



**In War as in Peace:**  
**Youth Violence – A Challenge for International Co-operation**  
**International Conference, 14 – 16 November 2007**

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**CCF in Afghanistan:**  
**Engaging Youth in a Post-Conflict Setting**

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# **CCF in Afghanistan: Engaging Youth in a Post- Conflict Setting**

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**Evangelische Akademie**

**Loccum, Germany**

**14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November 2007**



# Christian Children's Fund

- Established in 1933 and currently operational in 33 countries worldwide
- Responding to emergencies, post-conflict/transition and longer term development
- Child-Centered Organization & Non-religious
- Working in Afghanistan since 2001 as CFA
- Targeting communities in northeast
- Lead agency for 5-year child protection consortium with IRC and Save the Children-US



# Post-Conflict Afghanistan

## Background

- 25 years of war
- Loss of livelihood
- Destruction of infrastructure
- Weakened state and lack of social services
- Deterioration of extended family networks



# Young People's Involvement in the Conflict in the Northeast

- Demobilized youth
- DDR for Children (-18)
- Armed militias in the north
- Recruitment
- Youth crimes



# Challenges Facing Afghan Youths

- **Education**
- **Economic**
- **Participation**
- **Protection**
  - Risk of (re)-recruitment
  - Exposure to landmines/ UXOs
  - Migration/ Exploitative Labor



# Challenges for Young Afghan Women and Girls

## **Affected by:**

- Severe social restrictions
- Abductions
- Early and forced marriages
- Compensation marriages
- Domestic violence
- Discriminatory legal practices



# CFA's Response

## **DDR**

- CCF partnered with UNICEF to reintegrate 1,000 CAAFAG in the northeast

## **Participation**

- Child Wellbeing Committees (CWBCs) - 4 youth per committee
- Youth clubs

## **Economic Opportunities**

- Vocational training,
- Agricultural assistance/ IGA
- Micro-Credit







# CFA's Response Continued

## **Educational Opportunities**

- Literacy classes for boys and girls
- School (re)-integration
- Healing classroom/ Child-Friendly Schools (teacher training)
- Community libraries
- Peace education youth clubs





# CFA's Response Continued

## Protection

- Child Protection Action Networks (CPAN)
- Development of community-based CP referral services
- Capacity building for government staff in institutions, NGOs and community-based CP structures
- Community-based leadership training
- Police training



# Concluding Remarks

Through a holistic approach CCF is working with partners to contribute to protective and enabling environments for Afghan children, young women and men:

- Participation
- Economic Opportunities
- Education
- Protection



**D**rug crime in Rio, racist offences against immigrants, shootings at schools, harassment in Belfast's neighbourhoods, killing brothers and sisters in Ramallah, kids traumatized by war in Bosnia or in the Congo – the involvement of children and adolescents in political and criminal acts of violence in mega-cities, as well as in (post-)conflict zones of recent wars, is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon.

What do we know about the reasons and root causes of youth violence stemming from such a variety of political and cultural backgrounds and contexts? What do (post) war constellations have in common with the urbanized reality of western democracies? Do social exclusion, poverty, the absence of education, and the availability of small arms create contexts which enhance violence and may be considered as „grey zones“ between war and peace? How would we differentiate between politically motivated, socially, ethnically or religiously based, and other ritualized forms of violence? Which patterns of violence are specifically youth related?

The conference will look at recent results and findings of international research on youth violence. In order to better understand the driving forces behind, and to identify political strategies to deal with this critical development, we will try to compare and contrast (post) war and non-war constellations, and the causes or patterns of youth violence they present. What are promising approaches on communal and state levels, amongst civil society actors and those in the field of international co-operation, to tackle the challenge of youth violence?

You are cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this conference.

**Dr. Corinna Hauswedell**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach**, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)

**Andrea Grimm**, Academy Loccum

**Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm**, Academy Director

### Conference Fees/Registration:

Room and meals: € 180,--.

For students (age 30 or under), members of the armed services and alternative service as well as unemployed with proper identification: € 90,--. Conference fees are to be paid in cash at the time of registration.

We request that you register by name, address, institution/ organization at:

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Registrations will be confirmed as long as places are available. Should you have to cancel your registration, please inform us as soon as possible.

### Accommodation and meals:

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms or double rooms, if preferred. All meals are served at the Academy. By prior arrangement, rooms and meals may be available before and after the conference.

### Directions:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony. The nearest airport is in Langenhagen airport near Hanover. The nearest train stations are Wunstorf, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

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### HOUSE SCHEDULE:

8.30 MORNING PRAYER, 8.45 BREAKFAST

12.30 LUNCH, 15.30 COFFEE/TEA,

18.30 DINER.

Opportunity to visit Loccum Monastery, Thursday 13:30 Uhr

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## ■ Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 15:30 Coffee/ Tea with cake  
16:00 Welcome and introduction  
*Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Loccum*
- 16:15 **Youth violence in the globalized world**  
- Introductions to the conference theme
- 18:30 **Context matters: violence in (post)war and non-war societies**  
*Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, INEF, Duisburg*
- Demographic data and findings concerning the social situation of youth in countries undergoing (post-)conflict and crisis-like situations of radical change**  
*Dr. Rüdiger Blumör, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*  
*Steffen Kröhnert, Berlin Institut für Bevölkerung und Entwicklung*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
- 19:30 **Current state and perspectives of international research on youth violence**  
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21:00 *Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Institute for Interdisciplinary Conflict and Violence Research, Bielefeld University*

## ■ Thursday, November 15, 2007

- 09:30 **Causes and contexts of youth violence – stocktaking** (work in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **A world of gangs**

*Prof. Dr. John Hagedorn, University of Illinois, Chicago*

### **Youth at risk programming – A crucial element to build citizenship**

*Clarissa Huguet, Children in Organized Armed Violence (COAV), Rio de Janeiro*

### **Nigeria: Youth violence and the challenges in the age of globalisation**

*Dr. Nick Idoko, Centre for Peace in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria*

### **Urban riots in France: History, patterns and the significance of institutional violence**

*Dr. Carsten Keller, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin*  
Facilitator: *Dr. Rose Ngomba-Roth, Göttingen*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Peter Lock, Hamburg*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Israel-Palestine**

*Stephan Clauss, Akademie für Konflikttransformation, Bonn*

### **Northern Ireland**

*Dr. Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research, Belfast*

### **West Africa**

*Prof. Dr. Paul Richards, Wageningen University, Netherlands*

### **Afghanistan**

*Martin Hayes, Child Protection Specialist of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), Richmond/Virginia*

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*  
Rapporteur: *Prof. em. Dr. Peter Waldmann, Augsburg University*

- 16:00 **Strategies for dealing with youth violence and its causes**

18:30 (work continued in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

### **Juveniles as target group and partner in development co-operation**

*Günter Sohr, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin*

### **Comprehensive public health strategies**

*Dr. Alberto Concha-Eastman, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Washington D.C.*

### **Intercultural youth exchange: opportunities for young people to prevent and de-learn violence and experience alternatives (beams of hope)**

*Christa-Berta Kimmich, European play work association (e.p.a.), Hamburg*

### **Neglect and trauma amongst young people in London – how to prevent and work with it at street level**

*Daniel Baltzer, Kids Company, London*

Facilitator: *Erich Marks, Geschäftsführer, Deutscher Präventionstag, Hannover*  
Rapporteur: *Andrea Grimm*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

### **Linking development and peacebuilding: experiences from Bosnia**

*Dr. Martina Fischer, Berghof Centre for Conflict Research, Berlin*

### **Strategies for working with youth in the immediate post-accord period**

*Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Butler University, Indianapolis*

### **Demobilization and reintegration of children and adolescents – experience from the Congo**

*Achim Koch, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn*

### **Strategies to confront youth violence – experiences from Nicaragua and Central America**

*José Luis Rocha, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua*

Facilitator: *Prof. em. Dr. Franz Nuscheler, INEF, Duisburg*  
Rapporteur: *Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach*

- 19:30 **Youth violence in cultural contexts: film and Hip Hop music**

21:00 *Katrin Lock, London*

## ■ Friday November 16, 2007

- 09:30 **Youth violence as a challenge facing international co-operation**

Final winding-up session, introduced by reports of the section rapporteurs

Ambassador *Friedrich Däuble*, Appointee for Conflict Prevention, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin  
*Dr. Winrich Kühne*, Center for International Peace Missions (ZIF), Berlin

*Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja*, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

- 12:30 Conference ends with lunch  
12:50 Departure of shuttle bus to Wunstorf train station (arrival around 13:30 hours)

Conference languages: German and English; simultaneous translation available