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# Can Faith Leaders Prevent VAW/G?



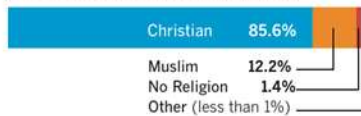
## Changing Perceptions

## Leading Awareness Faith Leaders Including Youth

## Moving Forward

Extreme violence and disintegration of family structure over two wars led to higher rates and normalization of VAW/G, exacerbated by the intertwining of faith and culture through appropriated holy texts. Our baseline study showed that religious leaders were not trusted by GBV survivors for support and guidance.

### FAITH COMMUNITY IN LIBERIA (Based on a population of 4.7 million)



### Methodology

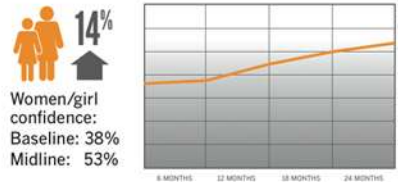
Engage Christian/Muslim faith leaders at all levels through participation in a learning process of self-identification, reflection, analysis and action; deconstructing concepts of gender and power; using revised interpretations of sacred texts; and shifting internalized attitudes and behaviors around VAW/G. Faith leaders engage congregations and communities through sermons, counseling, interfaith radio discussions, campaigns, participation in government working groups and improving service referrals.

### Experiential Learning

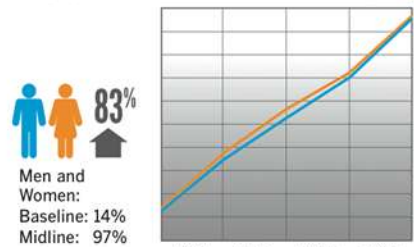
Do/See ⇌ Reflect/React ⇌ Think/Learn ⇌ Plan/Act



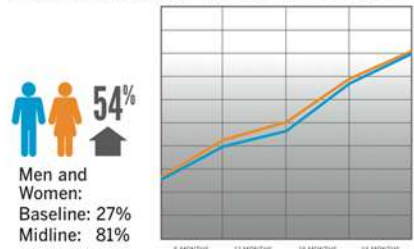
% of Faith leaders informed and confident to speak out against VAW/G increased by 14%



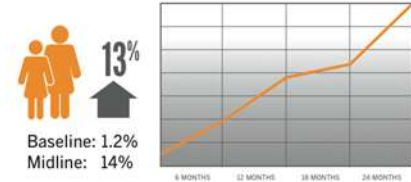
% of Communities responding to messages and changing their attitudes/behaviors increased by 83%



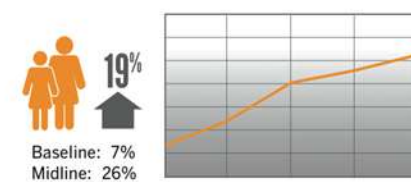
% of Communities that recognize and trust faith leaders to prevent or respond to violence increased by 54%



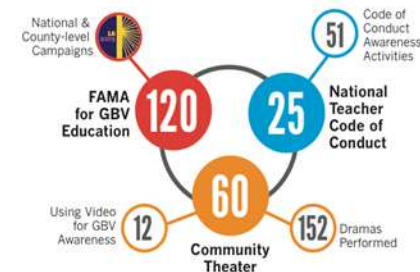
% of GBV survivors reporting cases to faith leaders and seeking support/guidance increased by 13%



% of Faith leaders actively providing support for women and girls increased by 19%



### Youth Activism in 2016 - One-Year Snapshot



Increasing accountability between civil society and public sector: How faith and government are working together



### Replication and Sustainability

- United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) supports expansion on faith leader training in 4 counties
- National Teacher Code of Conduct campaigns and GBV School Committees in 30 schools from 2 counties
- 4 faith leader and youth coalitions established in 2 counties
- Faith leader coalitions establish 2 safe houses for GBV survivors in 2 counties
- GBV FAMA education integrated into 62 savings groups



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