

**The experience of interfaith dialogue:
an answer to a wounded and vulnerable world**

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The paper aims at presenting how, today, interfaith dialogue can offer ways for positive alternatives and answers to vulnerabilities and wounds. Drawing inspiration from two success stories – in Algeria and in India – the study will outline how the experience of dialogue among people of different faiths and cultures can help to build a present and a future of hope.

The first study-case, based in Algeria, shows how, after of a concrete life of fraternity experienced for fifty years on a daily basis, two communities have reached the point of being able, even during the civil war, to share problems, fears and, together, find common solutions. They have grown stronger in their own Muslim and Christian identities, respectively, and, at the same time, they openly share common values and social commitment. In the second case, based in India, over the last twenty years, two communities - one with Christian roots and physiognomy and the other Hindu with a Gandhian inspiration - were able to establish a growing relationship which led them to know each other with their differences and commonalities and, on this basis, promote projects of different types, especially in informal education for children, teen-agers and youth.

An examination of the origins, the development and characteristics of these two cases will help to appreciate the role interfaith dialogue can play in the complex process of today's world where mission is more and more a common process.