

## THE OPPORTUNITY:

Visionary Christians in countries around the globe yearn to see the local church open wide as a place of welcome and care for vulnerable children and families.

The CAFO Global Network develops thriving networks by investing deeply in the spiritual, professional and relational development of global leaders. These leaders, in turn, offer development, equipping and connection for local leaders and champions in organizations and churches in their midst, ultimately creating vibrant local collaborative communities.

Acting as a global backbone organization, the CAFO Global Network unites national backbone networks around the world through a shared **Better Together** vision: *every child in a loving family, embraced within a collaborative community*. Affirmed by member networks, the Better Together vision focuses a global movement by providing common goals and shared measurements to achieve collective impact for vulnerable children and families in their own communities.

## THE WORK:

Around the world, local followers of Christ see the needs of vulnerable children and families each day and long to respond. *They do respond.*

Many have stepped up to serve and care for these children in remarkably self-giving ways. Yet often, they have labored in isolation, lacking both community and guidance. It's amazing to see what a difference small things make for these faithful servants and the children they serve.

The CAFO Global Network builds these local champions, helping their network develop through:

**Curated information.** Lack of information was once a major problem for leaders. Today, the problem is often the opposite. In a world flooded with data and noise, what learners desperately desire are trustworthy sources that help identify and filter the most valuable information and then share it in highly accessible, actionable forms.

**Facilitated community.** Good information becomes far more powerful in our lives when we're able to absorb and apply it alongside others. CAFO seeks to weave into every learning experience opportunities to interact and process with both experts and peers. From simple Q&A sessions and strategic planning workshops to mutual-learning cohorts, this enables learners to receive (and to share!) a much wider range of insights, skills and ideas. Meanwhile, ongoing relationships also provide accountability, encouragement, and cross-pollination of learning as ideas are applied, tested and refined.

## THE ONGOING VISION:

While every network is unique, each serves as the hub of a vibrant local movement, connecting churches with NGOs, government agencies and other allies. Networks work especially to equip congregations to provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to adoptive, foster and biological families. They often lead awareness and advocacy campaigns, offer foster and adoptive family recruitment and training, guide churches in development of post-adoption/foster care support for families, and more.

As part of the CAFO Global Network, each network is encouraged not only to receive, but also to share with other networks. As a result, leaders both access and share excellent resources, training and connections around the world.

Guided by participating local leaders, the CAFO Global Network identifies critical needs, coordinates new resource development and delivery, and provides targeted support to help each network achieve its own unique vision and goals.

Learn more at [cafo.org/join/globalnetwork](https://cafo.org/join/globalnetwork)

## SHARED VISION

Members of the CAFO Global Network unite around a common global vision with shared goals:

**better  together**

*for vulnerable children and families*

Every child in a loving family,  
embraced within a collaborative community

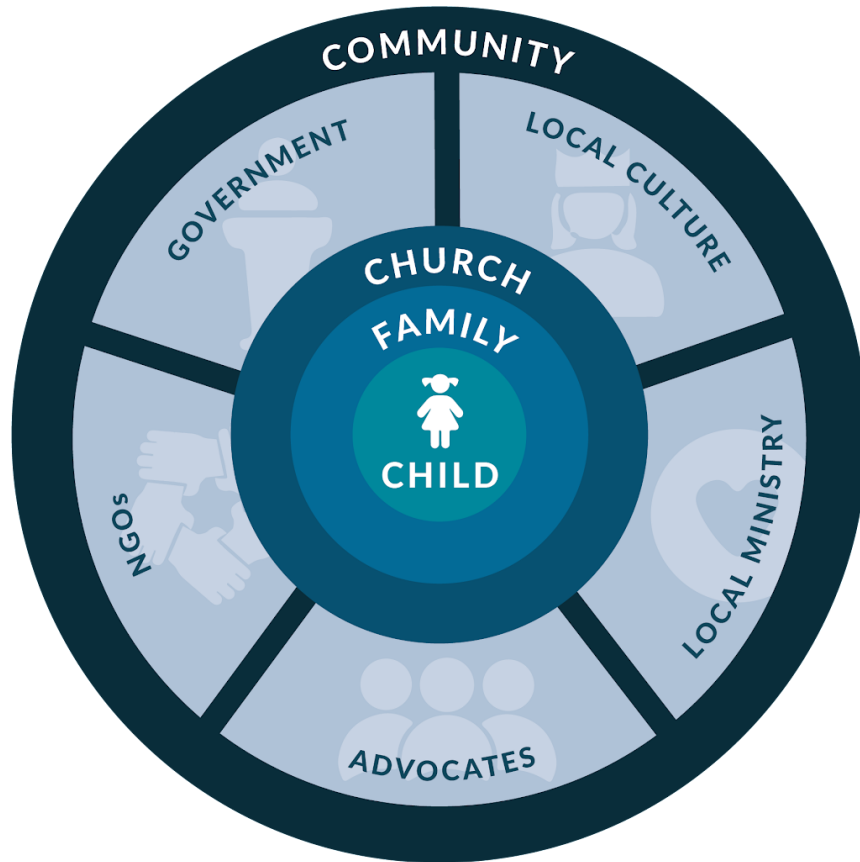
## SHARED GOALS

To mobilize churches, organizations, and advocates by:

1. **Collaborating to enable family and community-based care**  
Create collaborative communities through local networks that support vibrant, family-centered and community-based care for all children
2. **Partnering with churches to inspire and support Christians in action**  
Equip and empower local churches to catalyze Christians toward ongoing care for vulnerable children and families
3. **Cultivating competency with evidence-based approaches and best practices**  
Strengthen leaders, programs and ministries within the network through world-class training and resources so that we accomplish more for vulnerable children and families collectively than any could alone.

All CAFO Global Network members are requested to affirm this Better Together vision as part of their local vision. By doing this, we are agreeing to a shared global vision, with the same shared goals and common measurements.

## COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY



As the center of a collaborative community, the local church welcomes and supports vulnerable children and families (biological, kinship, foster and adoptive) within a faith community offering love, prayer, friendship and practical assistance. For needs beyond the capabilities of the local church, the family connects to a broader set of resources and services provided through a local network of government agencies, faith-based and secular NGOs, independent advocates, local ministries from other churches, as well as local cultural communities.

In reaching this vision, churches and organizations will come together to:

- Recruit foster, adoptive and kinship families to care for vulnerable children, and support them as they grow into effective, stable, and loving families for vulnerable children.
- Build wrap-around support teams for biological, kinship, foster, and adoptive families.
- Support practitioners and volunteers, providing encouragement and practical support as they serve children and families.

## Membership Opportunities for 2023

The CAFO Global Network serves as a connecting and equipping platform for local networks around the world. Local Networks may choose to join the CAFO Global Network as either a Movement Supporter or as a Bridge Network.

	Movement Supporter for NEW and emerging local networks	Bridge Network for maturing and thriving local networks
Annual Dues	free	\$250
Access CAFO Global Network: Resources, Cohorts & Courses <a href="https://academy.cafo.org">academy.cafo.org</a>	✓	✓
Global Collaborate and CAFO Summit Discount	\$50 off Registration	\$50 off Registration
Scholarships for Collaborate and Summit <i>(travel, transport and housing expenses not included)</i>	Limited scholarships available	Limited scholarships available
Scholarships for Virtual Collaborate <i>Quarterly topics with LEARN, DISCUSS and FIRESIDE CHAT sessions for each topic)</i>	<b>15 FREE ANNUAL PASS Scholarships</b> for local leaders and advocates  <i>IF you renew by Dec 31, 2022!</i>	<b>15 FREE ANNUAL PASS Scholarships</b> for local leaders and advocates  <i>IF you renew by Dec 31, 2022!</i>
Host Your Own Collaborate+ event <i>Connect LIVE with the Collaborate Global Forum in September</i>	✓ Applications open in Q1	✓ Applications open in Q1
Coaching & Consulting Program	Group coaching	One-on-one calls & group coaching
Leaders invited to participate in <i>Journey Together</i> soul health cohort	✓	✓
Access to Network Assessment (effectiveness & health) resources	✓ To be released in Q1	✓ To be released in Q1
Listing on CAFO website, including global map, network details and links	✓	✓
Website Profile and Member Portal	✓	✓
myNETWORK Hub: Connect local champions through your custom-branded resource portal <i>(resources, courses, news and events)</i>	✓	✓
Event calendar to share your network's local events	✓	✓
Listing in Next Steps e-booklet, offered to Summit attendees		✓
Coordinated Connections at Collaborate/Summit and online		✓
Use of Bridge Network seal, subject to terms and conditions		✓
Seat on Global Network Advisory Board		✓

## Criteria and Standards

The CAFO Global Network serves global leaders of local networks in nations around the world. Each network is unique and at a different level of development. By offering curated information and facilitated community, the CAFO Global Network helps emerging movements to develop into effective, sustainable Bridge Networks.

As part of the membership application, networks must meet the following criteria and standards. CAFO staff and current network members stand ready to help networks grow to meet these shared standards.

<b>Movement Supporter</b> <i>for emerging local networks</i>	<b>Bridge Network</b> <i>for maturing and thriving local networks</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Provide a list of Churches (including denominational affiliation), NGOs (including their categories of service) and Advocates that are affiliated with your network.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If a Board of Directors exists, provide a list of current Board Members and their roles, including names and email addresses.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If available, provide Vision/Mission Statement, Core Principles and Statement of Faith.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Describe the national effort to promote/support Orphan Sunday (or similar campaign), including the number of churches that participated during the last year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Affirm the <b>Better Together</b> vision as part of the network’s local vision</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBERS: provide a letter of reference from an existing Global Network member or CAFO Staff Member</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum Requirement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 4 network churches agreeing to work together as an informal network</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 25 Churches and 5 NGOs Represented</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated collaboration among these members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Denominations Represented Within Network</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Local President and Active Board of Directors Representing Multiple Churches and NGOs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Written Vision/Mission Statement and Explanation of Affiliation/Membership Requirements for churches and NGOs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Documented Commitment to Fiscal Integrity, Good Governance and Gospel-Centered Ministry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commit to Community Mapping (identifying local services and resources available for vulnerable children and families, along with the churches/organizations that provide those services)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct a Self-Assessment using principles from the <i>CAFO Network Framework</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Participate in an independent network assessment (provided through CAFO)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Annual Dues</li> </ul>