



## OUR STORY

Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) is a global network of Christian organizations and individuals committed to advancing health and wholeness.



## OUR MEMBERS

More than 100 organizations and hundreds of individuals working in facilities, communities, and programs in over 90 countries. Over half our members are based in low/middle-income countries.



## OUR GOAL

Supporting effective Christian organizations and leaders who are vital for health behaviors, programs, and policy.

## Faith-based Organizations are Vital

With 84% of the global population belonging to a major religion, a "faith engagement strategy" is vital—but often missing—from global health interventions. Christian health workers and organizations are frequently the only actors to "reach the last mile," be that a remote village, an urban slum, or any community lacking access to care. Communities trust them. Religious leaders influence values and attitudes and drive healthy behaviors. FBOs operate training and community health programs, and are mostly locally formed, owned, and controlled, resulting in culturally appropriate approaches.

## HOW WE WORK THROUGH OUR NETWORK TO ADVANCE HEALTH AND WHOLENESS



**We make it easier** for local faith-based organizations to participate in global programs. **We support capacity assessment**, coach on improvements that local organizations should make, and convene workshops to foster improvements. **We become an intermediary too**, by working in coalitions with partners who wish to work closely with faith actors.



**We convene conferences and virtual learning institutes** that have reached leaders from over 70 countries in recent years. **We publish results** and share the impact of our members on social media.



**We improve results** from faith-based partnerships, engaging in adaptive learning and building technical rigor. **We overcome hurdles** to integrating faith leaders in global health work, ensuring they are well informed as powerful advocates and community influencers. **We listen, foster dialogue, define challenges and collaborate** on communication strategies.



**We advocate** for donor support in Washington, DC and beyond. **We streamline the flow of evidence** on the need, scale and impact of programs, and highlight the experience of local organizations who work with donor programs. **We amplify members' impact** by increasing their visibility, advocating for them with funders and policymakers, and helping them develop the resources they need to serve.



*CCIH engages members in advocacy for global health and the role of faith-based health systems, provides training to strengthen capacity in key areas, and partners with local organizations to improve health.*

# Why CCIH Matters

Our partners count on CCIH to forge strategic engagements in faith communities to implement programs and develop scalable tools. Without CCIH, many organizations remain unknown to partners and funders. CCIH draws on the strength of global and local institutions to strengthen local services and engage church leaders, promoting learning and advocacy and raising a network of next-generation leaders.

## CCIH Helps Our Members

- **Tell the story** of the impact of their work through a variety of media formats to our global network of faith actors, partners, and supporters.
- **Strengthen their organizational capacity** using CCIH tools to assess their capacity, identify gaps, and improve and adapt.
- **Access resources and partners** to advance their programs. CCIH shares funding opportunities with members and makes vital connections among networks and consortia.
- **Strengthen the integration of faith and health** by connecting with other Christians working in health, and assessing more clearly how their faith defines their organization
- **Belong to an influential global movement.** Their voices must be amplified for policymakers and funders at local, national, and international levels.

## What Our Members Say



"CCIH is a platform where CHAG explores partnerships, forges alliances, and networks...with like-minded Christian health providers. CCIH, together with CHAG, is the best guarantee for promoting Jesus Christ's healing ministries."

**- Peter Yeboah, Executive Director, Christian Health Association of Ghana**



"Working toward health for all is a great challenge. That's why partnerships are a key aspect of the AMOS ministry...CCIH is an important and needed space where we have been able to share about our journey, learn from others, and encourage one another as we all work toward a better world."

**- Dr. Gabriella Woo, Executive Director, AMOS Health and Hope**



"We have benefited greatly from being a part of CCIH. It is a wonderful platform to make meaningful connections with other like-minded organizations that work in public health, to share about the work we do, and to learn from others."

**- Justin Narducci, President and CEO, CURE International**

## Featured Initiatives

- **30x30 Health Systems Initiative** is a CCIH program to partner with members who commit to strengthening 30 health systems by 2030, demonstrating the value of faith-based organizations and ensuring people have access to quality services.
- **Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium.** We are filling a gap in data about Christian health facilities, community programs, training institutions, and drug distribution networks so they are included in health planning, partnerships, and research. CCIH is the secretariat of this Consortium.
- **Organization Capacity Assessment** to help faith-based organizations evaluate their effectiveness, and identify where to focus capacity-strengthening efforts, CCIH developed tools and processes to advance their organizational effectiveness and impact.
- **Faith Leader Engagement to Support Maternal and Child Health.** Faith leaders are influential and trusted actors in their communities. CCIH works to identify and share promising practices in engaging faith leaders in vaccine acceptance and family planning.
- **Small Grants.** CCIH has embarked on grants to strengthen health systems, assess organization capacity, and improve Christian Identity.

## Learn More and Get Involved

We're a non-profit network headquartered in the Washington, DC area. We partner with USAID, the World Health Organization and major foundations.

Visit [www.ccih.org](http://www.ccih.org) for more about our work, how to become a member, and to join our mailing list.