

Letter of Intent

As leaders of EU-CORD member organisations, we share high levels of trust and confidence in each other. This letter has been written to affirm our commitment to the EU-CORD network in which we belong and to the spirit of deep and meaningful partnership within it.

EU-CORD Overview

EU-CORD is a network of Christian organisations collaborating for a transformed, just, and equal world. The EU-CORD network comprises of 26 NGOs that work alongside their national civil society counterparts in 87 countries. As individual organisations (and as a network), we are an inter-denomination grouping of Christian relief, development and peacebuilding agencies, inspired by Christian values to accomplish our work. As such, we are independent of any political, social or religious authority.

Our Commitment

We, the undersigned, agree with and wholeheartedly support the following foundational values of the network:

- **Relationships:** at the heart of the network lies the quality of the relationship between us and those with whom we partner and the degree to which we co-operate.
- **Servanthood:** we strive to achieve our mutual goals in a spirit of servanthood, supporting each other while respecting each agency's specific identity.
- **Compassion:** through our actions, we show that Christian organisations can bring a professional standard of work that embraces humanity and promotes dignity

Aligned with EU-CORD's strategy, as leaders of the member organisations, we commit to ensuring that:

1. Our organisation **contributes to improve the practice and capacity** of our EU-CORD network through knowledge sharing, mutual learning, joint innovation
2. We **mobilise human, financial and other organisational resources** for the common actions of the network.
3. We **live out our faith**, as individuals and organisations, and advocate for social, economic and environment justice, in the countries of our operations.



4. We support the vision and functioning of the network to maintain relevance and financial sustainability.

In order to make this a reality, we recognise that **relationships** need to be developed at all levels of our organisations and in all locations. These relationships need to be based on **trust and confidence** and on the shared values that we as Christian faith-based organisations hold and as are outlined in this letter.

The approach we are committing to means **pro-actively** seeking out EU-CORD member organisations wherever we are and pro-actively looking at ways that we work together in a range of areas.

Our aspiration is that within our organisations, there is a culture where the **EU-CORD network is prioritised and invested into** such that there is clear mutual benefit for all in the network. At times that can mean contributing our knowledge, skills and experience whilst at other times that could be benefitting from other organisations' strengths.

We recognise that there is a risk that collaboration is restricted mostly at a European level and that this does not enable the full benefit of the network. In light of that, we will **actively promote country-level engagement** with EU-CORD members within our own organisations and explore ways to formalise this approach.

As leaders of EU-CORD member organisations, we are resolute and committed to seeing the EU-CORD network thrive and **realise its full potential**.

Signed by the CEOs of the EU-CORD members:

*Alianza Solidaria
Cord*

Dorcas

Erikshjälpen

Fida

Hungarian Baptist Aid

IJM Germany

IJM Netherlands

LM International

The Leprosy Mission

Mission Alliance Norway

Medair

Medair DE

MAF

Mission East

Help a Child

PMU

See You Foundation

Sign of Hope

Strømme

Tearfund NL

Tearfund BE

Tearfund DE

Woord en Daad

ZOA