



## **Momentum is Building for the Million Village Challenge (MVC)**

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The prospect of multiplying transformational development programs impacting 100,000 villages by 2033 is within reach. If we achieve that goal, I believe we will have started a movement with the potential to finish itself. Transform World Regional Coordinators are beginning to join hands to mobilize the church on every continent and accelerate movements of transformation in every region of our world.

The CHE Network has taken it on as their mission to catalyze transformational movements in a million villages. The network involves members from more than 900 organizations in 154 countries with training and tools to help you succeed.

### **Many ask me why the focus on the village. There are good reasons for it:**

1. Most least reached peoples live in rural poor villages.
2. 1.3 billion (16% of the world's population) live in villages and suffer from multidimensional poverty. They not only have little income, but lack safe drinking water, food security, and access to education.
3. While the world is moving to the city, the village poor are being left behind.

The key strategy for rapid expansion of transformational community development will be what we are calling Million Village Consultations. Each consultation will be facilitated by experienced trainers with model programs in the region, country, or district being targeted. These experienced trainers will be invited by hosts with connections to different Christian ministries and churches. The goal of each consultation will be to envision and engage leaders from an average of 50 different organizations to adopt villages and initiate new work in their regions or countries as part of a global movement targeting a million villages. At the heart of each consultation is field trip, taking ministry leaders to see a transformed village and hear the testimonies of transformed lives.

### **Past Success is our Model for Future Growth**

The following paragraphs contain three case studies of the outcomes and impact of a single Million Village Consultation.

In May of 2015, we did our first ever million-village consultation in Albania with leaders from eleven countries in the region. From that one consultation, CHE work has been established among Roma peoples in eight countries in Central Europe and the Balkans (Albania, Hungary, Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia, Romania, Kosovo, and Slovakia).

In March of 2016, we did a regional consultation in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, bringing together close to 100 leaders from 6 countries. More than 400 villages were adopted and within 6 months more than 200 villages were engaged.

### **Launching MVC Region by Region**

Latin America is leading the way. In August of 2019, Ricardo Luna participated in a regional consultation for Latin America in Guatemala. As a result, an association of eight denominations representing 500,000 churches are working together to establish 2033 model villages in Latin America by 2033.

### **What can you do to advance the movement?**

If you are doing transformational development work, have a model village, and would like to host a consultation in your region or country, we would like to hear from you. Please email me at [terry@chenetwork.org](mailto:terry@chenetwork.org).