



A Short History of CIFA



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INTERFAITH ACTION
on global poverty

September 2008: CGI

- Ed Scott announces three year commitment to new enterprise leveraging faith sector for increased impact against global poverty to achieve the MDGs.
- Jean Duff starts work as Executive Director.
- Tim Shriver appointed as President.



Fall 2008

- Board building – first Board meeting
- CIFA building
- Incorporation - tax exemption, Endeavor Group
- Corporate identity – website, Glover Park Group
- Offices at Washington National Cathedral, north Tower
- First employees - Cindy Paska and Katie Berndtson



December 2008: Georgetown University, Riggs Library

- *Leadership Consultation on Scaling up Faith Community Impact against Malaria*
- Draft scoping Report on Faith and Malaria, with Katherine Marshall, Berkley Center
- Chaired by Ed Scott.
- All key International Malaria Actors present: Chambers, World Bank, United Nations Foundation, ExxonMobil, Malaria no More, Roll Back Malaria, Gates, etc.
- Outcome: CIFA called by World Bank to Nigeria and Democratic Republic of the Congo to assist in engaging faith sector with the international campaigns to end malaria mortality





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February 2009: Nigeria

- Attended state planning meetings for national malaria campaign in Enugu
- Secured commitments of key faith leaders to form NIFAA
 - John Onaiyekan, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Abuja
 - Alhaji Sa'adu Abubakar, Sultan of Sokoto
- Secured initial commitments from World Bank and Ministry of Health, National Malaria Control Programme
- Facilitated first meeting between World Bank and Archbishop Onaiyekan
- Met Bishop Sunday on Tom Woods' introduction
- Conor Hartman staffing





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April 2009: World Malaria Day, DC

- Co-hosted by Ed Scott and Ray Chambers
- Focus on role of Faith sector against Malaria
- Announcement of Nigerian Inter-Faith Action Association by Sultan and Archbishop
- CIFA hosts consultation among 100 international faith leaders on multireligious collaboration against malaria
- Heidi Christensen/ GPG/ Tyler Morris staffed





interfaith models for collaboration



Summer 2009: CIFA building

- Staffing:
 - Margaux Bergen - Special Advisor for Development and Communications
 - Amanda Parker - Program Assistant
 - Andreas Hipple - Deputy Director for Africa Programs
 - Sarah Day replaced Katie Berndtson who departed for a Presidential Management Fellowship
 - Laiah Idelson joins as Executive and Program assistant
 - Tom Woods engaged as Senior Advisor
 - Conor departs for North Carolina
- CIFA Business Concept, with support from Nazir Ahmad:
 - 4 program pillars including Interfaith Action, Voice, Evidence and Resources.
 - Presented at Fall Board meeting
- Ongoing intensive support to NIFAA institution building, program development, tool kits, funding, and national launch
- Women, Faith and Development Alliance continued with UNFPA and ExxonMobil funding
- Fundraising *Consultation on the Case for Scaling Up Global Interfaith Action on Malaria* held at the Cathedral College





Fall 2009

- NIFAA: First funds flow to Secretariat, and CIFA receives first disbursement from NIFAA
- Faith and Malaria Consultation at Yale University with Tony Blair Faith Foundation
- Faith Acts Fellows begin



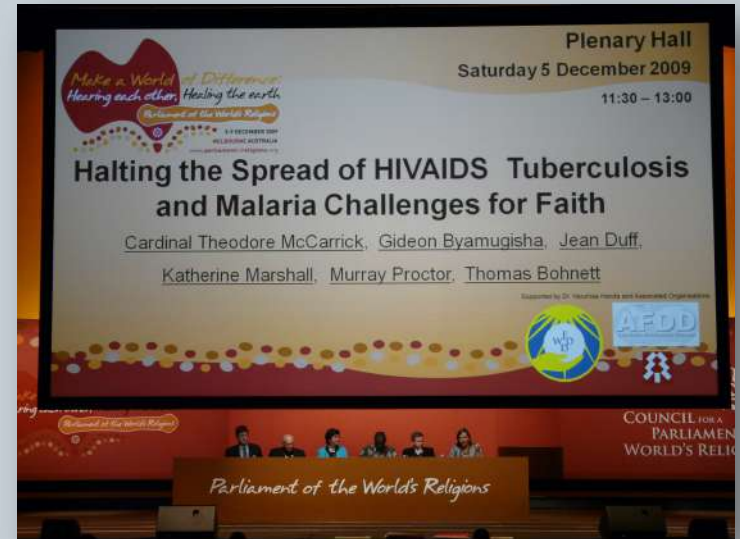
December 2009: Evidence

- **WHO-CIFA Consultation on NGO Mapping Standards Describing Religious Health Assets**
 - CIFA neutral convener of international religious sector; contracted by WHO
 - Outcome: WHO Service Assessment Methodology Tools amended to include faith indicators, tested in India and Burkina Faso and issued as international standard by WHO. RHAs can be included in national mapping.
 - Ted Karpf, Kathy O'Neill, Cindy Paska, Laiah Idelson staffed



December 2009: Voice

- CIFA hosts first meeting of CEOs of Faith based development organizations, following InterAction CEO retreat
 - Heidi Christensen/GPG staffed
- CIFA member of US delegation to Indonesia for inter-religious dialogue
- Launch of WFDA Asia Pacific in Melbourne
- CIFA presentations at World Parliament of Religions



December 2009: Resources

- GHR's Muslim Christian Initiative funds CIFA at \$1.1m to work with NIFAA to fully mobilize Faiths United for Health in three states in Nigeria
 - Rigorous evaluation
 - Interest in transformation associated w Muslim Christian Collaboration
 - CIFA pass through to NIFAA





Winter/Spring 2010:

- NIFAA:
 - Blair and Scott in Nigeria to bring media focus
 - Challenges of program funding
 - Financial systems at NIFAA
 - ✦ pay for performance methodology in development
 - gearing up for three-state Faiths United for Health mobilization
- Intensive focus on fundraising:
 - USG
 - USAID contractors
 - Philanthropy
 - ✦ January Briefing for RC funders in NYC
- Working to develop and fund Liberian IFAA.
 - Woods and (the now returned) Hartman staffed
- Jana Spacek
 - gender focal point, funded by EWG and WFDA
- Discussions with the Nike Foundation re: faith and gender project
- Development of the Theological Underpinnings for Interfaith Action with Georgetown University
 - Heidi Christensen staffed



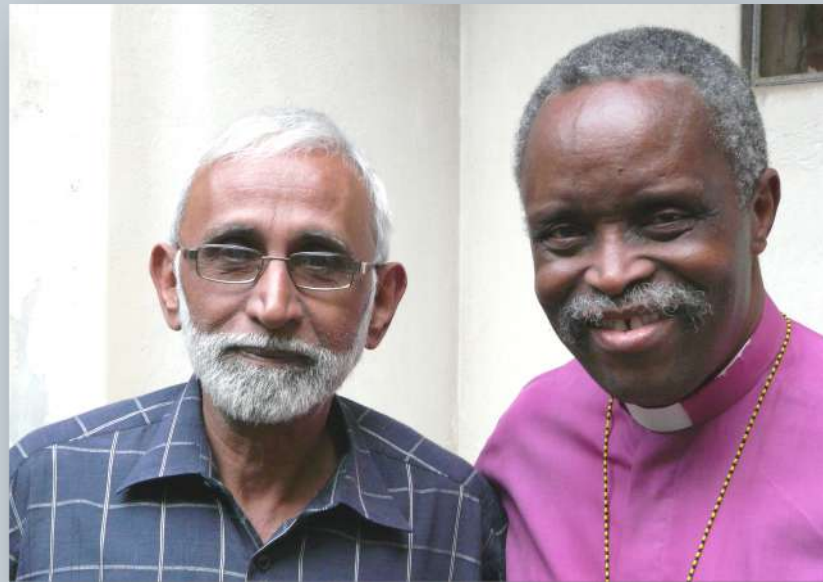
Summer 2010: Voice

- Global Initiative for Faith, Health and Development
 - CIFA convenes international IFAA to develop strategy for scaling up faith sector engagement in public health and development.
 - 84 Task Force members
 - July: First meeting of Task Force at White House.
- Funding from F.I.S.H Foundation
- Staffing, Christensen, Idelson, Bechtolsheim and Nazir Ahmad (consultant)



Mozambique IFAA

- PIRCOM Mozambique concludes three-year PMI funded/ADRA implemented TAM program
 - **27,501** trained FLs reaching **1,964,209** million congregants in four provinces
- CIFA advocates for continued USAID funding
- Contract for PIRCOM National OD goes to C-Change/AED, with small role for CIFA
- CIFA exploring other funding

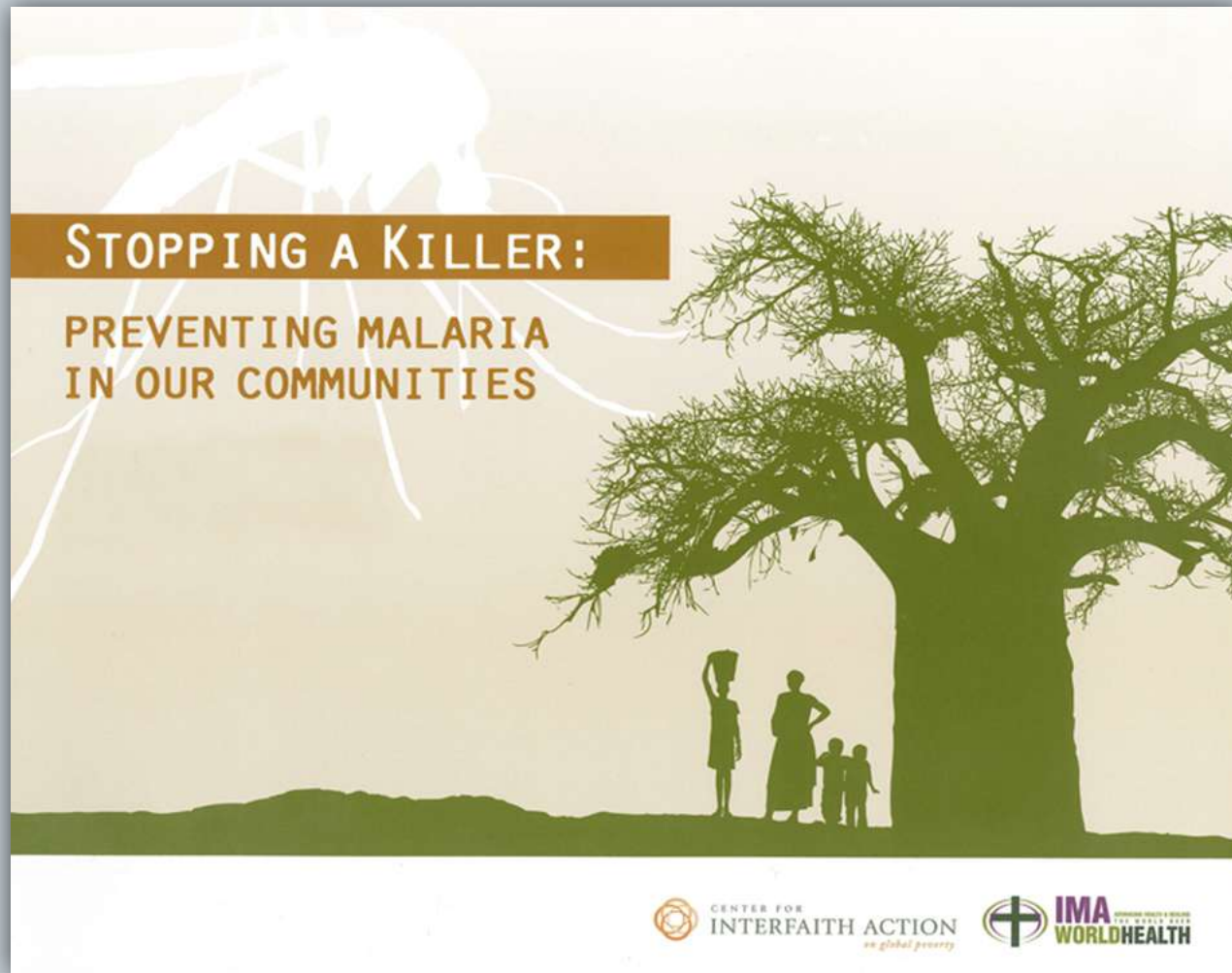


Summer 2010

- Fundraising
 - PRG hired to accelerate fundraising
 - ✦ Focus on pitch to bilateral ODA and high net worth individuals, simplify CIFA message; new case materials
 - ✦ Interviews w 22 Board and staff members and CIFA key informants
 - ✦ Robertson Foundation approach
 - ✦ Templeton Grant prep for Liberia
 - Margaux Bergen staffed
- NIFAA
 - Three state roll out begun in Akwa Ibom, Kaduna
 - Benue underway now
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- Andreas Hipple promoted to Director of Programs



Launch of Malaria Sermon Guide CIFA IMA WH/ Sarah Day



Fall 2010 NIFAA

- Pay for performance funding for new states close to conclusion
- Day of Reflection on experience of Muslim-Christian collaboration CIFA theologian Rev. Dr. Edward P. Antonio present
- Documentary film on Muslim-Christian Collaboration, Helen Fitzwilliam
- Three-state evaluation commences, executed by CCPN, Wise Solutions
- Crosscurrents Article on interfaith action by Andreas Hipple and Jean Duff
- October report back to GHR Board

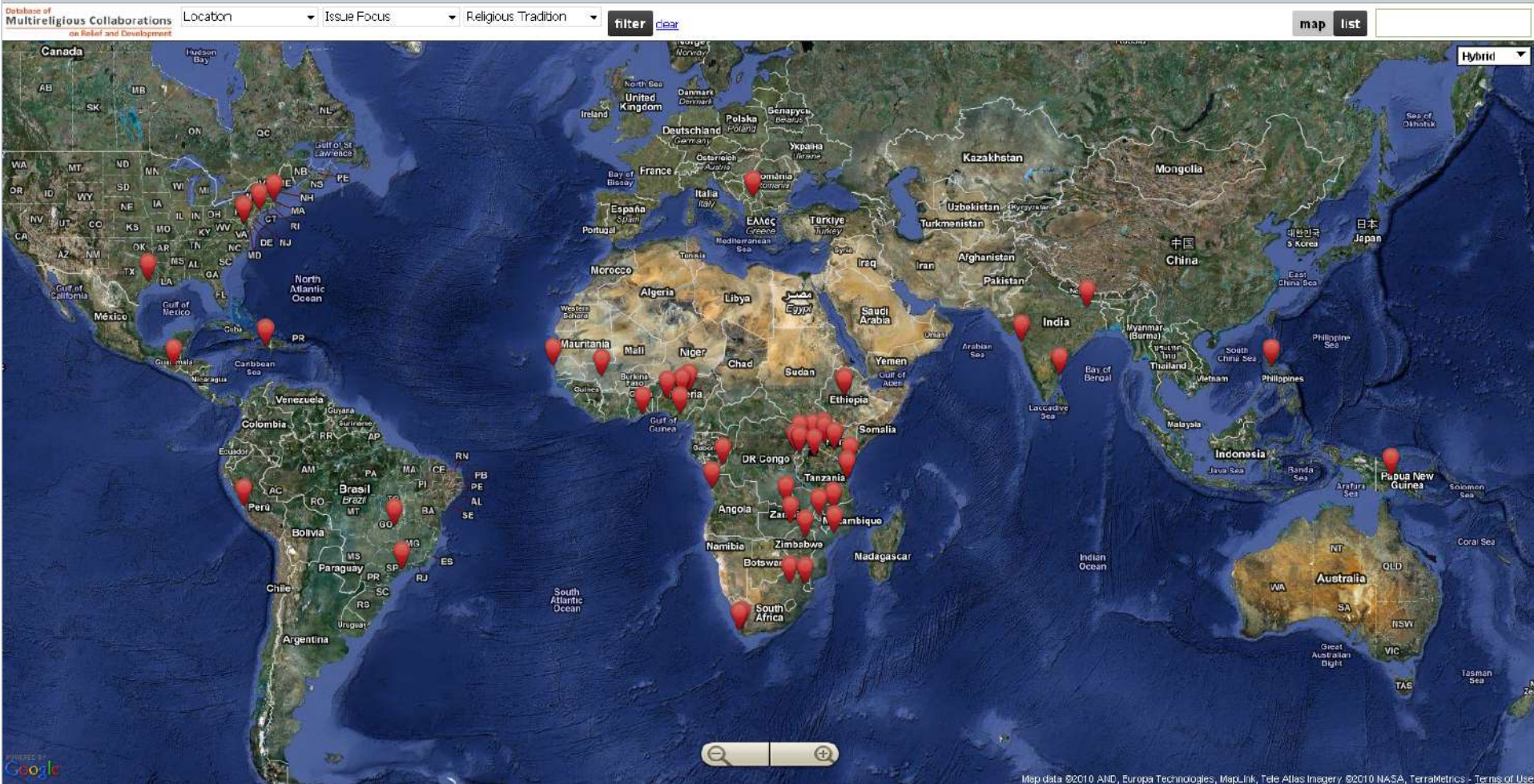


Fall 2010

- New IFAA focused Case materials
- Preparation of Approach to Bilateral Organizations
- Crafting ALMA MOU re IFAA replication
- Meetings with Global Health Initiative and US Government re IFAA replication
- Preparation of Washington National Cathedral proposal to Robertson Foundation
- Malaria No More Congressional briefing on Malaria
- The Global Initiative for Faith, Health and Development
 - October 8th Meeting at UN
 - ✦ under auspices of UN Interagency Task Force on FBOs, Thoraya Obaid (Chair), to discuss draft Report
 - November 2010
 - ✦ meetings at WNC and White House to present Report, move recommendations to action and announce plans for 2011
 - December 2010
 - ✦ Wilton Park Consultation on Finance for Faith Health and Development CANCELLED
- Ted Karpf joins CIFA, Benjamin Bechtolsheim (former Faiths Act Fellow) returns to staff GIFHD and new ventures, Katy Taylor commits to donate time starting October 18



CIFA's Collection of Multireligious Collaborations around the World



Faith and Gender

- Nike-funded three country study of Faith Leaders who have positive impact on the development of girls
- Liberia, Nigeria, Ethiopia
- Phase one of a four phase project: Will put CIFA in position to develop new IFAA curriculum for FLs
- Sarah Day, Jana Spacek, Andreas Hipple staffed



New program foci for IFAAs

- HIV/AIDS program with Georgetown University/Mark Dybul and Ted Karpf
- Vaccine program with Katherine Marshall/GAVI and Ted Karpf
- Polio c NIFAA?
- Tuberculosis with Katherine Marshall and Ted Karpf (see new scoping report)
- Gender work
- Water/Small enterprise in Liberia (Templeton?)
- US IFAA on Childhood Obesity, Hunger, Disaster response with Heidi Christensen and the US Department of Health and Human Services



Fall 2010

CIFA prodigious people power

