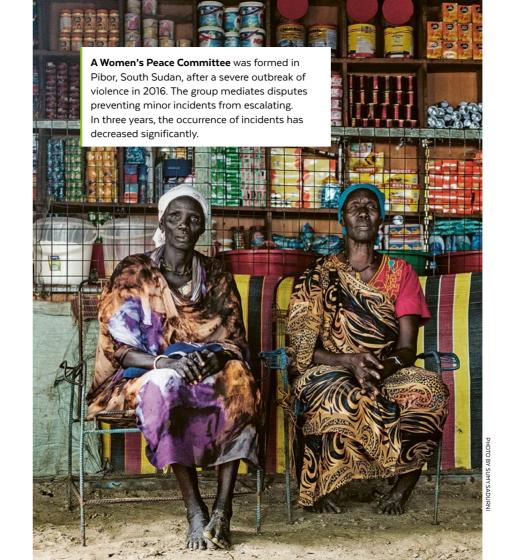


FCA is committed to empowering people and communities in fragile situations in their efforts to create just and resilient societies. FCA sees the rights related to peace, quality education and livelihood, and combining the three, as having the potential for a wide-reaching, sustainable impact.



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## **OUR VISION**

**The vision** for FCA's Right to Peace efforts is

- to achieve inclusive, just and sustainable peace in our programme countries and
- to advance impact-oriented collaboration among peace actors through the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (the Network).

All of FCA's peace work is designed to empower people and local communities in fragile situations in their efforts to create just and resilient societies, to contribute positively to preventing conflict and building sustainable and just peace, and to strengthen peace support structures at all levels in our programme countries.

We understand inclusive peacebuilding as a longterm, transformative process that seeks to (re)build societies on a basis of justice and the realisation of human rights.

## **WE PROMOTE**

- ✓ Inclusivity and whole-of-society approach,
- ✓ local and national ownership, and
- ✓ long-term commitment to support locally-led and -owned solutions to build sustainable and positive peace on the foundation of justice.

In Somalia, after many international attempts to bring peace and stability, FCA started advocating for leveraging the existing traditional structures and mechanisms for conflict transformation and peacebuilding. While the civil war had resulted in the collapse of the state and weakening of social structures, religious leaders and clan elders still had an important role, legitimacy and respect in the society.



# WHO DO WE WORK WITH?

FCA focuses on groups who in many contexts are central in preventing conflict and building inclusive and sustainable peace, but who are often excluded. These groups are women, youth, people on the move, as well as traditional and religious actors. Our efforts are guided by UN's Sustainable Development Goal #16 (peaceful and inclusive societies for all), and by UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 (women, peace and security) and 2250 (youth, peace and security).

All these actors and groups have a role in conflicts, are affected by them, and have a role to play in solving them. However, these groups face differentiated dynamics of exclusion and their efforts continue to lack recognition and support.

We work closely with duty-bearers at different levels to promote inclusive decision-making and governance. By strengthening duty-bearers' capacity to promote the realization of human rights for all, we are able to address the dynamics of exclusion and deprivation of rights that lead to and maintain conflicts.



## **HOW DO WE WORK?**

**FCA is present** in fragile and conflict affected countries. Our work takes place across conflict prevention, conflict resolution to sustaining peace and state formation efforts.

At the community level, we support community-based action and dialogue so that communities can come together, identify and address issues affecting them. At the local and national level, we support dialogue between communities and duty-bearers and support community and civil society efforts to shape decision- and policymaking. At the international level, we support in bringing the voices of local peacebuilders to the international arena.



#### **HOW DO WE DO OUR WORK?**



### We enable local civil society and communitybased action for positive change.

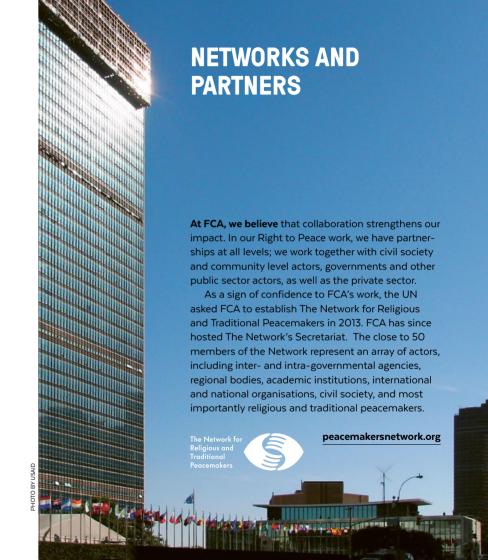
- We provide comprehensive support to community-based civil society actors and organisations.
- To support an enabling environment for positive change, we bring people together for dialogue and we strengthen duty-bearers' capacities for inclusive governance.

# 2. We connect efforts and promote collaboration and coordination among different actors.

- We support civil society actors to partner with national and international actors in our programme countries.
- We promote collaboration among peace actors through hosting the Secretariat of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (the Network).

## We amplify the voices of our local partners at national, regional and global processes and contribute to evidence-based advocacy.

- We support local community and civil society advocacy efforts at different levels.
- We are committed to strengthening evidencebased research and advocacy on Right to Peace. We partner with in regional and global level advocacy.





Finn Church Aid (FCA) is the largest Finnish NGO in international aid. FCA specialises in supporting local communities in three priority areas: Right to Livelihood, Right to Quality Education, and Right to Peace.

FCA is certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). FCA is founding member of ACT Alliance, a global coalition of faith-based organisations.

FCA is a long-time partner of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and has a framework partnership with the European Commission Director-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection ECHO.

FCA is a member of the Global Food Security Cluster and Global Education Cluster, working in close partnership with several UN agencies. We also have a growing number of local and international partners.

FCA is a rights-based actor. Our action is guided by the standards and principles of human rights. Equality, non-discrimination and accountability are at the core of our work.

Annually, FCA provides assistance in excess of €40 million.

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