

Finn Church Aid (FCA), Finland

Dr. Ikali Karvinen

Organisation Profile

Finn Church Aid (FCA) is Finland's largest international aid organization with operations in 12 countries and more than 70 years of experience. FCA specializes in supporting local communities in three priority areas: Right to Education, Right to Livelihood, and Right to Peace. We work in the world's most fragile contexts and with the most vulnerable people, regardless of their religious beliefs, ethnic background or political convictions. Our objective is to promote sustainable development and equality by achieving changes in policies, attitudes and laws. FCA is a faith- and rights-based organisation and a member of ACT Alliance, a global network of church-affiliated aid organisations.

Nominee Information

Dr. Ikali Karvinen



Video presentation



Gender: Male

Job title: Deputy Executive Director

Ikali Karvinen works currently as a Deputy Executive Director of FCA, being in charge of the strategy and programme content. Earlier he has worked as a Country Director in Eritrea, Cambodia and Somalia. Dr. Karvinen's educational background includes studies from health, education and leadership, and he holds Doctorate in Health Sciences. Dr. Karvinen has especially contributed to evidence-based Education in Emergencies at Finn Church Aid. Over the past years he has led FCA's humanitarian and development work in challenging contexts, witnessing in practice the impact of climate change for the most vulnerable ones, changes in the funding architecture and need for understanding the overall systemic change in the humanitarian field. Dr. Karvinen has been strong advocate of development-humanitarian nexus, and his earlier work for policy influence aligns well with ICVA's mission. As one of the leaders of humanitarian I-NGO Karvinen is committed for supporting principled humanitarian action, where the beneficiaries are in the heart of everything and the sector is developed with strong value-basis. FCA has recently renewed its humanitarian strategy, and organization's addition of People and planet -thinking to strategy might benefit ICVA in the work if addressing climate change in the humanitarian action."

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- **Chair –No**