

# Year in Review

## 2024



The Christian Economic Development (CED) Network is a community committed to Christ-centered economic development. Our purpose is to create a space where organizations and individuals can share best practices, learn from each other's challenges, and encourage each other in our pursuits of transformational economic development.



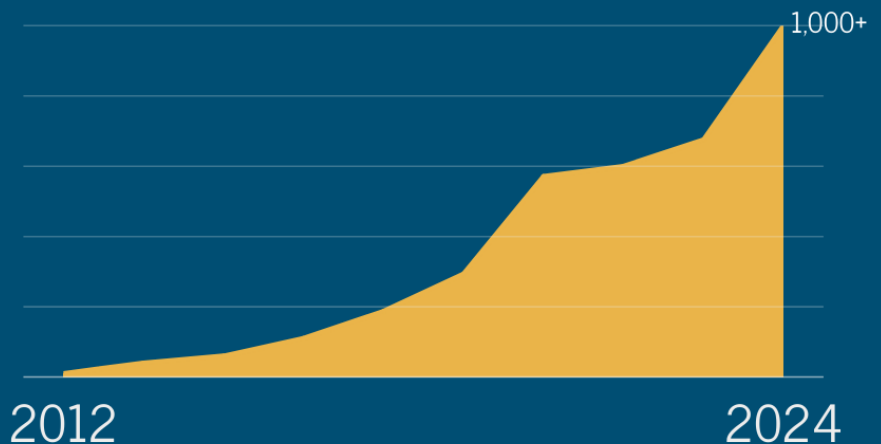
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Since its grassroots founding in 2012, the CED Network has grown to be a connecting point for over a thousand practitioners to learn from each other.



# How did participants engage the CED Network in 2024?



In April, 55 practitioners gathered for the 2-day CED Summit on **Pursuing Wholeness in Economic Development**. After a devotions reminder from Dave Evans that **pursuing wholeness begins with our personal life with Jesus**, participants heard the latest approaches in defining and measuring holistic impact from Bruce Wydick, David Bronkema, and James Waters.

Later sessions showcased innovations in savings groups linkages and business training. On day two, **participants chose between workshops** on holistic agriculture led by ECHO and HOPE International and a deeper dive on savings group linkages to formal financial services led by VisionFund.

## CED at OneAccord

61 attendees joined CED's one-day intensive at the OneAccord conference in October. Participants discussed **Engaging holistic development together** with vibrant sessions on becoming more holistic in our work and how embracing complexity and collaboration can help us be more effective.

Representatives from The Chalmers Center, Compassion International, Five Talents, Fundacion Doulos, ECHO, Resilient Communities Center, World Concern, and HOPE International shared in sessions that led to our highest event satisfaction score yet!



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## Communities of Practice



**Communities of Practice (CoPs)** are opt-in groups of CED members convening together for **in-depth discussions** around a particular discipline or topic within Christ-centered economic development.

We've launched the following CoPs:

94

Members in the Savings CoP

61

Members in the Integral Mission CoP

77

Members in the Agriculture CoP

86

Members in the Business Training CoP

## Resource Sharing

With over 2,500 visits to our website in 2024, CED facilitated participants **learning from each other** by accessing resources in our online library, tuning into live webinars, and watching webinar recordings from CoP calls. We're grateful for the openhandedness of CED participants in sharing these resources!

