

THE INTERFAITH WORKING GROUP JWF GYLP 2024

PROJECT PROPOSAL

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**About The
Project**

THEME:

INTERFAITH VOICES FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

**PROPOSED DURATION
15 MONTHS**

PROPOSED START DATES

**ORGANISED BY
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OVERVIEW

"Interfaith Voices for Peace and Justice" is an initiative by the Interfaith Working Group of the Journalists and Writers Foundation's Global Youth Leadership Program, 2024 Cohort. This project aims to foster interfaith dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration among youth leaders from diverse religious backgrounds in Nigeria and West Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda in East Africa, Indonesia, South-Eastern Asia, and Bangladesh in South Asia. The initiative seeks to address local and global challenges by promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions, thereby contributing to the achievement of the 16th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 16).



OBJECTIVES

- **Enhance Interfaith Dialogue:** Facilitate meaningful conversations and activities among youth leaders from different faith traditions to build mutual respect and understanding.
- **Promote Peace and Justice:** Develop and implement community-based projects that address local issues of peace, justice, and human rights, inspired by the principles of various faiths.
- **Strengthen Institutions:** Advocate for the creation and reinforcement of fair and inclusive institutions through interfaith collaboration and policy recommendations.
- **Raise Awareness:** Use digital platforms and media to spread awareness about the importance of interfaith dialogue in achieving global peace and justice.



TARGET AUDIENCE

1. Youth Leaders and Activists:

- Young individuals from diverse religious backgrounds who are passionate about peacebuilding, justice, and interfaith dialogue.
- Members of youth organizations and movements focused on social justice, human rights, and community development.

2. Religious Leaders and Institutions:

- Representatives from various faith traditions, including clergy, imams, priests, rabbis, monks, and spiritual leaders.
- Religious organizations and institutions that are committed to promoting interfaith understanding and collaboration.

3. Community Organizations and NGOs:

- Local and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the fields of peacebuilding, human rights, and social justice.
- Community-based organizations that focus on grassroots development and interfaith initiatives.



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4. Academia and Researchers:

- Scholars, researchers, and academic institutions studying interfaith dialogue, peacebuilding, and social justice.
- Students and educators interested in incorporating interfaith perspectives into their curricula and research.

5. Policy Makers and Government Officials:

- Local, national, and international policymakers involved in creating and implementing policies related to peace, justice, and inclusive institutions.
- Government officials and departments focused on youth development, religious affairs, and community relations.

6. Media and Communication Platforms:

- Journalists, media organizations, and communication platforms that cover issues related to interfaith dialogue, peace, and justice.
- Social media influencers and digital content creators who can amplify the project's message and reach a broader audience



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7. International Organizations and Donors:

- International bodies such as the United Nations, particularly agencies focused on youth, peace, and development (e.g., UNDP, UNESCO).
- Philanthropic foundations and corporate sponsors interested in supporting interfaith initiatives and sustainable development.

8. General Public:

- Community members from the targeted regions (Nigeria and other West African countries, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and other countries in East Africa, Indonesia, Bangladesh and other countries in the South-Eastern and Southern Asia regions) who can benefit from and contribute to the initiative.
- Global citizens interested in promoting peace, justice, and understanding across different faiths and cultures.



KEY

COMPONENTS

REGIONAL INTERFAITH YOUTH SUMMITS

We will:

- **Host in-person or virtual summits in Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia, and Bangladesh to bring together young leaders from various religious backgrounds.**
- **Workshops, conferences, panel discussions, and keynote speeches on peacebuilding, justice, and interfaith collaboration.**
- **Provide networking opportunities to foster long-term partnerships.**

LOCAL INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECTS

- **We will provide small grants for youth-led interfaith projects in local communities.**
- **Projects may include community dialogues, peace education programs, justice advocacy campaigns, and more.**
- **We will put emphasis on measurable impact and sustainability.**

DIGITAL CAMPAIGN AND RESOURCE HUB

We will create:

- **A dedicated website and social media campaign to share stories, resources, and best practices.**
- **An online resource hub with toolkits, guides, and educational materials on interfaith dialogue and peacebuilding.**
- **Webinars and virtual meetups to maintain global engagement.**

POLICY ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

We will:

- **Collaborate with academic institutions to conduct research on the impact of interfaith dialogue on peace and justice.**
- **Develop policy briefs and recommendations to be presented to local and international policymakers.**
- **Advocate for the integration of interfaith dialogue into national and international peacebuilding strategies.**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

PHASE 1

Planning and Outreach (Months 1-3).

- **Form a diverse planning committee with representatives from various faith traditions.**
- **Identify and engage key partners, including religious institutions, NGOs, academic bodies, and international organizations.**
- **Launch a regional call for youth participants and project proposals.**

PHASE 2

Summits and Project Development (Months 4-6)

- **Host the Regional Interfaith Youth Summits in Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia, and Bangladesh.**
- **Select and fund the most promising interfaith peace projects.**
- **Provide training and mentorship for project leaders.**

PHASE 3

Implementation and Monitoring (Months 7-12)

- **Roll out interfaith peace projects in local communities.**
- **Monitor progress and provide ongoing support to project leaders.**
- **Gather data and document project outcomes for evaluation.**

PHASE 4

Evaluation and Advocacy (Months 13-15)

- **Conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the project's impact.**
- **Compile research findings and success stories into a final report.**
- **Present policy recommendations at international forums and conferences.**

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- **Enhanced mutual understanding and collaboration among youth from different faiths.**
- **Tangible improvements in local peace and justice issues through community-based projects.**
- **Increased awareness and advocacy for the role of interfaith dialogue in achieving SDG 16.**
- **Strengthened global network of interfaith youth leaders committed to peace and justice.**

BUDGET & FUNDINGS

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- **Secure funding from international organizations, philanthropic foundations, and corporate sponsors.**
- **In-kind contributions from partner organizations for venues, materials, and expertise.**
- **Transparent budget management with regular financial reporting.**

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- **Number of participants engaged and diversity of representation.**
- **Number and impact of community-based interfaith projects.**
- **Reach and engagement of the digital campaign.**
- **Policy changes influenced by advocacy efforts.**

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"Interfaith Voices for Peace and Justice" aims to harness the power of interfaith dialogue to promote peace, justice, and strong institutions worldwide. By empowering youth leaders and fostering collaborative efforts, this project aspires to make a meaningful contribution to the achievement of SDG 16, starting from the grassroots in specific regions and scaling up to a global stage



THANK YOU
