

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE THREE YEAR WORKPLAN

Anglicans in the frontline of fighting poverty and injustice have guided this workplan. Four consultations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific produced these plans for the next three years of the Anglican Alliance. Our mandate is to bring together development, relief and advocacy work across the Anglican Communion. Our focus is on pro-poor development: to make sure that the Church fulfils its mission to respond to people in need, to change the unjust structures of the world and to safeguard the earth.

We'd like to hear from you! If you have views on our workplan, or if you would like to provide support, let us know. Your feedback will help us move forward.

Development

The four Anglican Alliance consultations identified nine priorities for development. They're set out in the box right. Our Asia consultation said each community has its own development priority, and we needed to recognise and support these local priorities. These will be included under the heading of "community empowerment."

Every region said economic empowerment was a priority. So we will take that forward as our first priority in 2012 with a workshop in Nairobi. The other development priorities for action next year will be peace and reconciliation, governance and youth empowerment. Our work in peace and reconciliation will look in particular at the role of women in peace-building.

Development priorities identified by regional consultations

- *Economic empowerment*
- *Peace and reconciliation*
- *Governance*
- *Food security*
- *Climate change*
- *Youth empowerment*
- *Women's empowerment*
- *Migrants and refugees*
- *Community empowerment*

Relief

Many of the countries in which Anglicans live are those most affected by disasters: natural disasters including floods, earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones, and also disasters caused by conflict. Barely a week goes by without an appeal for help. So relief is an important part of the Alliance mandate. From the consultations came these priorities for the next three years:

- Hold a relief conference with Anglican agencies to finalise the relief strategy, and co-ordinate carefully with the international humanitarian agencies.
- Provide an on-line tool so Anglican churches, dioceses and agencies can report emergencies and promote their appeals, and to enable volunteers to provide help and support.
- Develop best practice guides, and an early warning system for communities affected by conflict.

People wanted Anglicans to develop special expertise in three areas of relief:

- Counselling or psycho-social support for those affected by disasters.
- Support for people who are differently-abled.
- Support for the most marginalised, including those who lack papers or identification.
- Support for victims of gender-based violence.

Advocacy

For our first three years our consultations agreed to focus global advocacy on the G20: so Anglicans can be a voice for the voiceless at the meeting of the richest nations of the world. Next year in Mexico we will work with other agencies to speak out about the effect climate change is having on the poorest nations. We will focus especially on the threat to survival of some of the world's poorest communities, such as those on Pacific Islands, and pastoralists in the Horn of Africa.

Building on our global priorities, we will run rolling advocacy programmes on:

- Women's empowerment, focussing on International Women's Day and Mothering Sunday.
- Food security, focussing on World Food Day

And we will support regional advocacy programmes highlighted in our regional consultations on environmental protection, peace and reconciliation, migrants and refugees.

Capacity building

The Anglican Alliance has a mandate for capacity-building for development within the Anglican Community.

To take this forward we are developing distance learning modules on these key areas of community development set out right.

These will be piloted and then rolled out globally. They will be available on-line, on CD Roms or in hard copy free of charge to Anglicans who want to start a project to meet the needs of local people.

We will also run other capacity-building programmes in conjunction with recognised academic or vocational institutions.

Six distance learning modules:

- *Consultation*
- *Inclusion*
- *Governance*
- *Financial*
accountability
- *Work programming*
- *Protection of*
vulnerable people

Organisation

The Anglican Alliance will be decentralised and driven by the needs of the poorest and most marginalised. So we will develop a network of regional facilitators who will:

- Be poverty-focussed, working in the areas where the challenges of poverty are the most acute.
- Work with regional steering groups, and local churches, dioceses and agencies.
- Map out the inspiring development, relief and advocacy work that already takes place across the Anglican Communion.
- Lead fund-raising.

We will review our own governance structure to make sure our work is effective in tackling poverty and injustice. And to enable us to diversify our funding become financially sustainable.

Next steps

Let us have your views and comments! You can take part in the on-line survey here

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/anglicanalliance>