

6 February 2026

Dear Dr Van Bastelaere,  
Dear Ms Schotte,

On behalf of CCVS International, I would like to express our interest in becoming a member of the Be-cause Health network.

CCVS International is an organisation with roots in Belgium and active in Northern Uganda, where we work to strengthen mental health and resilience in post-conflict communities. We provide professional, trauma-informed mental health care within communities and work closely with local governments, health workers, and community structures to strengthen local care and support systems.

The vision of Be-cause Health, connecting knowledge, practice, and policy in the field of global health, strongly resonates with the way we work. As an organisation active both in Belgium and Uganda, we believe in the importance of collaboration, knowledge exchange, and collective learning to strengthen equitable and high-quality health services, particularly in the field of community-based mental health care.

Through the network, we hope to both contribute insights from our practical experience in Northern Uganda and learn from the expertise and perspectives of other members. We would be honoured to contribute to the network's dialogue, advocacy, and learning processes, and look forward to the Steering Committee's response regarding our application.

More information about our organisation can be found at [www.ccvshinternational.org](http://www.ccvshinternational.org). We would of course be happy to provide any additional information if needed.

Kind regards,



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