

# CCIH Community-Based Prevention and Care Working Group

## **Working Group Charter October 2021**

### **Who We Are**

The Community-Based Prevention and Care (CBPC) Working Group is one of the four thematic working groups of Christian Connections in International Health (CCIH), along with Integration of Faith and Health, Health Systems Strengthening, and the Health of Women and Children. We meet together at various times of the year including at the annual conference for discussions and seminars to learn about what others in the CCIH community are doing in this domain and about advances in the field.

### **Working Group Core Values**

We believe the gospel of Christ brings transformation not only to individuals but to communities and the nations: “All the nations will be blessed in you” (Galatians 3:8). A Christian approach to community-based prevention and care recognizes the dignity of every person, as made in God’s image. Jesus related health and healing to the life of the community. He questioned injustices, especially those that affected the poor and the life and wellbeing of the community. We as the Community-Based Care and Prevention Working Group value the blessing of the gospel of Jesus Christ in addressing our deepest needs to love God and to love others. Community engagement is our key to being a blessing to the nations through God’s love.

### **Problem statement**

The 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata calling for “Health for All” continues to be a dream for low-resource and underserved communities around the world. One-half of the world’s population still lacks essential health services and Universal Health Care is a distant goal. Community-based health care is necessary to reach those without ready access to facility-based services. Community engagement is needed to support communities in becoming active agents in improving their own health and wellbeing. Stronger political will and expanded funding are needed for community-based prevention and care in order to reach the poorest of the poor, who are of utmost concern to Christians.

### **Working Group Vision**

- To strengthen the interest, engagement and capacity of individual and organizational CCIH members in community-based prevention and care
- To share globally our knowledge and experience with those beyond the CCIH membership
- To advocate for the crucial role of faith-based organizations and faith leaders in community-based prevention and care

## **Working Group Mission**

- To highlight voices of faith-based organizations, religious leaders, and other community stakeholders from various cultural backgrounds on community-based prevention and care
- To share globally advances in community-based prevention and care
- To position faith-based organizations to advocate for community-based prevention and care, influencing secular spaces and government policy
- To link faith-based organizations working in community-based prevention and care with each other
- To incorporate innovation and technology for better community-based prevention and care programs
- To promote networking within CCIH members and its partners who have a strong interest in community-based prevention and care

## **Working Group Member Expectations**

- Participate in regular Working Group calls
- Network, learn and share with other Working Group members
- Brainstorm ideas for future events (e.g., webinars, forums, conferences, etc.), highlight voices from those in the field and from program/technical leaders, and help recruit speakers for these events
- Share webinars and other resources with colleagues in CCIH members' individual networks
- Share resources that should be added to the CCIH website and shared with the CCIH network