A call for clarification and critical analysis into the work of faith based development organisations (fbdo)

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This article compares and contrasts three groups of faith-based development organisations (fbdos). The first group consists of community based fbdos. The second are intermediaries acting as a bridge between larger donors and community organisations. Lastly, missionary organisations that work with local communities but see development primarily as religious conversion. This comparison allows clarification over what constitutes an fbdo and also highlights the variety of ways faith intersects with development in the work of different fbdos. The use of two analytical frames assessing the faith of organisations along a continuum and then measuring the position of fbdos within an aid chain, emphasises the need to acknowledge the diversity of factors that both limit and contribute to the success of an fbdo.