

Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium  
Data Governance Policy  
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1. Introduction

- a. The Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium is an association of organizations addressing the urgent need for quality data and information on the Christian health asset landscape across the globe. Founding Members include: 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, and World Council of Churches (WCC).
- b. Vision: Stakeholders to Christian health assets will have better information about Christian health asset data and the nature of those services, especially in low- and middle-income countries.
- c. Mission: This Consortium will increase resources, learning, and partnerships in Christian health services by improving understanding of the nature, scope, and location of those services.
- d. Values: The core values of the Consortium are transparency, data awareness, data quality, partnership, and inclusive data governance.
- e. CCIH serves as the secretariat for the Consortium and as such is responsible for the Consortium including data management, sharing and reporting.

2. Purpose of data sharing

- a. Data sharing is an important way to increase the ability of global health partners to analyze and translate data into meaningful reports, visualization, and knowledge in order to assist in planning, funding, policy, and program implementation. Sharing data also encourages accountability and transparency, enabling diverse thinking and collaboration. The Christian Health Asset Mapping Consortium (CHAMC) acknowledges the critical role data sharing plays in strengthening health systems. With data sharing comes the important role of governance to ensure that data are stored and handled securely. This policy provides a framework for how the CHAMC manages registered datasets.

3. Intended use of the data

- a. Registered dataset will be aggregated and displayed in a data dashboard on the established data sharing Hub.
- b. The Hub's data dashboard will display limited information on registered datasets including:
  - i. Country
  - ii. Health asset type and quantity (summary data only)
  - iii. Ownership/source of the data (not facility ownership)

- iv. Frequency owner maintains/updates data
  - v. Public accessibility to the data
  - vi. Contact details of the data 'owners' to aid external partners interested in the registered dataset
  - vii. Current status and future directions with the data
  - c. Aggregated summary data could be made publicly available to:
    - i. Improve access to timely and accurate information about Christian health assets in low-and middle-income countries (LMIC)
    - ii. Fuel advocacy, research and learning, and innovative partnerships
    - iii. Improve the quality of data and reporting about Christian health services in national and global data
4. Constraints on use of the data
- a. Registered datasets will not include specific health asset geolocations as part of their submission to the Hub. Only the country of the registered dataset will be included in the submission.
  - b. CHAMC can share, publish or disseminate data findings and reports of summary data without the review of the data owner.
  - c. If CHAMC generates reports based on the data, the reports belong to the CHAMC.
5. Submission of Data
- a. Third parties must have the permission of the registered dataset owner in order to submit a dataset to the Hub.
  - b. Data owners should attest that the data were collected according to ethical standards and the entities represented in the datasets are aware of how their data would be shared or utilized.
6. Data confidentiality
- a. CHAMC will not report information that identifies individuals.
  - b. CHAMC will not report on specific health assets without consent.
  - c. Personal data should remain confidential and should not be submitted as part of registered datasets. If personal or identifying information is shared, CHAMC will determine with the data owner how best to permanently remove that data prior to any analysis.
7. Methods of data-sharing
- a. Registered datasets will be submitted electronically through the established data sharing Hub
8. Specialized data analysis and reporting (outside of general Hub submission/registry covered above)

- a. Data owners may request data analysis and reporting support from the CHAMC on a case by case basis; if the analysis is extensive, compensation or a consulting agreement with the secretariat may be required.
- b. Data owners must enter into a specific data sharing agreement with the CHAMC on the following prior to electronic transfer of datasets to the CHAMC:
  - i. Permission from the data owner for the Consortium to use the data for analysis
  - ii. Period of time the CHAMC has the right to use the data
  - iii. Plan for deletion of databases by the CHAMC after the specified period. A specific analysis plan for the dataset including key questions, analysis outputs, and any advanced methods that will be utilized.
  - iv. Acknowledgement that reports and analysis produced by the CHAMC are property of the CHAMC.
- c. Data owners must transfer data to the CHAMC electronically, no hard copies of the data will be transferred or stored.