

CCIH Data and Mapping Working Group

Working Group Charter

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Problem Statement and Purpose

Christian healthcare goes back to the third century and the plagues in Rome and to the Black Plague in Europe when we saw Christians step in to care for the sick and dying while everyone else was running away. Christian healthcare facilities are known for going the last mile to be in remote areas where care is needed the most and for providing care at little to no cost. “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40). Funding a medical operation in a low-resource, remote environment is extremely challenging and historically has relied on church denominations to provide funding and other support. The landscape is changing with fewer and fewer life-long missionaries and a shift in church funding priorities.

However, the need for funding still exists and organizations are having to compete for funds with secular organizations and faith-based entities have to be able to show their value and impact. Intuitively, we know Christian healthcare adds huge value to healthcare systems throughout the world, but it is very difficult to measure and quantify the scope and contribution of Christian healthcare globally. In addition, members of CCIH work all over the world and need resources and expertise that other CCIH members possess. Quickly connecting CCIH members to collaborate and augment healthcare delivery has been challenging in the past.

The Data and Mapping Working group was birthed out of the former Health Systems Strengthening working group and seeks to leverage data analysis, mapping expertise and passion from members to support CCIH leadership, other CCIH members, and quantify and qualify the impact of Christian healthcare globally.

Goals

- Leverage the expertise within CCIH membership to support service offering data collection, data analysis, and mapping efforts to promote the value and extent of Christian healthcare.
- Provide data to support the CCIH team when articulating the value and scope of CCIH and Christian healthcare in general to stakeholder audiences.
- Promote and connect CCIH members by providing service information about other members to accelerate and expand their own work.
- Promote networking between CCIH members and its partners who have a strong interest in data mapping.
- Demonstrate the benefits of high-quality data and highlight the benefits of investment by showing the value-add to organizations within CCIH and how data feeds into larger entities like the Mapping Consortium.
- Measure the scope of Christian healthcare in specific regions and countries.
- Find and implement practical ways to share and utilize the data obtained.

Two Year Objectives

- Get the CCIH member service offerings data in a sharable and searchable format and share with all members.
- Host annual CCIH webinars for all members on data and mapping topics relevant to Christian healthcare.
- Support CCIH team in planning the annual conference and provide sessions/ speakers for the conference. This would include providing tools and resources to assist in the development and sharing of faith-based health information.
- Determine if current country profiles are of value, how they can be improved, and how they can be best shared and utilized.
- Provide practical support to the Global Mapping Consortium and share updates with CCIH membership at least annually at the conference.

Guiding Principles

We believe that every individual was created by God, in the image of God and hence has extreme value. We believe that Christian healthcare facilities offer a unique aspect of care that encompasses the mind, body, and spirit that leads to complete healing. We believe that high-quality data is worth the investment to demonstrate the added value faith-based organizations provide to addressing the health needs of their communities. We believe that a Christian approach to healthcare delivery is one that embodies love, compassion, and dignity. We value the blessing and transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ and how it teaches us to Love God and love others. We value engagement with communities since the people of God are meant to be a blessing to the nations. As followers of Christ, we esteem integrity and pursue excellence in our work, believing that the quality of our work is a direct representation of Christ.

Scope, Boundaries and Issues

Analyzing and mapping Christian healthcare is a huge task and the Data and Mapping Working Group will maintain its focus on the core goals and objectives. We will prioritize supporting CCIH leadership as they advocate for Christian healthcare, supporting and connecting CCIH members to facilitate their work, and partnering with other groups (Global Mapping Consortium) to support mapping the scope of Christian healthcare globally. This group will not undertake to map and analyze a brand new system, but to educate and encourage CCIH Members to take advantage and utilize existing frameworks to highlight their work.

CCIH Staff Support Requirements

The working group will need support of CCIH staff via staff liaison to send out meeting invites and zoom links to working group members and to keep working group members apprised of pertinent CCIH events and activities that relate to the group and its activities. CCIH will maintain a Member database that will be searchable for CCIH members.

Membership Expectations

We welcome any CCIH member to join the Data and Mapping working group that has an interest in supporting this work and CCIH. While prior experience using data analytics and mapping to promote Christian healthcare is very helpful, it is not required. Expectations include:

- Participating in regular WG calls- Currently this is a bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at 9:00 AM EST and in person at the annual conference.
- Sharing expertise and brainstorming on key WG projects that include but are not limited to:
 - Mapping of CCIH membership- Collecting data on where organizations work, who they serve, and what services they offer. Determine how to best utilize this data and share with the membership to foster collaboration and increase impact.
 - Reviewing specific country spotlights that highlight the scope and impact of Christian healthcare in a given country and suggest revisions or how these may be more useful. Support development of new country spotlights if the group decides they should be developed. Brainstorm on best ways to utilize this data.
 - Supporting and contributing to the work of the larger (beyond CCIH membership) mapping consortium that is working to aggregate existing mapping of Christian healthcare and consolidate into one “master” database/ map to show the scope and impact of Christian healthcare.
- Brainstorming ideas for future events on specific topics (e.g. webinars, forums, conferences, etc.) that highlight keynote speakers and/or voices from the field and help recruit speakers for those topics and events.
 - Sharing webinars and resources on mapping and data analytics with other colleagues in your individual networks.
 - Sharing relative resources that could be added to the CCIH website and shared with the CCIH network.