

# **STRATEGIES FOR CHURCHES AND CHRISTIAN ORGANISATIONS IN A CONSULTATION ON INTEGRAL MISSION HELD IN KIGALI (RWANDA) FROM January 15<sup>th</sup> to January 17<sup>th</sup> HOSTED BY THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE IN RWANDA AND MICAH NETWORK**

## **1. Introduction**

Twenty five leaders from seventeen Church and Christian Organisations met at Amani Centre, Kigali, Rwanda following the invitation of AESD- Evangelical Association for Health and Development- and Africa Micah Network. The consultation enabled participants to share ideas on Integral Mission. They started by looking at the situation of integral mission in each of the represented churches/ Christian organisations. They continued by looking at what will be their achievements. They set up strategies aiming at strengthening or starting integral mission initiatives. They committed to meet on a quarterly basis to assess progress and achievements. Key plenary speakers were Reverend Eustache Karangwa, the President of the Evangelical Alliance, Gahungu Bunini, the Director of AESD, Michel Kayitaba, the Director of MOUCECORE, Emmanuel Murangira, the Tearfund UK Country Representative and the Africa Micah Network Coordinator, John Wesley Kabango.

## **2. Expected Outputs were:**

- 2.1. Twenty five leaders envisioned in integral mission towards revolutionary leadership in each of Rwanda geographical zones.
- 2.2. Awareness created in at least one theological institution in each of the countries' geographical zones on integral mission.
- 2.3. Twenty five denominational leaders from each of the countries' geographical zones mobilised to envision and empower at least 500 people of their churches for integral mission.
- 2.4. At least 4 main church groupings having at least 2 of their churches practising church and community mobilisation approaches.

## **3. Strategies:**

### **Strategy 1:**

Participants committed to hold similar workshops in the all country in the year 2009, 4 provinces and the city of Kigali. Trainings will be held in the following months (March, April, May, June and July). About 500 Church leaders will meet and they will go back into their community to spread the Integral Mission principles and work.

### **Strategy 2 :**

After the National conversation, participants will be given forms where they will list all integral mission related practical work in their churches and Christian Organisations.

### **Strategy 3 :**

After the IMI conversation in all provinces and after knowing what is being done in each churches and Christian organisations, they will be organised 5 study tour visits to help sharing knowledge and expertise within churches and Christian Organisations.

**Strategy 4:**

Training topics will be compiled in a module which will be used to training other community members in the future.

**Strategy 5:**

At a place near the 5 headquarters' provinces, there will be a project illustrating integral mission serving as a model for other churches / Christian organisations and community.

**Strategy 6:**

After the National conversation, all participants who attended have committed to be committee members in their provinces. Their role will be to stimulate others and invite them to join integral mission initiatives aiming at unlocking multidimensional poverty in their areas.

**Strategy 7:**

A similar consultation will be organised at national level and will be held twice a year. The first will be held in the beginning of the year in planning activities and the second will be held at the end of the year in assessing progress. A regular monitoring will be done every month to make sure we are on the right way.

**4. Ways of implementing these strategies:**

- 4.1 Awakening the church in general: working towards winning congregations and bringing them to accepting being involved in IMI. They will be an induction for those who will commit themselves to IMI and they will be commissioned to working towards IMI.
- 4.2 Conduct a community base line survey: what has been the devil's work in our community?
  - In health, socio-economic areas... (This assessment will be done by the community helped by the local pastor and local leaders).
  - Community members will decide what will be the priority in implementing IMI and various supporters will be contacted
- 4.3 Encouraging local community's own participation and support which might be complemented by other donors' support.
- 4.4 The action plan in implementing these activities is made by local church (Pastor in collaboration with congregations) and social actions are implemented for the benefits of the entire community.

**Amani Centre, Kicukiro, Kigali**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Represented Churches / Christian Organisations working in Rwanda:**

1. Zion temple
2. Restoration church
3. Eglise Evangélique Guilgal au Rwanda
4. New Philadelphia
5. Eglise de Dieu de Nouveau Testament au Rwanda
6. Alliance Evangélique au Rwanda
7. IUCC : Immanuel United Church of Christ
8. Eglise Evangélique des Amis
9. RDIS: Rural Development Interdiocesan service, Anglican Church in Rwanda.
10. Lutheran Church
11. Faculté de Théologie Evangélique au Rwanda
12. RPAG : Rwanda Pentecostal Church Assemblies of God
13. Eglise de Dieu de Pentecôte au Rwanda (EDPR)
14. Bible society of Rwanda
15. Communauté des Eglises Chrétiennes au Rwanda
16. AEPESD : Association Pour l'Education et la Prise en charge des enfants en Situation Difficile
17. The Evangelical Alliance in Rwanda
18. The Bible and Development School in Shyogwe Diocese, Anglican Church in Rwanda.
19. The Bible School in Kigeme Diocese, Anglican Church in Rwanda

**IMI National Conversation: Church / Christian Organisations leaders in Rwanda**