



Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and
Local Communities

Organisational Type

Other

City and Country where Headquartered

Washington D.C., United States of
America

Focal Point Name

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Region

Global

Twitter ID

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4A Reinforce, do not replace, national and local systems

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities commits to disseminate the 5 evidence briefs on religious and faith-based groups contributions to humanitarian response to policy makers and practitioners in support of their evidence based decision making to more fully engage local and national faith networks.	Advocacy	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

Strengthening national/local leadership and systems

Following through on its commitment to gather best practice of methods and mechanisms relating to engagement of local faith networks in humanitarian response, the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI) co-hosted the Localizing Response to Humanitarian Need Forum with 142 participants representing multiple local and global faith networks, faith-based organizations, aid agencies, policy makers, and government representatives to strengthen partnerships and networks in localizing humanitarian response. The forum focused on documentation of methods and mechanisms of engagement of local faith networks. **Follow up information specific to topic areas can be found at www.lrf2017.org**

Other-4A

The JLI Refugees and Forced Migration Learning Hub continued to collaborate on building evidence on the role of local faith actors in forced migration.

In October 2017 the Hub published a scoping study (part one of two) on "Local Faith Communities in Urban Displacement - Lessons in Urbanisation and Localisation," written by Olivia Wilkinson and Joey Ager. The study can be found at: <https://jliflc.com/resources/jli-scoping-lfc-urban-displacement/>

Recommendations from the study include:

1. Humanitarian localization best practice must recognize local faith actors as legitimate "local" actors.
2. Barriers and biases around partnership with local faith actors, particularly Muslim actors, need to be broken down.
3. Mediating organizations or actors with an understanding of both the international humanitarian system and local faith structures can be essential.
4. Psychosocial assistance should integrate elements of secular psychology with the spiritual support of local faith communities.
5. Research translation and communication is needed.
6. Humanitarian coordination, and particularly coordination lead organizations, must engage more deeply with local actors, including Local Faith Actors (LFAs).

2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.

3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Other: continued lack of faith engagement in localization conversation

4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

- **The JLI will continue to disseminate resources to partners through email:** <http://us8.campaign-archive1.com/home/?u=5f5c102db579aa83c5115d183&id=25907a465e>
- **The JLI will continue follow up work from the Localizing Response to Humanitarian Need forum through the newly formed Advocacy Working Group.**
- **The JLI will continue to use it's learning hubs** of which the newest are Anti-Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery and



Ending Violence Against Children (VAC); Refugees and Forced Migration, Sexual and Gender-based Violence, and Mobilisation of Local Faith Communities (jliflc.com)

5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?

- Strengthen communications on evidence on the role of LFAs, especially in humanitarian response and widely disseminate evidence, learnings and recommendations to practitioners and policy makers for implementation.
- Explore the best methods to facilitate capacity strengthening and sharing between LFAs and other actors, such as International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs), International Faith-Based Organisations (IFBOs), and governments.

6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

Capacity strengthening and sharing between LFAs and other actors, such as INGOs, IFBOs, and governments. <https://jliflc.com/2017/08/icm-oaic/>

Keywords

Gender, Local action, Religious engagement



Initiative Reports

Charter for Faith-based Humanitarian Action :

What concrete actions have you taken in support of the initiative.

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Working Areas included:

- Children & Health,
- Conflict & Peacemaking,
- Disaster response,
- Disaster risk reduction and resilience,
- Refugees & Forced Migration,
- Gender-based Violence

Key Findings across all working areas:

- Capacity strengthening could be facilitated by two-way literacy training to learn more about the local context through Local Faith Actors (LFAs) and LFAs can learn more about humanitarian principles and standards through International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs), the development of guidance tools and efforts to build a greater understanding and develop mutual relationships.
- need for **increased evidence on LFAs role and communication of it.**

Advocacy Working Group: focus on advocacy efforts to increase engagement of local faith actors in humanitarian response. Aligning efforts through a joint calendar online.



Additional Reports

Attachment
Annual Report 2017.c.pdf
Localizing Humanitarian Response Forum Summary-c.pdf