

Society & Community Work Group - National Assessment GCN

Work Group Goal:

Society & Community – Holistic Kingdom Transformation in Every Sphere of Society

Workshop Scope:

A shared understanding of the current state, key players, strengths, gaps, and opportunities for holistic Kingdom transformation across society and local communities, providing a basis for strategic collaboration, mercy and compassion, reconciliation, biblical values, strengthened families and communities, and sustainable transformation in every sphere of society.

Date:	Location:
Workshop & Team Facilitation:	
Society & Community Facilitator:	
Society & Community Co-Facilitator:	
Administration, Minutes & Workshop Documentation:	
Participants Society & Community Work Group:	

Expected Outcomes:

- A clear overview of the current social and community situation and the major areas where transformation is needed.
- Identification of key churches, ministries, NGOs, community leaders, professionals, institutions, networks, and movements already contributing to society and community transformation.
- Identification of existing strengths, gaps, challenges, opportunities, and best practices.
- An understanding of which communities, population groups, and spheres of society are underserved or overlooked by the Body of Christ.
- An overview of existing initiatives in family, education, health, compassion, disability, poverty alleviation, justice, reconciliation, government, media, arts, sports, environment, and community development.
- Identification of opportunities to connect Gospel proclamation, disciple making, local churches, workplace engagement, mercy and compassion, and practical community transformation.
- Identification of opportunities for greater collaboration between churches, civil society, professionals, government, businesses, local communities, and national or international partners.

- A shared understanding of priority areas and next steps for the Society & Community Work Group.

Remark:

A first or simpler structure for workshops as the following could be:

Where are we now? → What do we want to see? → By when? → How will we measure progress? →

What Kingdom fruit is emerging?

Prayer and Listening

Bible passages for reflection and interaction:

Genesis 1:26–28 — Humanity is created in God’s image and entrusted with responsible stewardship and fruitfulness.

Isaiah 58:6–12 — True worship includes justice, compassion, care for the vulnerable, and rebuilding broken communities.

Jeremiah 29:7 — Seek the peace and wellbeing of the city and pray for it.

Micah 6:8 — Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Matthew 5:13–16 — Be salt and light so that good works point people to the Father.

Matthew 9:35–38 — Jesus proclaims the Kingdom, teaches, heals, sees the crowds with compassion, and calls for workers.

Luke 4:18–19 — Good news to the poor, freedom, restoration, and the Lord’s favor.

Luke 10:25–37 — Love of neighbor crosses social boundaries and responds compassionately to practical need.

Acts 1:8 — Witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, including people and places we might otherwise overlook (Samaritan had another religion an ethnic = Jesus is sending us also to the marginalized).

James 2:14–17 — Living faith expresses itself in practical care for people in need.

Joint prayer and listening to God for guidance—discerning His direction together:

What is God’s vision and plan for our country/region?

What are the main needs?

What could be our joint contribution to fulfill the Great Commission?

Suggested Assessment Questions – Society & Community

Choose the questions you consider most relevant and add your notes below each one. Questions that are not relevant can simply be deleted. Additional questions can be added.

- What is God’s vision for the wellbeing and transformation of our communities and nation?
- Where do we already see churches, ministries, professionals, organizations, and community leaders bringing measurable Kingdom transformation?

- What are the greatest social, relational, economic, educational, health, moral, environmental, and community challenges in our country?
- Which communities and groups are underserved, marginalized, excluded, disabled, vulnerable, poor, displaced, or otherwise receiving too little attention from the Body of Christ?
- What is our 'Samaria'—which people, communities, or social groups do Christians tend to avoid, overlook, or find difficult to engage?
- How can we combine compassion and mercy with bold Gospel witness, disciple making, and long-term relational engagement?
 - How effectively are local churches serving the practical needs of their neighborhoods and contributing to the wellbeing of their communities?
 - Which spheres of society most need stronger Christian presence, service, leadership, and collaboration?
 - Family and relationships
 - Children and youth
 - Education and universities
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Workplace and Agriculture
 - Government and public leadership
 - Justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding
 - People with disabilities and vulnerable groups
 - Poverty alleviation and community development
 - Media, arts, culture, and communication
 - Sports and recreation
 - Environment and stewardship
 - Migration, refugees, and diaspora communities
- How are biblical values such as dignity, truth, justice, mercy, reconciliation, integrity, stewardship, generosity, and servant leadership being expressed in these spheres?
- Where are churches, ministries, NGOs, businesses, professionals, and government already working on similar issues, and how could they collaborate instead of duplicating efforts?
- How can local churches become community transformation hubs that connect spiritual, relational, social, educational, and practical needs?
- How can society transformation be integrated with prayer, evangelism, disciple making, church planting, and workplace transformation rather than becoming a separate social program?
- What measurable spiritual, relational, social, and community transformation should we aim for during the next 3–5 years?
- Which national and international partners could contribute expertise, coaching, training, networks, or other resources while strengthening local ownership rather than dependency?
- Which existing best practices could be strengthened, shared nationally, or multiplied into other communities?

- How can affected communities participate in defining needs, designing solutions, leading activities, and measuring transformation?
- Which local assets, gifts, knowledge, relationships, institutions, and resources has God already placed in the community that can be activated?
- What are the root causes behind the major problems we see, rather than only the visible symptoms?

Society & Community Strategic Priorities

What are the 5–10 most important priorities for accelerating holistic Kingdom transformation, strengthening communities, serving marginalized people, and bringing sustainable change across the key spheres of society?

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Society & Community Toolbox

What are the key training tools and equipping partners for community transformation, compassion and mercy, family strengthening, education, health, justice, reconciliation, disability inclusion, community development, leadership, and transformation of society?

Please use this table to identify existing tools and partners, as well as new tools and partnerships needed:

Society & Community Tools & Partners	Existent / New	Contact Person / Ministry

Further person to be invited to join this Work Group

Person, Ministry:

Activities Portfolio

Based on the assessment, strategic planning, available tools, and partnerships, develop a portfolio of collaborative activities and next steps toward holistic spiritual, relational, social, and community transformation.

Activities Portfolio

Examples: Community needs and asset mapping, family strengthening, disability inclusion, youth initiatives, education and health projects, reconciliation initiatives, compassion ministries, community development, city transformation, leadership roundtables, and local transformation pilots.

Next Steps

Examples: Identify priority communities and societal challenges, establish sector point persons, connect existing initiatives, listen to affected communities, launch collaborative pilot projects, and develop a local community transformation framework

Kingdom Performance Indicators – Society & Community

Please **choose** the indicators which are relevant to you.

Area	Suggested Kingdom Performance Indicators
Community Engagement	Churches and believers actively serving and building relationships within their local communities
Marginalized & Vulnerable People	Underserved groups intentionally identified, included, served, and connected relationally
Family & Relationships	Families strengthened; marriages, parenting, children, youth, and intergenerational relationships supported
Education	Schools, students, teachers, universities, and educational initiatives strengthened through Christian engagement
Health & Wellbeing	Communities gaining access to health, care, prevention, support, and holistic wellbeing initiatives
Compassion & Poverty	Practical needs addressed; poverty and vulnerability reduced through empowering and sustainable approaches
Disability Inclusion	People with disabilities included in church, community, leadership, service, and social participation
Justice & Reconciliation	Initiatives addressing injustice, conflict, reconciliation, peacebuilding, dignity, and restoration
Government & Civic Leadership	Christian leaders and collaborative initiatives contributing to servant leadership and public wellbeing
Culture, Media & Arts	Christian engagement contributing constructively to culture, communication, media, arts, and public narratives
Community Ownership	Local people participating in assessment, planning, leadership, implementation, and evaluation
Church & Society Integration	Prayer, Gospel witness, disciple making, local church, workplace, and social transformation working together
Collaboration	Churches, ministries, NGOs, professionals, businesses, government, and communities working together
Sustainability	Initiatives increasingly locally led, locally resourced, reproducible, and focused on root causes rather than dependency
Transformation & Multiplication	Measurable spiritual, relational, social, and community change; successful approaches multiplied to other places

Five core indicators for the GCN goal

For a simple national dashboard, focus on five:

1. **Community Engagement:** Are churches and believers actively serving and building trusted relationships in their communities?
2. **Marginalized & Vulnerable People:** Are underserved people being intentionally included, served, empowered, and reached?
3. **Sphere Transformation:** Are key areas such as family, education, health, justice, government, and community life measurably improving?
4. **Collaboration & Local Ownership:** Are churches, society actors, professionals, workplace, agriculture, and communities working together with local ownership?
5. **Sustainable Transformation & Multiplication:** Are initiatives addressing root causes, producing lasting fruit, and being reproduced elsewhere?

The key progression would therefore be:

Listen & Pray → Understand Community → Identify Assets & Gaps → Build Relationships → Equip, Serve & Collaborate → Transform Root Causes → Develop Local Ownership → Multiply

The ultimate indicator is not simply the number of social projects, but whether people and communities experience holistic, sustainable transformation rooted in the Gospel, dignity, compassion, justice, reconciliation, collaboration, and local ownership.

Kingdom Performance Indicators Panel – Society & Community

Please **define** the indicators which are relevant to you.

Key Area	Kingdom Performance Indicator	Current Baseline	Target / Goal	Timeframe	How Will We Measure It?
Community Engagement					
Marginalized & Vulnerable People					
Family & Relationships					
Education					
Health & Wellbeing					
Compassion & Poverty					
Disability Inclusion					
Justice & Reconciliation					
Government & Civic Leadership					
Culture, Media & Arts					
Community Ownership					
Church & Society Integration					
Collaboration					
Sustainability					
Transformation & Multiplication					

Guiding question: What measurable indicators will show that communities and spheres of society are experiencing holistic, sustainable Kingdom transformation?

Society & Community Work Group - Team Contact List

Maintain this list as the Work Group develops and use it to stay connected with team members and key participants.

First Name	Last Name	Organization / Ministry	City / Region	Cellphone	Email

Next Steps for the Work Group Facilitator:

- Summarize the workshop outcomes in this document and share them with the other National Facilitating Team members of GCN.
- Continue to build and enlarge the Society & Community Work Group, including church leaders, community leaders, professionals, NGOs, and specialists from key spheres of society.
- Map existing transformation initiatives, underserved communities, key social challenges, local assets, partners, and best practices.
- Identify sector specialists, mentors, trainers, ministries, and national or international partners who can contribute to the shared toolbox.
- Initiate collaborative pilot projects from the Activities Portfolio, especially where the Body of Christ can serve underserved or marginalized people and address root causes.
- Continue to meet as a Work Group for strategic development, shared learning, coordination, evaluation, and multiplication.