

# 30X30 HEALTH SYSTEMS INITIATIVE

## BACKGROUND

Faith-based organizations (FBOs) provide a substantial share of services in health facilities and community-based health programs, and are critically important partners<sup>1</sup> in local, national, and global health.<sup>2</sup> FBOs operate in complex health systems: from community services to health facility-based services that include prevention, health promotion, community-based management of diseases, disease screening, referral, and treatment.

**Goal:** Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) launched the [30x30 Health Systems Initiative](#), aiming to strengthen 30 health systems globally through faith-based organizations by 2030.

## INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

The 30x30 health systems initiative has 33 active commitments classified under WHO health systems building blocks (Health Workforce, Service Delivery, Leadership & Governance, Community Services, Access to Essential Medicines and Supplies, Financing, Health Information Systems), as well as CCIH's additional category of Community Services (see figure 2).

Between 2019 and 2022, 30x30 commitment makers have reached more than one million people through various health programs that improved the access and utilization of health services. Over 33,000 households were reached by maternal, neonatal and child health programs and nearly 23,000 households benefited from leprosy/neglected tropical disease-targeted health programs.

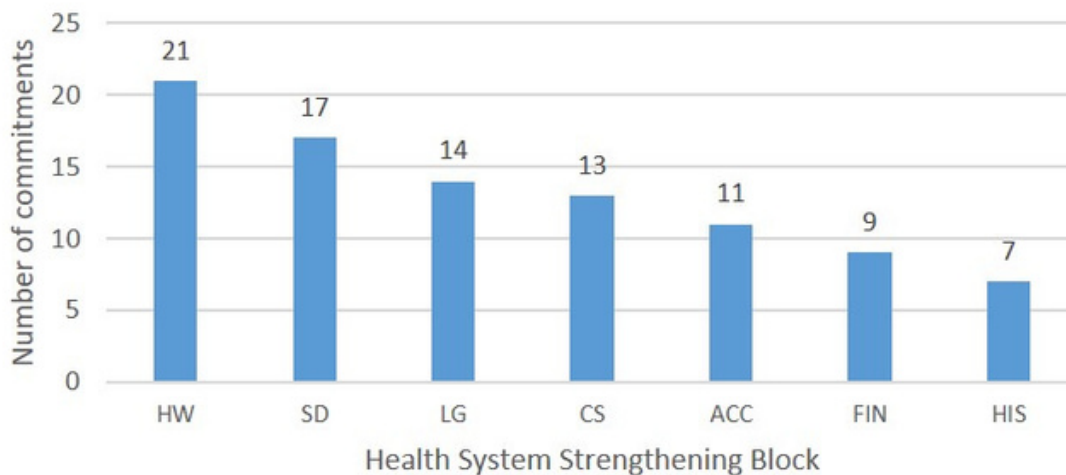


Figure 2: Commitments by Health System Strengthening Block (HW- Health Workforce, SD – Service Delivery, LG – Leadership & Governance, CS – Community Services, ACC – Access to Essential Medicines and Supplies, FIN – Financing, HIS – Health Information Systems)

<sup>1</sup> CCIH Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium [internet] 2022 [cited 2023 Feb 27]; <https://www.ccih.org/christian-health-asset-mapping-consortium/>

<sup>2</sup> CCIH Market share of Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) in the health care of developing countries [internet] 2017 [cited 2023 Feb 27]. Available from : <https://www.ccih.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Annotated-Bibliography-on-FBOs-market-share.pdf>

## Successes, Challenges, and Recommendations

Below are a few examples of successes and challenges that FBOs experienced in health systems strengthening, as well as recommendations to achieve the goal of universal access to quality healthcare.

**Success:** Between 2019-2022, 30x30 commitment makers conducted 4,683 training programs and trained 33,175 health personnel on various health technical areas. “Graduates from our affiliated programs continue to take on leadership roles such as Lead Program Coordinators of residencies, Clinical Services Director and CEOs of participating teaching hospitals.” - 30x30 commitment maker

**Challenge:** Most training programs focus on public health facility workers (e.g., government) excluding private not-for-profit staff (such as faith-based facilities). These gaps in training in key health issue areas, such as leadership and governance, are what 30x30 commitment makers are trying to address.

**Recommendation:** Partner with 30x30 commitment makers on training facility and community-based health care workers, administration and finance staff to strengthen the overall health system. Policies and programs should be inclusive to leverage the capacity of faith-based facilities and community health programs to be strong components of the country's overall health system.

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**Success:** 2,261 church groups were reached by three commitment makers, allowing them to provide relevant and useful information on health issues to their local community for prevention of diseases.

**Challenge:** Though FBOs provide a substantial share of health services, a lack of data about these facilities, community programs, training institutions and drug distribution networks leads to undercounting of Christian health assets and exclusion from planning, partnerships, and research.

**Recommendation:** Support a comprehensive data and mapping strategy of health care facilities, community-based initiatives, and church-run health programs, and their supporting partners. Support policies and programs that focus on engagement of trusted faith leaders to reduce myths and misconceptions and help support social and behavior change of health issues.

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**Success:** 186 partnerships with government, NGOs and development agencies have been established.

**Challenge:** Many organizations do not have staff capacity/resources for high-level partnership development and engagement (e.g., participating in technical working groups at a national or global level, ensuring meeting and coordination with their governments and other development partners).

**Recommendation:** Support 30x30 commitment makers to ensure adequate staff to fully participate in on-the-ground and global engagement through appropriate partnerships and coordination with all actors.

These are only a few examples of the successes and challenges that underscore the 30x30 initiative so far. For more information please read the full [30x30 Annual Progress Report 2022](#).

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