Giving for Change - Q2 Narrative Update APN-Half year Giving for Change Program Implementation Update Report Report Quarter 1

1. Context

Political: APN headquarter is located in Dar Es Salaam Tanzania. The country is having a new President since 17th March 2021. The new leadership has started to bring hope to the nation. The Country is witnessing efforts towards economic development, improving public service delivery and enhancing public private partnership, as well as international collaboration as priorities towards inclusive growth and human development. Response to COVID 19 is also one of the priorities.

COVIND 19: We have entered the 3rd Wave of COVID 19, with DELTA Virus which is said to be even more aggressive. Cases are doubling every could of weeks. There have been over 4 million confirmed cases, including 97 thousand reported deaths by 30th June 2021. According to WHO, a total of 49.8 million vaccine doses have been administered in the continent, but 1.6 million vaccines are needed to vaccinate the minimum target of 60% Africans. The major challenges have been:

- Ensuring equitable vaccine access globally. Africa has received less than 2% of the global vaccines procured and distributed,
- Manufacturing enough vaccines and maintaining supply chain capacity,
- Operational difficulties in deployment of vaccines in some countries, e.g., human resource and fund,
- Increase vaccine hesitancy due to inadequate information issues, and
- Inadequate capacity to monitor vaccine safety in many African countries.

2. Results

2.1 Most important outcomes in the context of the GfC programme

- Six (6) countries have a mechanism that serves as lobby and advocacy evidence towards legal and enabling environment for domestic resource mobilization and community philanthropy to thrive. These are Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Palestine, Kenya and Uganda.
- A good number of national level stakeholders were introduced to key issues of policy concerns and debated on their role to engage.

2.2 In terms of APN role in the programme

- Strengthened collaboration with NAIs
- Managed to partner with other pan-Africa organizations to organize an African Philanthropy Conference. APN collaborated with GFCFs to plan a session on ‘Community Philanthropy’. The conference is schedule to take place from 3-5, August 2021.
- Participated in webinars to disseminate GfC and the role of African philanthropy:
  - Participated in a webinar for new GfC staff teams
  - MoFA’s learning meeting – contributed to a discussion about localization
  - Presentation about the GfC program to the members of Brazil Network for Social Justice and other stakeholders.
  - Presented about GfC program to the members of Association of Germany Foundations. This was an eye opener to Germany foundations. First, they did not know that other donors are giving the space and shifting the power to communities in the Global South, and second, for most it was their first time to hear about African philanthropy.
- Presented about domestic and community philanthropy
• Organized webinars to have conversations on:
  ✓ implication of NGO laws in the operating environment for civil society in Africa
  ✓ the role of African philanthropy on youth-led development
  ✓ African philanthropy and rights of a Child during COVID 19
  ✓ Organized a conversation to celebrate the Africa rights of A

3. Gender and inclusion
• Through our engagements and researches, we are learning that the vulnerability of CSOs became particularly apparent during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. The effects of the pandemic cut across health, social and economic considerations, threatening social cohesion in fragile communities and exacerbating already existing inequalities, especially for vulnerable and marginalized groups. Women, in particular, have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, with a particular focus on increased incidences of domestic and GBV cases.
• Use and access to technology has a potential to exclude marginalized group. This has been fueled up by the use for virtual communication platforms.
• Hence, APN has recognized the urgent need and a growing opportunity for social justice philanthropy to support their resilience, and investing in their credibility and movement building so that the loudest voices of resistance come from within.

4. Challenges faced (specify any unforeseen issues that was faced and any solutions applied)
• COVID 19 continued to complicate activities implementation and to a large extent has slowed down the execution of 2021 work plan. There is an increased morbidity of program staff, restrictions and the fear of being infected. APN and NAIs, had to shift from planned in-person and embark on virtual means of activity implementation, where we face a number of limitations. This has a potential to delay the planned in-country awareness, ownership and partnership building activities with regards to Domain 2.
• APN had to rely on NAIs to deliver some of the APN planned national advocacy activities, which was partially achieved. For example, introducing Domain 2 objectives to national level actors through the field visits and validation workshops which was vital for Consortium.
• Transfer of funds to countries like Mozambique was another challenge due to regulations on foreign transfers.
• While lobby and advocacy for policy change is important, most CSOs including NAIs do seem to be lacking structures and technical know-how. Reasons for this might include restrictive regimes and the way development is done. This area requires investment in the following years.

5. Learning
• Selected five policy areas for in-country assessments have proven to be critical in building evidence-based advocacy strategies, and to provide an informed baselines for GfC outputs, in all domains.
• GfC Consortium Check-In meetings have become a useful platform for team building, sharing and shaping the strategic direction.
• Shrinking space for civil society in the global south is real and it needs deliberate attention.

Other lessons and topics will be generated from the Assessments and the baseline on leaning that is conducted by GFCFs.

6. Next steps (outline some of the key plans for the next 2 quarters)
In the remaining 6 months of the year, we are planning to:
• Make synthesis of the assessments
• Disseminate findings of the Assessments
• Develop baseline for Domain 2 in collaboration with Alliance members
• Develop 2022 Workplan in collaboration with Alliance members
• Roll out catalytic grants to showcase and enhance the philanthropy culture
• Produce a Publication of philanthropy publication in Africa
• Continue to foster peer leaning through organized conversations, webinars, conferences, etc.
• Build partnership with like-minded organizations/philanthropy enablers

7. Other
No, we have nothing else to share in addition to the above updates.