

# Strengthening The Church

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# Why the local church?

- *It's God's primary answer to a broken world*
- *It is best positioned to serve the most vulnerable long term*
- *It is best positioned to serve the most vulnerable comprehensively*
- *It has the manpower and facilities needed*



# The Opportunity

*The church is the broadest and most diverse social network on the planet.*





**In predominantly Christian majority nations, the church and its leaders are the epicenter of their communities and have unparalleled reach and influence.**



## How a Church Empowerment Zone works

By working in partnership with local churches and church volunteers, a small team of five to ten World Relief staff can touch and transform the lives of entire communities with one Church Empowerment Zone (CEZ).



# The Impact

*The community is transformed socially,  
physically and spiritually.*

# The Goal

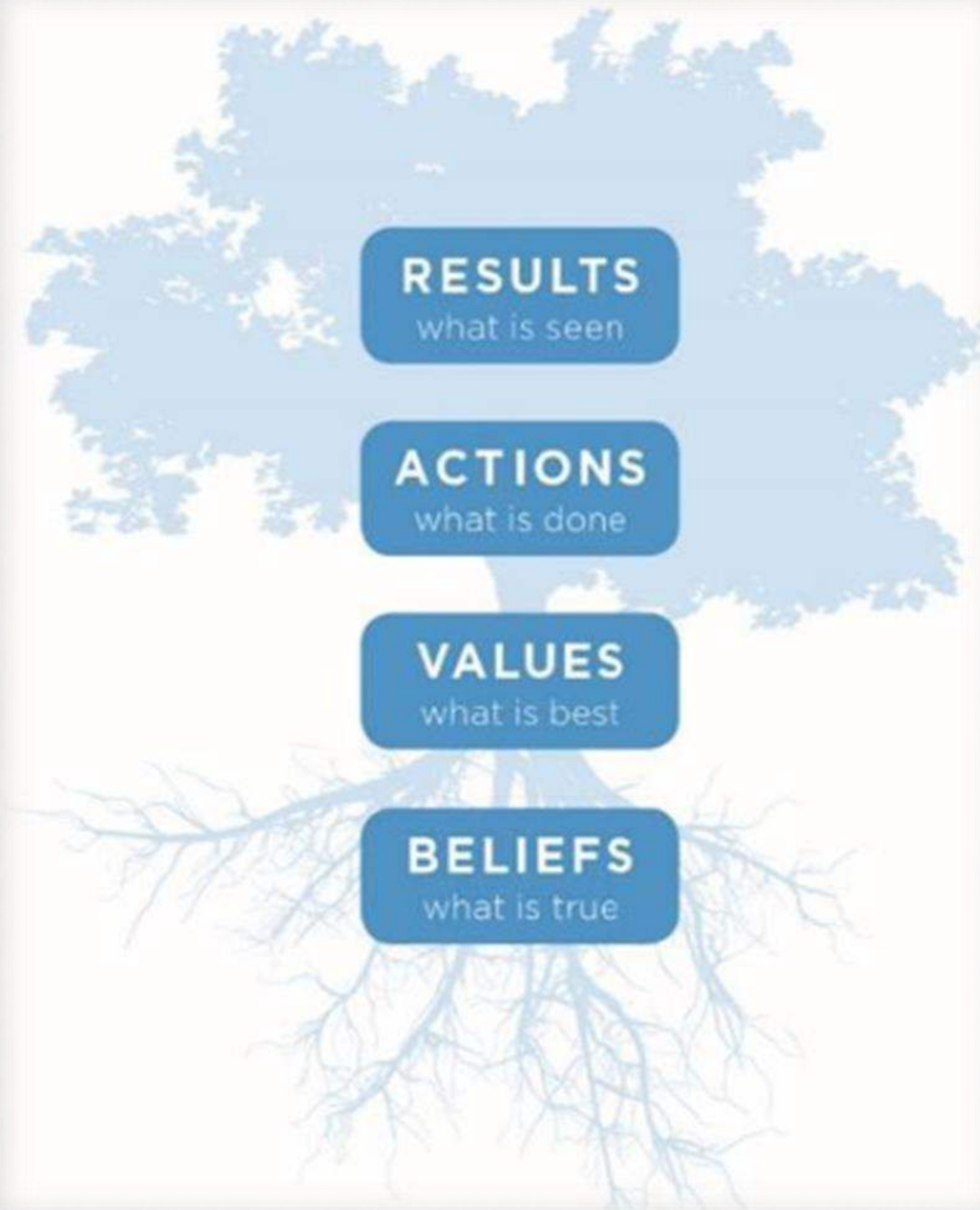
*Local Churches are empowered to serve the needs of the most vulnerable through a ministry of integral mission.*



# The CEZ Journey







**RESULTS**

what is seen

**ACTIONS**


what is done

**VALUES**

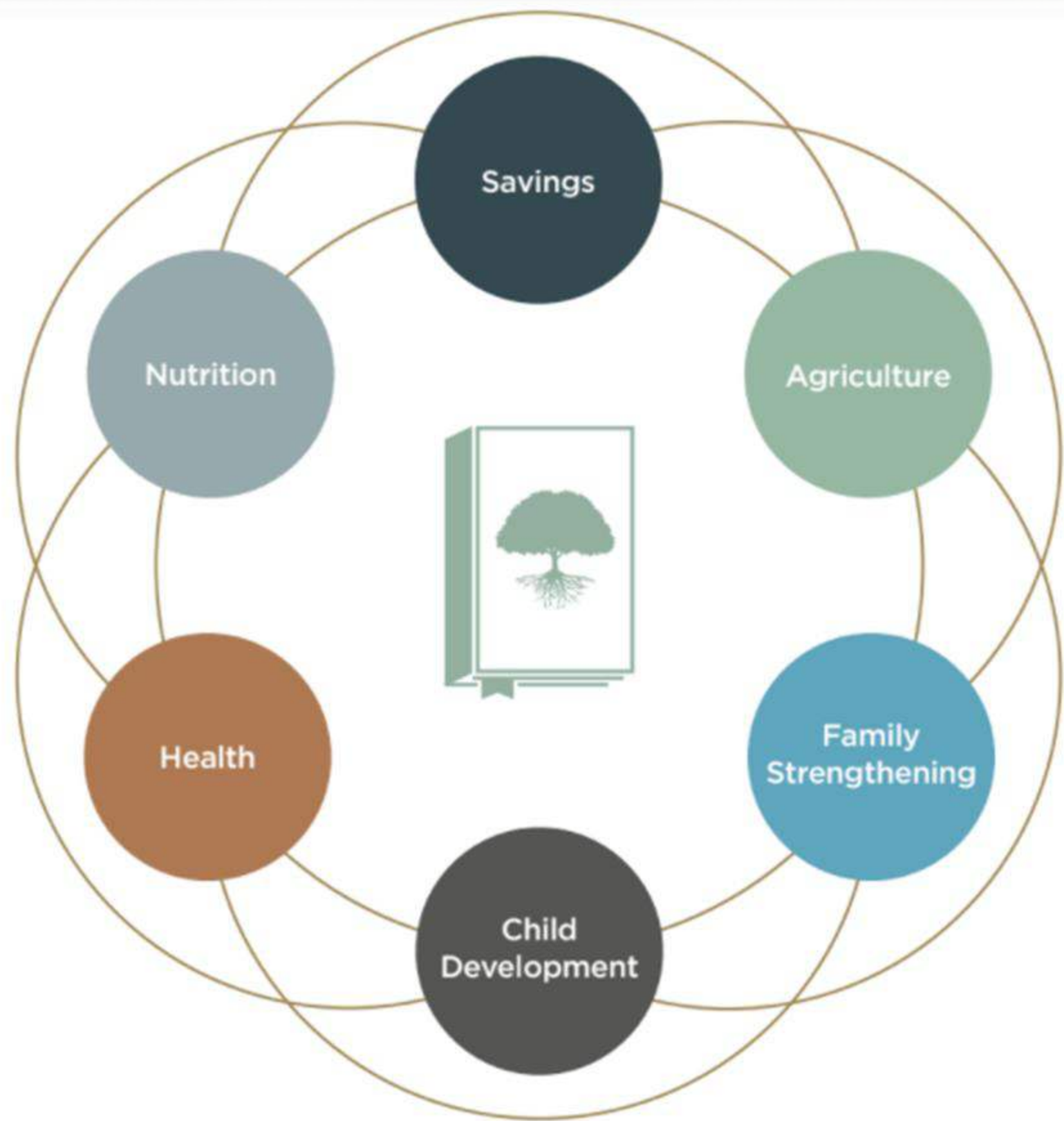
what is best

**BELIEFS**

what is true









# The CEZ supports the church to...

- *Be united across differences*
- *Mobilize its congregation*
- *Be at the center of the community*
- *Be relevant in meeting needs*
- *Provide people hope*
- *Be a catalyst for flourishing*





# Examples





# What are the challenges that we face and how are we working to overcome them?

- Dependence and expectations
- World Relief staff to local church ratio





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