

FPCC Journey/Theory of Change

The theory/journey of change behind the Faith and Positive Change for Children initiative is based on the belief that leveraging faith-based actors and leaders including their assets and resources can contribute to positive changes in the lives of children. It recognizes the significant influence that religious and spiritual beliefs have on individuals and communities and aims to harness this influence to promote child well-being and rights.

Our journey of change therefore states that: If religious leaders are influenced to use their religious platforms and institutions, such as sermons, prayers, and teachings, to raise awareness about child wellbeing including their rights and advocate for their protection then they will be able to leverage on their assets and resources in collaboration with their congregations and followers to influence changes in behaviours, norms and practices that impact on the wellbeing of children, families and communities because promoting the wellbeing of children requires the interrogation and application of faith teachings and practices that reinforce and promote positive practices and norms using evidence as the basis of engagement.

In addition, faith-based actors/leaders can contribute to positive change for children by fostering supportive and inclusive communities. Provided that religious leaders/actors are committed on using their influence to create spaces where children feel safe, loved, and valued, then they will be able to encourage their congregations or religious communities to provide resources and support for children in need, such as orphans, street children, or children affected by conflict or disaster by developing initiatives like orphanages, schools, or community centers that provide education, healthcare, and psychosocial support for children because social behavior change requires creating a supportive environment that can help children thrive and reach their full potential.