

FAITH & COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

ESTIMATED TO REACH *22 million* PEOPLE ANNUALLY



Overview

The Faith and Community Initiative is a **first-of-its-kind faith-based consortium**. It is a five-year, multi-country, integrated global health effort to strengthen and transition HIV and AIDS; maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH); tuberculosis; and other essential health services to sustained local leadership.

The ultimate goal is to improve health outcomes for children and families, strengthen and better coordinate health services, and accelerate progress toward transferring leadership to governments, community health associations, and faith-based organizations.

Initiative objectives

- Expand access to high-quality integrated health services through coordinated faith-based and government facilities
- Protect mothers and vulnerable children from infectious disease
- Train and equip 30,000 community health workers and link 2,500+ community sites into digitally connected referral systems
- Successfully transition leadership of integrated health services to local systems and leaders
- Mobilize U.S. and in-country communities to sustain progress through resource generation, partnerships, and advocacy, building the long-term systems these communities will lead after the initiative concludes



17 countries of operation

The Faith and Community Initiative will operate throughout **16 African countries and the Philippines**. This multi-country, integrated approach **improves efficiency and impact** by reducing duplication, sharing best practices, and scaling what works across countries.





Training 30,000 community health workers



Frontline health workers will be recruited, trained, supervised, and compensated through transition-ready systems aligned with national governments. Training, reporting, and guidelines will be streamlined, allowing health workers to work efficiently and focus on patient-centered care.

Health workers will also be equipped to manage co-morbid conditions and deliver more continuous, patient-centered care—especially for vulnerable populations.

Integrating 2,500 sites with “hub and spoke” model



The initiative uses the proven “hub and spoke” model that has dramatically improved access to care in several countries. In this model, a well-equipped hospital or major health facility serves as the central hub, providing training, supervision, supplies, and referral support to a network of smaller community clinics—the spokes.

The initiative will link 2,500+ community sites into digitally connected referral systems. This simple but powerful structure helps even remote facilities deliver consistent, high-quality care. In places like Zambia, it contributed to a tenfold increase in people accessing HIV treatment.

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Reaching families with lifesaving care

The initiative is estimated to reach over **22 million people annually with direct health services**. It is designed to complement and accelerate existing U.S. global health commitments, including malaria, HIV, and vaccination efforts.

Faith in action

In Africa, 30–40% of healthcare services are provided by faith-based organizations. The Faith and Community Initiative is specifically designed to strengthen and better coordinate faith-based networks and public healthcare facilities. Building their capacity and helping them access training and resources is one of the best ways to ensure long-term and sustained impact.

Designed to transition

From the start, the Faith and Community Initiative will work with national governments to **co-create implementation plans that ensure alignment with government policies and community needs**. Over a five-year period, the initiative will integrate community and frontline health workers into government payrolls and transfer project ownership to in-country leadership.

Implementing partners

The Faith and Community Initiative’s consortium of partners brings together skills and strengths to complement each other. The experience and technical expertise of larger partners and the deep reach of local partners will ensure impact at every level of healthcare systems.

World Vision • ADRA International
Catholic Relief Services • Compassion International
HOPE Worldwide • International Care Ministries
LifeNet International • World Relief

