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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

'Waking the Giant' is a global ecumenical initiative of the Lutheran World Federation. It aims to build the capacity of churches to contribute effectively to the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development.

At the global level, the initiative provides churches and church-related actors with tools and training to relate their on-going work to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It raises their awareness of the relevance of the Agenda 2030 and the opportunities that come with it. Emphasis is put on enhancing the visibility of the work that churches already do in relation to SDGs.

At the national level, churches and ecumenical partners set up implementation mechanisms for taking stock of their existing work in relation to the SDGs and engage in joint planning for direct action and advocacy. New partnerships are formed among the churches, with civil society and UN and governmental actors.

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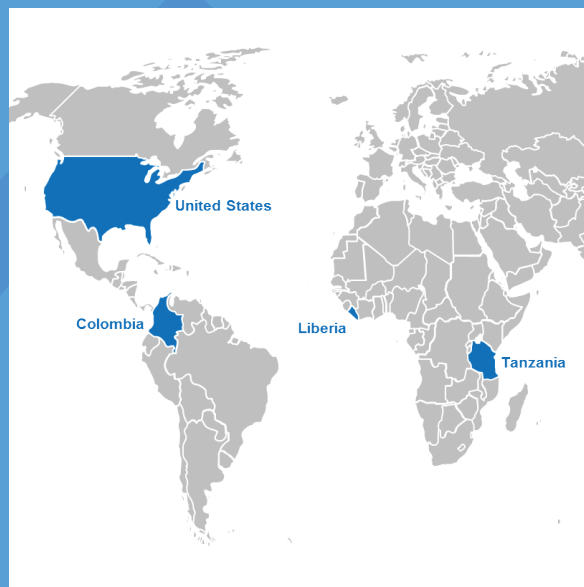


'Waking the Giant' focuses mainly on those areas, in which churches have traditionally played a strong role – and have a potential to do even more: SDGs 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 4 (quality education), SDG 5 (gender equality), SDG 10 (reduced inequalities) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions). At the same time, it allows for flexible implementation and individual priority setting in each target country and each participating institution.



OBJECTIVES:

1. Churches and ecumenical actors worldwide actively engage with the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2. Churches in selected target countries strengthen their role in providing diaconal (i.e. social and development) services and doing advocacy in the areas of health (SDG 3), education (SDG 4), gender equality (SDG 5), reduced inequalities (SDG 10) and peace and justice (SDG 16).
3. Churches and ecumenical actors worldwide increase the visibility of their contributions towards the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development both within and outside the ecumenical community.



Target countries, 2018-2020

GET INVOLVED

As a church or church-related organization:

- Make your contributions to SDGs visible on our website
- Download our SDG self-assessment toolbox
- Join one of our online trainings on SDGs

As a funding partner:

- Support a new target country
- Partner with us for local events or activities in target countries
- Contribute to the global coordination of the initiative