



CCIH

Christian Connections
for International Health

2023 IMPACT REPORT

Advancing health and wholeness.

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CCIH Member Amaka Uja of the Isaiah 58 Care Foundation in Nigeria at the 2023 CCIH Conference.

Friends,

In 2023, we saw increasing evidence of our work's impact. While CCIH has a long history of forging connections, strengthening capacity, and advocating for faith actors, **we now have initiatives and tools to scale this work like never before.**

We know that **Christian organizations provide a substantial share of health services and are critically important** in health across the globe. However, partners and donors often don't know about faith actors or how to find them, and other barriers keep local actors from reaching their potential.

We're excited to share how CCIH is working to change that.

Last year, CCIH worked through members, partners, consultants, and volunteers to:

- **Strengthen local organizations**, moving from assessing capacity to matching organizations with new resources to grow.
- Equip faith actors to find and win funding with **Business Development training.**
- Leverage the impact of faith actors in their communities through **Small Grants.**
- Fill the urgent need for quality data and information on the scope and scale of faith actors through the **Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium.**

- Partner with faith actors as they strengthen health system resilience, entering year four of our 10-year **CCIH 30x30 Health Systems Initiative** and launching a new **Faith Consortium for Climate Resilient Health.**
- Advocate for **PEPFAR and programs to improve women's and children's health** by focusing on learning from our global network to communicate with leaders in Washington, D.C. and Geneva.

Faith-based organizations operate in complex health systems, providing preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services through facilities and community-based programs. **They often serve people who have no other option for care** – whether they live in remote areas or urban slums. We're honored to support and partner with FBOs in this mission.

CCIH is leaning into our roots as a connector and convener while leveraging more recent initiatives to gather valuable data and strengthen health systems and faith actor capacity. We're grateful for the many partners, supporters, and friends on this journey with us, and we look forward to all we will achieve together.

In Partnership,



Doug Fountain
CCIH Executive Director



EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN CAPACITY

Lowering barriers to local participation in global programs.

CCIH helps local organizations prepare to participate in global programs and optimize their capacity to serve their communities. We achieve this by providing strategically focused training, capacity assessment and improvement tools, and targeted technical assistance.

IN 2023, CCIH:

- Launched the **CCIH Virtual Learning Institute** with a focus on Business Development, attracting 115 attendees from 24 countries. CCIH coached 62 other staff of 11 organizations on Business Development in separate offerings.
- Trained **16 CHA staff on program performance tracking**.
- Released the **Christian Organizational Identity Assessment (COIA)**, a self-assessment tool to help organizations that identify as Christian understand and align how they reflect their faith identity in both their internal and external operations.

“We strengthened our capacity through CCIH and connected with many organizations, forming partnerships that helped us increase our impact in the communities we serve.”

– **Simon Ssentongo, Knowledge Management and Learning Advisor, Africa Christian Health Associations Platform**



“The concepts and materials provided in the Virtual Learning Institute were excellent, highly relevant, and detailed. The information and tips on facilitation were very helpful, too. I look forward to using them.”

– **Virtual Learning Institute Participant**

CONNECT WITH PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

CCIH directly supports local members through our Small Grants program to improve systems and services. In addition, CCIH helps international and non-faith-based organizations improve performance and impact with local partners.

We serve as an intermediary on large donor-funded projects to identify and vet partners, bridge differences in understanding and communications, facilitate program design, coordinate implementation, and ensure quality reporting.

In 2023, CCIH:

- Funded member projects through **13 Small Grants** that supported and enhanced services in eight countries, with five grants having a global impact.
- Awarded **17 capacity-strengthening grants** in 11 countries plus three multi-country projects at the end of 2023.
- **Connected 19 organizations** with external partners.
- Launched a new website feature that enables users to **search for partners based on location and service.**

✦ Église Méthodiste du Togo Reaches More Patients Thanks to CCIH Small Grant

CCIH awarded a **Small Grant** to the Église Méthodiste du Togo (EMT) Health Department to train health staff, raise community awareness, renovate the Zouvi Health Center building, and purchase a generator.

After the work was completed, EMT experienced:

30%

INCREASE IN
NURSING VISITS

29%

INCREASE IN
PRENATAL CONSULTATIONS

26%

INCREASE IN BIRTHS
AT THE CLINIC

“Thanks to the services offered by the health center, the awareness raising, and the affordable cost of care, the majority of the community have become conscious of their risky practices of traditional and nonmedical treatments and now understand that being treated in a health facility is a better and more sustainable solution to treat disease.”

– **Lazare Kouadjo, Executive Director, PMDCT (Programme Méthodiste de Développement Communautaire au Togo).**

WHERE OUR MEMBERS WORK

Filters

Select one or more search criteria to filter your search

Country where the organization works

Rwanda

Only show organizations that have a registered office in the selected country

Choose the type of organization or service. Choosing more than one item will produce results that provide both or all of the items checked

Serves as a network or association

Provides academic programs or research opportunities

Results

Search organizations by selecting your filter criteria

Adventist Dev and Relief Agency (ADRA)

Visit Website

AESD (Action des Eglises Evangeliques
la Sante et le Development)

Visit Website

CONNECT WITH PARTNERS AND RESOURCES

◆ NEW Feature in 2023: Find CCIH Members for Partnerships

CCIH established a [member “search” feature](#) that allows viewers to filter organizations by countries and how they either directly serve communities or support those that do.



“CCIH works hard to stake out space that is wide enough to allow space for both geographic and theological diversity. I value that I am able to contribute to that as a CCIH member.”

– Rebecca Waugh, Senior Technical Advisor for Faith Engagement at [IMA World Health](#) and [Corus International](#).



“CCIH brings the nations to the table. We can't begin to understand localization without engaging with those actually doing the work and hearing from local experts.”
– 2023 Conference Participant

DRIVE GLOBAL EXCHANGE AND ADAPTIVE LEARNING

CCIH engages members and other organizations in **adaptive learning**, facilitating specialized **consortia** and sharing knowledge and evidence through CCIH conferences, virtual learning, or regional meetings, webinars, publications, and social media.

IN 2023, WE:

- ◆ Convened **179 people** from **29 countries** for our **Global Conference in Washington, DC** to discuss Hope in Health, focusing on health workers who struggle to maintain health as they serve their patients, communities, friends and family affected by the pandemic, conflict, climate change, and unexpected disasters.
- ◆ Held **11 webinars or forums**, including a new forum to enable francophone members to connect, and general enquirers forums.
- ◆ Launched the new **Faith Consortium for Climate Resilient Health (Faith4CRH)** with seven organizations to build the climate adaptation capacity of faith-based health partners in low- and middle-income countries.
- ◆ Awarded Schiefflin Institute of Health in Karigir, India the **2023 Hope in Health Award** based on their long service and commitment to the community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ◆ Spoke at **12 global events** and participated in four other global events.
- ◆ Published **4 articles in peer-reviewed journals** and **14 blog posts**.
- ◆ Added **17 new resources** to our curated online resource library.

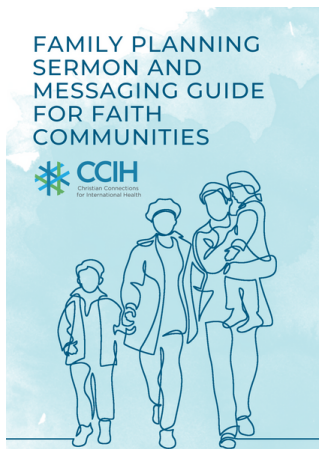
SCALE FAITH ACTOR IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

CCIH works to leverage the influence faith has on societies to drive healthy choices and to overcome hurdles to integrating faith leaders and communities in global health strategies.



◆ A prime example is CCIH's leadership of the **Faith Engagement Team for USAID's MOMENTUM Country and Global Leadership**, which produces tools for faith actors and partners working with and through faith actors. With CCIH's leadership of the team, MOMENTUM achieved the following:

- **Scaling Up Effective Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services through Faith-based Health Care Networks**, which distills the learnings of faith-based partners, supports faith-based networks to take WASH activities to scale, and suggests ways to achieve scaling through limited, medium-level, and significant investments.
- **Promoting Vaccination: A Toolkit for Collaborating with Faith Communities**. Approximately 100 key stakeholders in India and Sierra Leone used the toolkit in their communities, reaching more than 23,000 people in person with toolkit messages in India and Sierra Leone. Many more were reached through radio, social media, and WhatsApp messages.
- Co-creation of **Strengthening Partnership with Faith Actors in Family Planning: A Strategic Planning Guide**, an FP High Impact Practices (HIP) guide. The guide leads program planners and decision-makers through a strategic process to engage and strengthen partnerships with faith actors in family planning.
- In collaboration with ACHAP, we trained **67 Christian Health Association (CHA) staff from 13 countries** on using the **mWater app** to use data to increase access to safe water and sanitation as part of our work in WASH in health facilities.



◆ CCIH continued our role as a leader and influencer in integrating **Faith and Family Planning**. In 2023, CCIH:

- Developed a **Family Planning Sermon and Messaging Guide** for faith communities, congregations, and religious leaders who want to improve family planning literacy and acceptance. The guide addresses how religious texts and sacred traditions can help break the silence on FP and correct misinformation.

◆ The **CCIH 30x30 Health Systems Initiative** is strengthening more than 30 health systems in which faith-based health services operate by 2030. In 2023:

- We added seven new commitment makers, totaling **43** organizations improving health in **36** countries.
- Commitment makers provided services to **982,360** people and trained **8,770** health professionals.

30 CCIH
X
30 HEALTH
SYSTEMS
INITIATIVE



INCREASE GOVERNMENT AND DONOR SUPPORT

CCIH **raises the voice of global members** and the organizations working to meet the needs of the underserved, taking their cause to global forums and directly to decision-makers.

Last year, **CCIH influenced how to structure United States foreign assistance better** to safeguard people from the spread of disease and plan for crises resulting from climate change or upticks in conflict. This included how to re-calibrate US assistance around meeting locally led development priorities and initiatives, especially reflecting the role and place of religion and faith actors.

We also streamlined the **flow of evidence** on the need, scale, and impact of global health programs and highlighted the experience of local faith-based organizations accessing and working with donor funds.

IN 2023, CCIH:

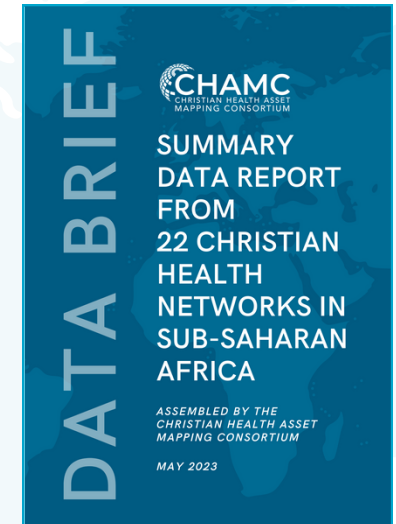
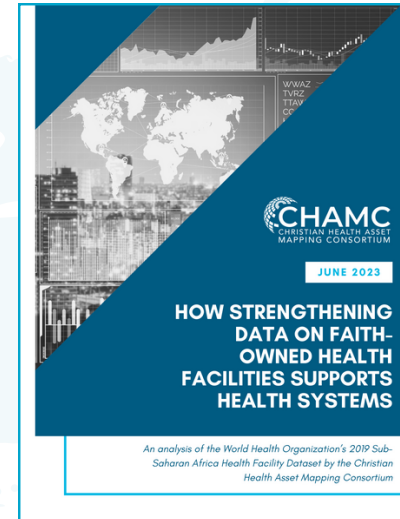
- Amplified our **advocacy to successfully defend PEPFAR, the United States government's signature investment**, in the face of powerful critics who sought its demise.
- Signed **16 coalition letters to Members of Congress** in support of global health programs.
- Represented the interests of **our members and other faith actors on 27 policy coalitions and influence groups**.
- Had four interviews published in **major media outlets about the need to reauthorize PEPFAR**.
- Convened members and provided feedback to **USAID on strategic religious engagement** and other policies related to faith engagement, and to the US Senate on details of how localization initiatives can and should work.



Access to good data supports our global advocacy. CCIH serves as the secretariat for the [Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium \(CHAMC\)](#), a group of organizations addressing the urgent need for quality data and information on the Christian health asset landscape across the globe.

Products of this work include two briefs, two articles, and the new Virtual CHAMC Hub:

- We issued a [data brief](#) that analyzed data from over 98,000 health facilities in WHO data to identify gaps and recommend strategies to ensure faith-owned health facilities are included in national and global data. Data on Christian facilities alone are missing from several countries where we know there are hundreds.
- We updated data from [22 Christian Health Networks in Sub-Saharan Africa](#), tabulating over 8,500 Christian health assets in 17 countries, including inpatient, outpatient, and community-based services and hundreds of health worker training institutions.
- We published articles about the consortium, in both the [Christian Journal for Global Health](#) and [Health Progress](#), a publication of the Catholic Health Association of the US.



- We created a new [Virtual CHAMC Hub](#) in 2023, which was launched in early 2024. The hub includes a registry of datasets for Christian health assets, such as location and type, as well as CHAMC publications and resources. The registry submission form allows owners and managers of relevant datasets to submit entries.

MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIA

- Africa Christian Health Associations Platform (ACHAP)
- Catholic Health Association (US) International Outreach (CHA-US)
- Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)
- International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)
- The Dalton Foundation
- World Council of Churches (WCC)



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2022	2023
REVENUE	\$1,877,299	\$1,897,687
EXPENSES	\$1,861,158	\$1,736,821
NET INCOME	\$16,141	\$160,866
TOTAL ASSETS	\$579,533	\$711,572
CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$129,889	\$101,061
NET ASSETS	\$449,644	\$610,511



CCIH Program Director, Mona Bormet



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Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH) is a global network of Christian organizations and individuals committed to advancing health and wholeness. Motivated by our Christian faith and values, CCIH envisions a world where all have access to quality healthcare and prevention services. CCIH is a nonprofit (501c3) organization established in 1987 and headquartered near Washington, D.C. CCIH members include 110 organizations and affiliates, plus hundreds of individuals who work in 90 low- and middle-income countries.

These members include NGOs, church networks, Christian Health Associations, and volunteer and product donation agencies. CCIH works with Protestant, Catholic, and non-denominational organizations and interfaith networks. CCIH provides a forum for strengthening capacity and technical excellence, advocacy, and networking to the ever-increasing spectrum of Christian organizations and individuals working in global health. CCIH carries out grants and programs by working through members in low- and middle-income countries.

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