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Church & Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) with GULL

During the period 2009 - 2015

Featuring applications (in chronological order) from Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Chad and Burkina Faso.

Kenya September, 2009

In September, 2009 a group of leaders from Compassion International, Tearfund and World Vision all based in Kenya, began their GULL journey. The objective was to experience GULL's action learning process and to explore ways of using it in support of community development work. In January, 2012 the lead group completed their journey, having cascaded the GULL system to hundreds of community volunteers during this period. The group included Dr Francis Njoroge, the Kenyan founder of the Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP) – a highly effective self-help system used throughout the continent of Africa.



Francis Njoroge (for CCMP) and Richard Teare (for GULL) were introduced by Martin Jennings, a regional leader at Tearfund, the UK-based charity. They began to discuss ways of integrating CCMP with GULL in 2008 and continued to refine the pathway design until 2010. Since 2009, thousands of Africans have met CCMP with GULL requirements and earned professional certification for their work. 2

The Church and Community Mobilization Process (CCMP)

What is community mobilization?

The purpose is to enable the community to better understand its situation, prioritize its needs and implement its own solutions.

Stage 1: Envisioning and equipping the church

Aims to motivate the church to fully understand its role and relationship in partnership with its immediate community.

Recognition: Where CCMP and GULL are integrated, GULL's Professional Bachelor Level 2 (Certificate) is awarded to CCMP participants when the expected outcomes and requirements (understanding, application, evidence of impact) have been met.

Stage 2: Church and community description Enables the church and community to accurately document its situation and the resources available to bring about change; **Stage 3: Information gathering** Enables the church and community to construct a detailed picture about every aspect of community life; **Stage 4: Information analysis** Enables the church and community to analyze its situation and to identify options

The Church and Community Mobilization Process (continued)

Stage 5: Decision-making

Enables the church and community to participate in making decisions and developing practical action plans.

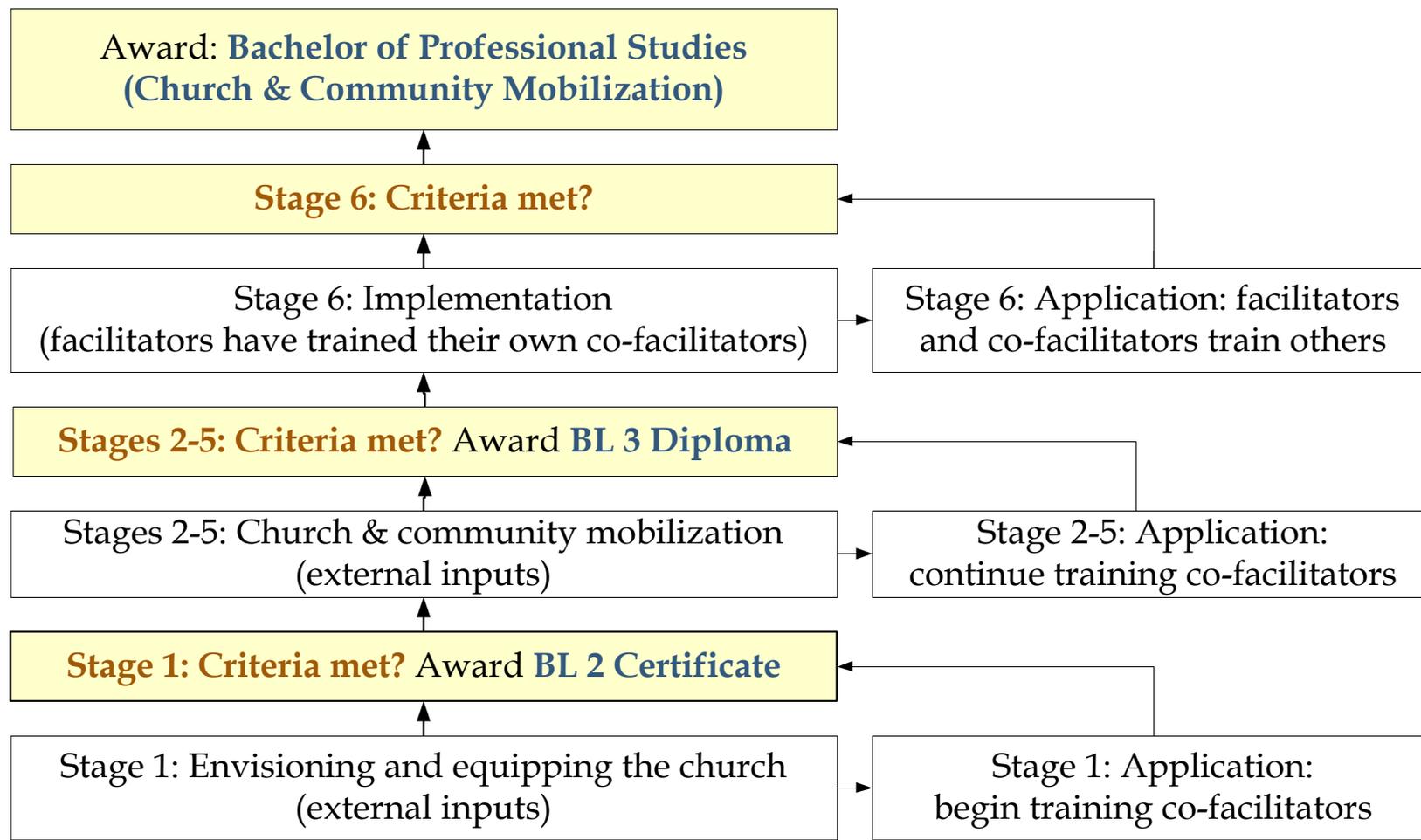
Recognition: GULL's Professional Bachelor Level 3 (Diploma) is awarded when the expected outcomes and requirements have been met.

Stage 6 Implementation

Aims to ensure that the church and community evaluate on-going progress towards self-reliance and financial independence.

Recognition: GULL's Professional Bachelor degree (Church & Community Mobilization) is awarded when the outcomes and requirements (evidence of wider impact) have been met.

Implementing CCMP with GULL



Nigeria March, 2010

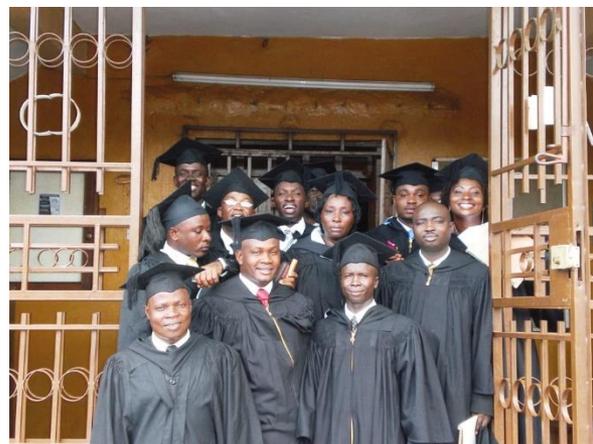
CCMP with GULL planning began in March 2010 and on 22 February, 2013 twenty-seven church leaders received their professional Bachelor degree (Church & Community Mobilization). These graduates now know how local churches can be envisioned and mobilized so that they can transform their own communities through practical action. The training (since 2009) had meant that CCMP has been implemented, with many stories of transformation.



The trainee facilitators were drawn from CCDP (COCIN Community Development Programme (CCDP), People Oriented Development (POD) of ECWA, EYN Integrated Community Based Development Programme, CAPRO Mercy Ministries, CRCN Integrated Development Programme, RURCON and Christian Holistic Development Foundation (CHDF).

Sierra Leone and Liberia **October, 2010**

The first GULL graduation event in Sierra Leone took place on Wed 13 October 2010 in Freetown. The event was attended by 13 CCMP facilitators from Liberia and Sierra Leone – each of whom had completed the entire CCMP training process and were therefore eligible to receive GULL's Bachelor of Professional Studies (Church & Community Mobilization) degree. The event was also attended by family, friends, partner organizations, church leaders, Sierra Leone Broadcasting Services (national television & radio) and the press.



Prior to graduating, the participants had to awaken and mobilize church and community organizations and train co-facilitators. It is a long, demanding process and the initial group has already played a significant role in facilitating change that is helping to transform many churches and their communities.

South Sudan and Sudan January, 2012

On Wednesday 18 January 2012, CCMP facilitators from South Sudan and Sudan celebrated the award of GULL professional Bachelor pathway level 2 Certificates ('Church Awakening' stage), level 3 Diplomas ('Church & Community Mobilization' stage) and Bachelor of Professional Studies (Church & Community Mobilization) awards to those who have fully implemented CCMP and trained co-facilitators. The event took place at Cannon Benaiah Poggo College, Diocese of Kajo Keji and the celebrations included visits to local communities who reported that CCMP with GULL had enabled them to attain much greater self-reliance.



CCMP facilitators travelled from the far North of Sudan and from Khartoum to join with CCMP-GULL graduands from South Sudan. It was the first time that these groups had had the opportunity to meet.

Uganda January, 2012

On Saturday 21 January 2012, probably the largest procession ever seen in Soroti, Uganda assembled in the town centre. More than 1,200 GULL graduands - led by a brass band - marched for 2 miles to the grounds of the Soroti hotel for their GULL recognition ceremony. The procession brought the town to a halt as hundreds of curious people lined the route! At the front of the procession, two graduands carried an explanatory banner: 'Transforming Communities Through Participatory Approach - GULL Graduation'. This was a day to celebrate change, facilitated by participants representing communities in the Soroti region and far beyond.



Community mobilization is a participatory process for change that can greatly benefit poor communities. Among other factors, communities are held back by lack of formal organization, the mis-perception that politicians and others will alleviate their problems for them and a shortage of available resources to facilitate collaborative action.

Tanzania January 2012

The Africa Inland Church in Tanzania (AICT) uses the church and community mobilization process (CCMP) to enable the local church to serve its community. The objective is to broaden engagement so that the whole community begins a journey towards greater self-reliance.



Since the introduction of CCMP to Tanzania in 1998, a great many communities have initiated on-going projects that are led by the communities themselves. In so doing, the Church is playing a pivotal role in integral mission as it facilitates both spiritual and physical development.

Since the inception of CCMP, the process has been deployed in many hundreds of churches and communities across the continent of Africa. On Wednesday 25 January, a CCMP with GULL graduation for participants in Tanzania took place in the Cathedral, Iringa, Tanzania.



Chad July 2014

Tearfund Chad began its CCMP training with CCMP Founder and GULL Ambassador Francis Njoroge in June 2010. Leading the initiative for Chad is Levourne Passiri, Tearfund's Country Representative and Regional CCCP Catalyst. In July, the first batch of 28 CCMP with GULL participants will receive their certificates in N'Djamena. Passiri has led the in-country training, created resources in French and is leading the scale-up.



(Above) Richard Teare and Martin Jennings, Tearfund's Regional Head, West & Central Africa, present Levourne Passiri with his Master of Professional Studies degree during the Tearfund International Fortnight in the UK.

(Below) Martin Jennings has helped to facilitate the CCMP with GULL linkage since 2008. On 12 June, Martin accepted GULL's honorary doctorate in recognition of his own lifelong learning and his support for GULL's work in Africa.



Burkina Faso May, 2015

Designed and developed by GULL Ambassador, Dr Francis Njoroge, CCMP supported by GULL is helping to secure community-led development throughout the African continent. The international UK-based agency Tearfund has enabled CCMP to expand via its network of national offices and on 29 May, the inaugural CCMP with GULL graduation event took place in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Representing both CCMP and GULL, Dr Njoroge presented the awards at an event attended by the Vice President, Assemblies of God, Burkina Faso and the President, Federation des Eglises et Missions Evangeliques (FEME) Burkina Faso.



(Above) Five experienced CCMP facilitators received GULL's Bachelor of Professional Studies (Church & Community Mobilization Process)



(Above) Mbairodbbe Njegollmi, Tearfund Country Representative with his wife.



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