



## COMMUNITY HEALTH REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Community Health Revitalization initiative is an innovative outreach and transformational community engagement program of Candlelighters International.

*Keeping It Fresh Around You!*

# What is the Community Health Revitalization Initiatives?

Community Health Revitalization Initiative (CHRI) is a local transformational community development approach that focuses on reinvigorating the living condition and lifestyle of targeted local persons. It involves more than just economic growth or stimulation, for it is built on a healthy biblically grounded spiritual foundation. CHRI is an approach to community welfare development that seeks to activate possible ways through which the health of individuals and families could be improved. The improvement is done through a systematic blend of economic, physical, and spiritual actions. Such actions are inspired by 3 John 1:2.



***“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” 3 John 1:2; KJV.***

## Why the Community Health Revitalization Initiative?

We currently live in communities where, through technology, people are experiencing one of the highest rates of connectivity with the rest of the world. All such forms of technologies and systems of virtual connections are constantly promising various degrees of comfort and happiness. However, in developed societies, different statistics are showing that the level of loneliness experienced by people has been on an ever-increasing trajectory. People are highly connected, yet very lonely. Such kinds of loneliness are indicative of the natural nature of how humans are fashioned. Humans are social beings in the sense of physical proximity and soul-level engagements. As such, people are not only expressing the desire for a deep need to relate spiritually with others around them, out of the virtual space. They are also expressing an interest in living out different daily life choices in a manner that breaks routine and enriches them spiritually and health wise.

From a Christian point of view, the Word of God and its wisdom serves as a reservoir with a wide range of significant solutions to the problems of modern societies – including the loneliness issue. Unfortunately, people are shunning these biblical solutions, mostly because some sectors of our societies are actively working to discredit it. Nevertheless, most Christian institutions themselves have failed to present the biblical message and its truth as pertaining to the victories offered by Christ Jesus. As a result, our contemporary societies are trying out different worldviews and their related lifestyles; leading to the current moral decay we are experiencing within every facet of life and daily living. Yet, to those that feel something different must be done to stop the decay, the ultimate challenge is how the Christian perspective could be implemented within a contemporary society in a manner that is acceptable by the needy, without being “too Churchy”. Current evangelistic and outreach approaches are not achieving any significant success in local community actions. This is mostly because people quickly associate them with local church conversion tactics. Hence, CHRI serves to innovatively bridge such outreach and evangelistic gaps.

***CHRI Uses A Series Of Incremental Interventions That Support Deep, Systemic, And Sustainable Changes Within Individuals And Institutions, With The Sole Goal Of Triggering The Potential For Large-scale Impact.***



# Objective

The objective of the CHRI is to activate possible ways through which the health, wealth and spiritual well-being of individuals and families could be improved through a systematic blend of economic, physical, and spiritual actions.



# Our Understanding

Innovative Outreach involves behavioral changes. Hence, CHRI is targeting the change of behaviors by modifying incentives of beneficiaries, while introducing economic forces and providing access to spiritually stimulating information. In CHRI, we use alternative mechanisms to create incentives that empower our beneficiaries to accept and adopt affordable changes.

## Our Activities

- Activation of institutions, networks, and systems relevant in community transformation
- Provision of nourishment for the activated networks
- Ensure the sustainability and durability of networks, institutions, and systems.

# Our Focus

- Implementing innovative evangelistic and outreach actions that presents solutions to targeted health, economic and spiritual challenges currently experienced by persons within our local communities.
- Ensuring that community actions do not remain as a “Social Justice Venture” but keeping all actions grounded upon a biblical foundation.
- Collaborating with specific sectors/persons in communities without whom it would be difficult for such an innovative initiative to bring the life-transforming power of the gospel to all beneficiaries.
- Ensuring that, where possible, life-transforming testimonies of a new relationship with God through Jesus Christ, renewed faith, and spiritual growth, will remain as a central part of CHRI’s fruits.

# Our Approach



# About Candlelighters International

Candlelighters International (CI) is a non-denominational Christian ministry having as its main function to equip people with the true understanding of the Christian faith and practice. CI operates as a Christian Resource Centre, which pays particular attention in the development of local Christian community ministries outside the four walls of the local church. We think globally and act locally. CI is neither a Church nor a denomination, but a fellowship of believers whom in the power of the Holy Spirit are committed to promoting and sharing the truth revealed and demonstrated by the life of Jesus the Christ. CI is a network of believers, pulling together our resources (talents, skills, callings, ministries, finances, etc.) for the general service of the Body of Christ and our local communities.



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