

**CCVI CATHOLIC SISTERS INTERCONGREGATIONAL NETWORK UNITED STATES/MEXICO & SISTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE LATIN AMERICA HIGHLIGHTS (FEBRUARY 2026)**

Dedicated to providing quarterly updates on the Hilton Project’s progress toward building the capacity of religious sisters, ministries, and congregations in serving impoverished indigenous and migrating children, youth, women and families.

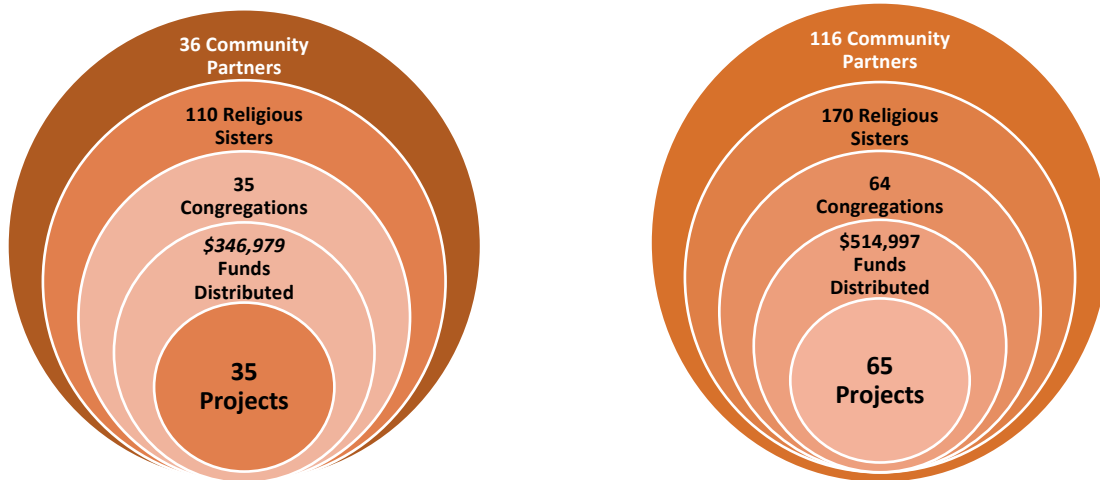
*HILTON FOUNDATION PROJECTS—BUILDING RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES’ CAPACITY TO SERVE COMMUNITIES*

***CCVI-Hilton Project Retrospective Highlights: What Have we Accomplished?***

Over the past five years, CCVI has worked in partnership with the Hilton Foundation in addressing the needs of vulnerable and underserved communities in the United States and Mexico, especially migrants, immigrants and refugees crossing the borders into the United States and Mexico. This issue of the Newsletter provides a retrospective of CCVI’s work over the course of the past five years and recognizes the work of our religious sisters, dedicated staff and ministries.

- ***An estimated 510,000 persons served between 2021-2025***
- ***A reported 227 community partnerships formed between 2021-2025***
- ***There was an increase of collaboration and supporting funds when comparing 2021 to 2025.***

**2021 Hilton Year 1** **2025 Hilton Year 5**



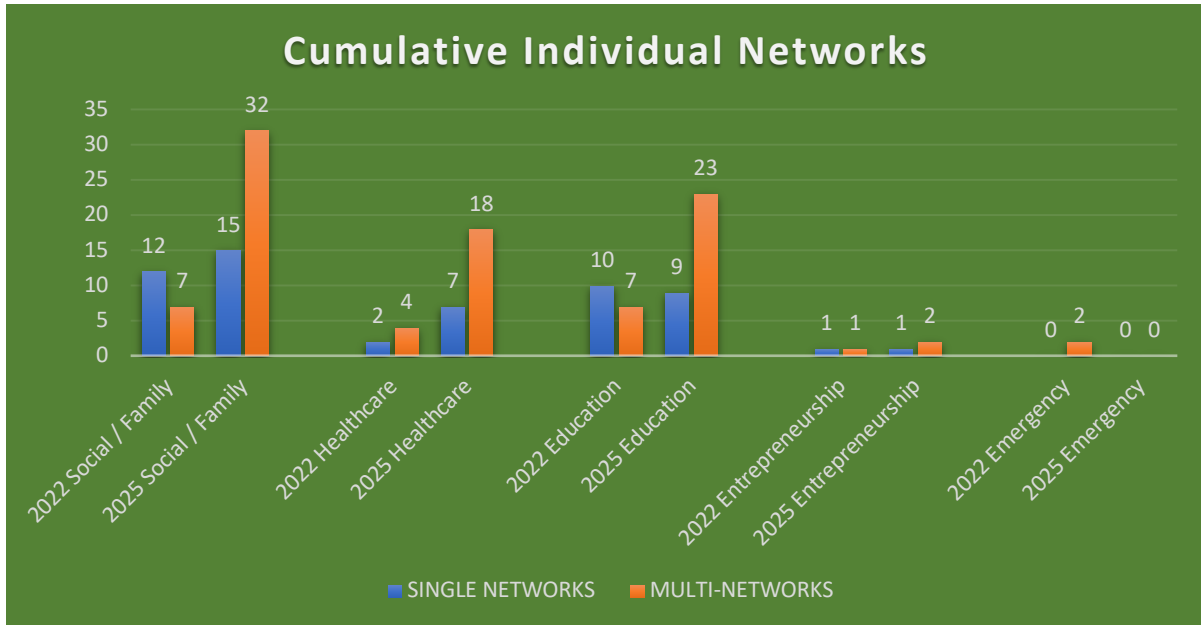
- ***Currently reaching 47 cities in the U.S. and Mexico***
- ***A total of 35 Project sites in 2022 and 85 Project sites/service locations in 2025***



The focused service network categories are health, education, family social, entrepreneurship, and emergency fund.

**Distribution of Funds Across Service Networks 2022 and 2025**

- Beginning in 2024, CSI funds covering multi service network categories of need per request were given a separate designation to accurately reflect the complex needs of our ministries in serving their communities.

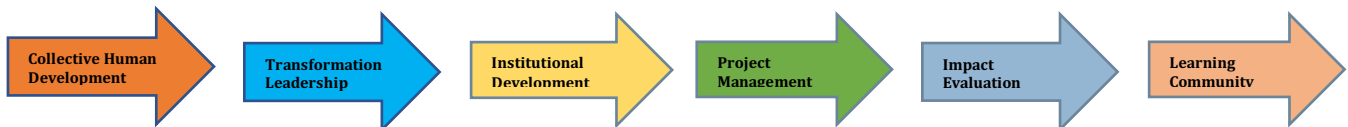


Beginning in 2025, CCVI Catholic Sisters Initiative added advocacy as a ministerial training activity aimed at strengthening ministries’ skills and strategies in identifying and communicating key areas of is program and policy needs and issues to inform key stakeholders and beneficiaries on what is impacting vulnerable migrant communities in the US and Mexico.

- A total of 60 ministries were invited to the first advocacy training workshop conducted on November 6, 2025.



Over the past five years, Hilton funding has supported religious sisters leadership training aimed at building the knowledge base and skills of sisters in addressing the needs of the vulnerable communities they serve. Leadership certification modules, cover topics to assist sisters in their effective management of their ministries;



- Total number of sisters participated in religious sisters leadership training 2022 -2025: 269
- As of November 2025, 137 sisters participated as Continuing Education Alumnae Sisters
- Altogether sisters from 20 countries have participated in leadership training activities, 2022-2025

Over the past five years, each issue the CCVI Hilton newsletter has highlighted a specific issue of concern or a specific program that has made a difference in the lives of our vulnerable communities.

***Faces of the stories told through time (key stories through the six issues)***

***Migrant, Immigrant and Refugee Network (MIRN) at Work***



***UIW Student Service Learning in Oaxaca Mexico***



***Holding on to Faith and Hope:***






***What we have learned Over the Years***


There have been changes through the years aimed at addressing new needs in response to changes in the migration surge and policies, or in response to healthcare crises, or sometimes in response to funder priorities and directives. Lessons learned by CCVI over the course of the past five years include:

- ✓ ***Strong community partnerships and trust-building are foundational to effective service and crisis response.***
- ✓ ***Meeting the needs of vulnerable populations requires flexibility, faith, and adaptable, community-driven strategies.***
- ✓ ***Investing in leadership, frontline providers, and entrepreneurship strengthens resilience and long-term sustainability.***
- ✓ ***Intercongregational collaboration and cross-sector networks create continuity of care and produce lasting impact.***

***• Meet our Team!!***

-  **Rocio De Hoyos – Hilton Project Administrative Manager, United States and Mexico**
-  **Denise Krohn Peña, PhD – Project Evaluator**
-  **Idalia Sanchez – Project Consultant**

***Recognizing our Sisters Network Coordinators***

-  **CCVI Coordinators:**
  - \* **Sr. Maria Elena Corripio**
  - \* **Sr. Bertha Elena Flores**
- ❖ **SLDI Coordinators:**
  - **Sr. Ma. De la Luz Cardona Cerda, General Coordinator**
  - **Sr. Lilia Guillermina Gutiérrez Aguirre, Wednesday Morning Group Coordinator**
  - **Sr. Guadalupe Andrea Hernández S., Wednesday Afternoon Group Coordinator**
  - **Sr. María Guadalupe Martínez González, Thursday Morning Group Coordinator**
  - **Sr. Carmen Daniela Arteaga Soto, Thursday Afternoon Group Coordinator**

❖ Note: Data is current as of September 26, 2025