



The International Federation of the Blue Cross (IFBC) is a politically and denominationally independent organisation consisting of 50 independent national Member Organisations, which are predominantly in African countries, Brazil, India and Europe. They are all engaged in the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug addictions and work on a Christian basis. It is the intention of the IFBC to establish a multinational Networking Community and to promote the exchange of competence knowledge skills and experience within the member organisations.

Our Vision

Our vision is to develop the IFBC towards becoming a networking community, which facilitates the member organizations to give a holistic support to people who suffer from alcohol and other drug-related problems. By holistic we understand the integration of the spiritual dimension to the WHO definition of health. The WHO defines health as physical, social and psychological well being in its totality.

- Our work is based on professionalism and the Christian values of unconditional support of people in need.
- We support both abstinence, as an act of solidarity with the people concerned, and responsible drinking behaviour.

Our activities and Services

- enhancing the establishment of partnerships between the Member- Organizations, characterized by solidarity and respect towards diversity
- making use of synergies, to foster the interaction between the member organizations by providing platforms (e.g. organising conferences, databanks, and discussion panels)
- providing professional and financial support for the realisation of projects of the member organizations
- representing the member organizations externally
- promoting internal and external cooperations
- initiating and developing new member organizations within the IFBC

Our main emphasis for the near future

- The implementation of the programme „South Challenge“. “South Challenge“ expresses our intention to establish Competence Centres for the area of substance abuse and as a consequence thereof social problems such as, poverty and AIDS in countries of the South (India, Brazil, Africa).
- Establishing of project-based partnerships
- Promoting interactive exchanges across language and geographical distances
- Developing decentralized and efficient organizational structures e.g. by initiating and coaching regional leadership teams.

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