

6-2 – Regional, City & Local GCN Multiplication

Tutorial & Working Paper for Geographic Network Building

PURPOSE. Help the National Facilitating Team intentionally develop a relational GCN network from the national level into regions, districts or city-regions and onward into Local GCNs. The goal is nationwide Great Commission collaboration with as little organizational layering as possible.

PART A – SHORT TUTORIAL: HOW TO BUILD THE REGIONAL NETWORK

1. Start with the Geographic Map

Use the official and commonly understood geographic structure of the country. Decide which level is the most useful bridge between the National GCN and grassroots Local GCNs—for example state, province, region, district, county or city-region.

- Normally use only one coordinating level between National and Local GCNs.
- In very large countries, an additional level may be useful.
- Use as few levels as possible and as many as necessary.
- The aim is relational development together with systematic geographic coverage.

2. Identify Trusted Regional / District / City Facilitators

The National Facilitating Team prayerfully identifies people who already have trust, relationships, Great Commission commitment and a collaborative spirit in each priority geographic area. Share the GCN vision and framework before asking them to build a team.

- Look for character, calling, relationships, reliability, humility and ability to connect the Body of Christ.
- Do not build the network around one person only; develop co-facilitators and emerging leaders.
- Include different churches and networks, generations, women and men, people groups and relevant spheres where possible.

3. Help Each Facilitator Build a Relational Facilitating Team

The regional team does not need to copy the full national structure. Begin with a small, representative and reproducible team that can connect Church & Ministry, Workplace & Agriculture, and Society & Community. Add further facilitating roles or Work Groups as the network grows and real needs become clear.

The Sri Lanka model demonstrates this principle with a reduced five-role District Core Team reproduced across all 25 districts, while allowing additional roles to be added according to need.

4. Mentor the Team Through the Same Basic GCN Process

TEAM BUILDING → ASSESSMENT → PRIORITIES → TOOLBOX & PARTNERS → ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES → REVIEW → MULTIPLICATION

The regional process should remain practical. Understand what already exists, identify gaps and opportunities, connect the right people and tools, agree on a few priorities and begin collaborative Activities & Initiatives. Work Groups and Focus & Project Teams are developed where they are useful—not simply to reproduce structure.

5. Multiply Toward Local GCNs

Regional / District / City teams help collaboration become local—in cities, towns, communities, neighborhoods, workplaces and other relational settings.

- Existing pastors' fellowships, ministry networks, workplace groups or other Christian networks can integrate the GCN framework while keeping their identity.
- Where no suitable collaborative group exists, a new Local GCN can begin simply by gathering key people to pray, assess the context, agree on priorities and start practical collaborative action.
- Local GCNs remain connected to the regional team for encouragement, tools, partners, learning and multiplication.

6. Keep Learning Flowing Both Ways

National teams provide vision, tools, relationships, coaching and wider connection. Regional and Local GCNs contribute grassroots realities, testimonies, needs, emerging leaders, gaps and fruitful practices. This two-way flow keeps the national strategy grounded and helps local fruit multiply.

Sri Lanka – A Reproducible District Example

Sri Lanka provides a useful example rather than a fixed model for every country. The National Team Leader also carries District Network facilitation, develops District Team Leaders, and helps build a relational team in each of the country's 25 districts. District leaders connect churches, ministries, workplace and society leaders; assess their district; develop shared priorities and activities; remain closely connected nationally; and multiply toward Local GCN expressions.

- One national vision, reproduced relationally through every district.
- A reduced team structure at district level, with additional roles only as needed.
- District assessment and priorities are contextual rather than merely copied from the national level.
- National facilitators provide vision, tools, coaching and connection; district learning flows back nationally.
- District leaders intentionally mentor emerging facilitators so multiplication does not depend on one person.

PART B – REGIONAL NETWORK BUILDING WORKING PAPER

Use this working paper to develop the next geographic level. It can be completed for the whole country and then used to follow progress region by region.

Step 1 – Define the Geographic Multiplication Structure

Country	
National → Local pathway	Example: National → District → Local GCN
Chosen regional level	☐ State ☐ Province ☐ Region ☐ District ☐ County ☐ City-Region ☐ Other:
Why this level?	Why is this the most natural and useful coordinating level?
Number of areas	How many regions / districts / city-regions should eventually be connected?

Step 2 – Map the Areas & Facilitators

Region / District / City	Potential Facilitator	Existing Relationships / Networks	Team Started?	Next Step	National Mentor

Step 3 – Develop the Regional Facilitator

Regional Facilitator	
Why this person?	Relationships, calling, experience, collaborative capacity.
GCN vision shared?	☐ Yes ☐ In process
Mentor / National contact	
Co-Facilitator / emerging leader	
First development steps	Prayer, orientation, relationships, team building, coaching.

Step 4 – Build the Regional / City Facilitating Team

Start with the people needed for the context. A reduced and reproducible team is often better than trying to fill every possible role immediately.

Area / Contribution	Name	Church / Organization / Network	Role / Sphere	Next Step
Team Leader / Network Facilitation				
Church & Ministry				
Workplace &				

Agriculture				
Society & Community				
Equipping / Toolbox / Partners				
Additional / Co-Facilitator				

Step 5 – First Regional Process

Process	What We Will Do	Responsible	By When
1. Pray & Build Relationships	Gather the team, share vision, listen to God and build trust.		
2. Assess the Region	What exists? What is fruitful? Who is active? What gaps, underserved places and opportunities are visible?		
3. Agree on Priorities	Select a few areas where collaboration can make a real difference.		
4. Connect Toolbox & Partners	Use existing tools, training, ministries, specialists, coaches and partners.		
5. Start Activities & Initiatives	Launch one or two practical collaborative actions rather than waiting for a complete structure.		
6. Develop Teams Where Needed	Build Work Groups or Focus & Project Teams around priorities that need sustained coordination.		
7. Review & Multiply	Share testimonies and learning, develop facilitators and move toward additional Local GCNs.		

Step 6 – Multiply Local GCNs

Priority local places	Cities, towns, communities, neighborhoods, workplaces or other relational settings.
Existing groups to connect	Pastors' fellowships, ministry networks, business groups, prayer networks, etc.
Places needing a new Local GCN	

Local facilitators to develop	
First Local GCN next steps	

Step 7 – National ↔ Regional ↔ Local Learning

National → Regional / Local	Regional / Local → National
Vision & GCN DNA Tools & training Coaching & mentoring Partners & wider relationships National priorities & learning Encouragement and prayer	Grassroots realities & gaps Testimonies & fruit Emerging leaders Local tools & best practices Needs & opportunities Learning that should shape national strategy

Step 8 – 90-Day Multiplication Plan

Next Action	Area	Responsible	By When	Progress / Learning

Simple Progress Overview

Area	Facilitator	Facilitating Team	Assessment / Priorities	Activities Started	Local GCN Multiplication

The Multiplication Goal

The goal is not to build layers of GCN organization, but to multiply relational Great Commission collaboration until it becomes local and practical. Each level equips the next, while learning flows in both directions. Regional and city teams become bridges that connect national vision and resources with grassroots relationships, Activities & Initiatives and Local GCN multiplication.

NATIONAL → REGIONAL / DISTRICT / CITY → LOCAL GCN → GRASSROOTS ACTION & MULTIPLICATION