Do No Harm for Faith Groups

- ‘Do No Harm for Faith Groups’ is a contextualised inter-agency training tool that helps faith leaders and leaders from faith-based organisations to be conflict sensitive in their actions. It aims to minimise harm to communities and helps explore opportunities to build community cohesion and peace with local capacities.

- It is designed specifically for mixed Christian and Muslim contexts.

- It is adapted from the industry-standard Do No Harm (DNH)/Local Capacities for Peace tool (cdacollaborative.org), which helps projects build on community connectors and minimise harm.

- It is delivered through a three-day workshop with approximately 25 participants who are Muslim and/or Christian leaders. Faith leaders come away with their own individual plans in order to ensure their actions are conflict sensitive.

- Participants work through the ‘Do No Harm for Faith Groups’ manual during the workshop and take it with them at the end. The manual contains guidance for how to conduct future workshops.

- A team of 2 trained staff can deliver the workshop.

How did ‘Do No Harm for Faith Groups’ come about?

- Based on years of field experience, World Vision came up with a contextualised version of “Do No Harm for Faith Groups” in 2015. The foundation for the module was initially laid in the Philippines with the help of the World Vision Development Foundation, Philippines and Davao Ministerial Interfaith.

- The training was piloted in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon and Kenya with faith leaders and leaders from faith-based organizations throughout 2016 and formally launched in 2017.

What does ‘Do No Harm for Faith Groups’ cover?

- Orientation to greed and grievance conflict theories and various context analysis tools.

- Exploring and practising the DNH framework through a case study on Bosnia.

- Understanding your context through analysis (including local dynamics, connectors and dividers).

- Sharing personal stories, positive and negative.

- Analysing the positive and negative impacts of your actions on your context.

- Understanding your own actions.

- Finding better alternatives for better influence.

- Action steps – What am I going to change in my day to day life?

- Morning faith reflections: What is your faith saying about conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding?

For more information and to download an excerpt of the full manual visit: www.wvi.org/peacebuilding-and-conflict-sensitivity/publication/do-no-harm-faith-groups-christian-muslim-edition

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