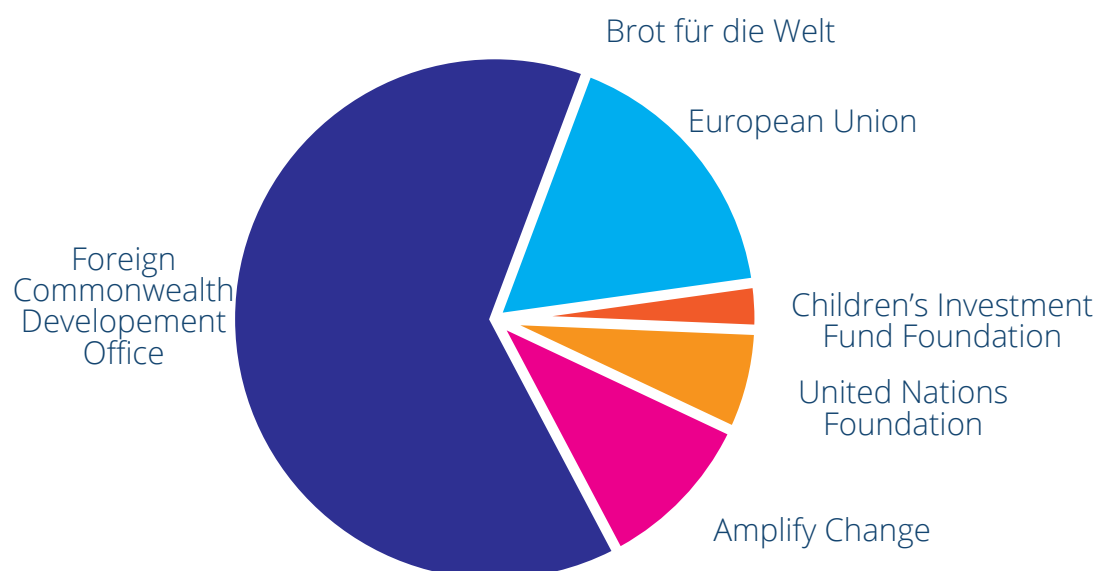
## Financials

	Income 2019	Income 2020
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	€ 477,397	€ 1,195,045
Women's rights and Gender Equality	€ 210,559	€ 276,190
Pluralism and peaceful coexistence	€ 277,075	€ 134,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 965,031</b>	<b>€ 1,605,595</b>

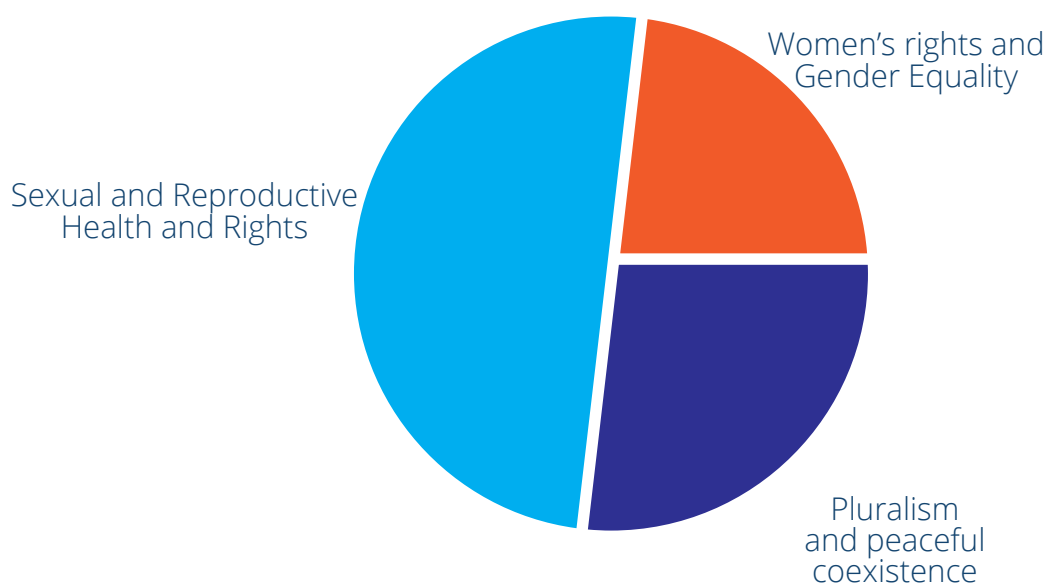
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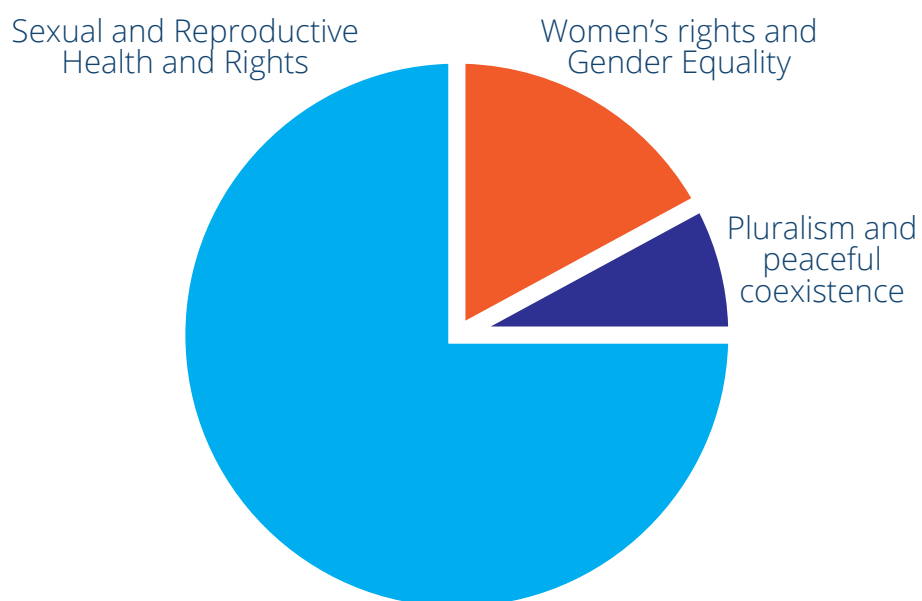
### Income by source 2020



## Income by thematic area 2019



## Income by thematic area 2020







Community members follow proceedings during the Rabai Grand Cultural event



A Healthcare worker administering an injectable contraceptive to young woman after counseling and supporting her to identify a suitable method.



For Covid prevention, Faith to Action Network Network supported distribution and setting up of handwashing stations at health facilities.



Men being sensitized on one of the natural family planning methods, the Cycle beads, to improve male support for family planning.

Interfaith pantomime sessions at Anglican Diocese of Egypt, Cairo





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