

WHEN THE CENTRE MUST HOLD: THE ROLE OF NETWORK ORGANISATIONS IN PARTNERSHIPS

*Experiences and lessons as a membership organization working with semi autonomous members towards shared goals.
How we make it work and how we navigate the challenges of varied priorities*

PRESENTED BY NKATHA NJERU
COORDINATOR & CEO
ACHAP



CCIH 2023

HOPE IN HEALTH: OUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN

ABOUT ACHAP



The African Christian Health Association Platform (ACHAP) is a regional faith-based organisation providing a platform for Christian Health Associations (CHAs) and Church Health Networks in Sub-Saharan Africa. brings together about 40 national-level faith-based networks providing services in 32 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa to share resources, establish technical working groups (TWGs), and provide ongoing training and technical assistance (TA) to its members



Vision

Health and Healing for all in Africa.

Mission

Inspired by Christ's healing ministry, ACHAP supports church-related health associations and organizations to work and advocate for health for all in Africa, guided by equity, justice and human dignity.

Core Values

- Christ centeredness
- Transparency and accountability
- Inclusivity and diversity
- Professionalism
- Innovation
- Partnerships



WHAT WE DO

To **facilitate networking and communication** among Christian Health Associations and other Church Health Networks in Africa.

To **facilitate joint advocacy** with and for the Christian Health Associations and Church Health Networks in Africa on matters of health development.

To **support the capacity development** of Christian Health Associations and Church Health Networks to **provide quality health care**

To **establish and maintain partnerships** with other institutions and organisations in support of health development in Africa.





OUR APPROACH TO PARTNERSHIP-Accompaniment



A focus on individuals, teams, organization-wide



More facilitative than instructional and driven by the local context



Begins with joint assessment of needs and gaps and development of a joint action plan



Good understanding of context of the network member



Includes tools that appreciates context - 'faith-based' capacity



Modelled on sustainability models such as ensuring trickle down effects

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

- **Trust**
- **Openness & shared decision making**
- **Humility**
- **Shared learning**
- **Shared values**
- **connection**
- **Reflection & prioritization**
- **Value addition**



CHALLENGES IN PARTNERSHIPS

- Donor priority mismatch
- Organisational & technical capacity
- Country context
- Sustainability
- Resources
- Shifting priorities (MOH/Donor/Organisational/context)



LESSONS LEARNT

- Continuous engagement for sustainable partnership
- Building lasting relationships is important for partnership
- Capacity strengthening is an important part of sustainable partnership
- Need for local partner to lead the process
- Clear understanding of local context & priorities is important from design
- Opportunity to apply unrestricted funding helps to enhance impact
- Begin with open discussion on gaps not as weaknesses but opportunity
- Need to create a safe & nurturing environment for the partnership



WEST – OUEST

1. Association des Œuvres Médicales Privée Confessionnelles et Sociales au Bénin (AMCES)
2. Union Chrétienne Médicale et Paramédicale (UCMP), Burkina Faso
3. Assemblée de Dieu du Burkina Faso (ASAD)
4. Christian Health Association of Ghana (CHAG)
5. Association des Églises Baptistes Évangéliques de Côte d'Ivoire (AEBECI)
6. Christian Health Association of Liberia (CHAL)
7. Association Protestante de la Santé au Mali (APSM)
8. Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN)
9. CHAN MEDIPHARM, Nigeria
10. Église Protestante du Sénégal - Commission Médicale (EPSCM)
11. Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL)
12. Association Protestante des Œuvres Médico-Sociales du Togo (APROMESTO)
13. Mission Philafricaine (MPA), Guinée

EAST – EST

14. Communauté des Églises de Pentecôte au Burundi (CEPBU)
15. Christian Health Association of Sudan (CHAS)
16. Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesu (EECMY)
17. Christian Health Association of Kenya (CHAK)
18. Kenya Episcopal Conference (KCCB)
19. Mission for essential Drug Supply (MEDS), Kenya
20. Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network (EPN), Kenya
21. Bureau des Formations Médicales Agréées du Rwanda (BUFMAR)
22. CARITAS Rwanda
23. Christian Social Services Commission (CSSC), Tanzania
24. Mission for Essential Medical Supplies (MEMS), Tanzania
25. Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB)
26. Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB)
27. Joint Medical Stores (JMS), Uganda

CENTER – CENTRE

28. Conseil des Églises Protestantes du Cameroun (CEPCA)
29. Association des Œuvres Médicales pour la Santé en Centrafrique (ASSOMESCA)
30. Communauté Baptiste au Centre de l'Afrique (CBCA), Central African Republic
31. Koyem Hospital / Bureau d'Appui Conseil (AEST), Chad
32. Église du Christ au Congo (ECC/CARITAS), DR Congo
33. Union des Églises Évangéliques Protestantes au Niger (UEEPN)

SOUTH – SUD

34. Christian Medical Commission of Angola (CMCA)
35. Associations of Medical Missions of Botswana (AMMB)
36. Christian Health Association of Lesotho (CHALe)
37. Churches Forum on HIV/AIDS (CFHA), Swaziland
38. Église de Jesus Christ à Madagascar (FJKM)
39. Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM)
40. Council of Churches in Namibia (CCN)
41. Christian Aids Bureau for South Africa (CHASA)
42. Churches Association of Zambia (CHAZ)

AFRICA CHA PLATFORM

MEMBERS LIST LISTE DES MEMBRES (2017)



AFRICA CHA PLATFORM

