



## **The Empirical Measurement of the Impact of Worldview on Development. Daring, dumb or downright Dangerous?**

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**Date & Time:** Wednesday 22 September 2010, 5.30-7.00 pm

**Venue:** VicHealth Seminar Room Ground Floor, 15-31 Pelham Street, Carlton North

**Topic:** Over a decade ago the World Bank initiated discussions called the World Faith Development Dialogue to look at the contribution of faith communities to development initiatives and to see if there were ways of harnessing the grass roots structures to produce better development outcomes. It also recognised that some elements of faith structure might have negative impacts and began discussions on ways to ameliorate the effects those influences might have. Given that the vast majority of the “developing” world has a well integrated spirituality as a worldview, that religious institutions are very influential in these countries, and that, contrary to predictions in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century religiosity is increasing rather than diminishing, it seems highly desirable to attempt to determine those elements of faith/worldview that make positive contribution to transformational outcomes.

World Vision, as a faith based NGO, has a great interest in this area and has been analysing evaluations in various countries to determine where to drill down for further insights.

Your participation and input will be warmly welcomed