

KENYA PHILANTHROPY FORUM

A. INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Philanthropy Forum is an organized platform that brings together philanthropy institutions and individuals to interact, share and engage in efforts that promote philanthropy in Kenya. The forum further seeks to heighten recognition of the philanthropy sector in the national development agenda.

B. VISION

A collaborative, integrated and influential forum for Kenyan philanthropists and social investors.

C. MISSION

To pool our resources, expertise and best practices for greater human transformation for improvement in quality of life.

D. STRATEGIC INTENT OF THE FORUM

Enhance cooperation and coordination among philanthropy actors in Kenya and explore opportunities for greater impact of the sector in national development.

E. OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives are:

- i. To strengthen partnerships among the philanthropy actors through building synergies and leveraging investment resources for greater impact.
- ii. Positively engage national and county governments and other development institutions to influence public policies and proactively respond to development challenges, to enhance a favorable environment for growth and impact of philanthropy in Kenya.
- iii. To provide institutional strengthening to philanthropy actors in program development and implementation.
- iv. To strengthen collective research, collation of data, documentation, peer learning, sharing of information and best practices for greater influence and impact of the philanthropy sector.

F. MEMBERSHIP

The forum is an inclusive forum that reflects the different interests & forms of philanthropy in Kenya. Members will be categorized in the following categories:

- Full membership:
- Affiliate membership:
- Associate membership:

Philanthropy actors seeking membership should meet the following criteria:

1. An organization is registered under the Companies or Trustees Act of Kenya.

2. An organization whose core business is social investments and development work.
3. An organization whose core business of the organization is non-political and non-partisan.
4. An organization has a demonstrated record and commitment to social investments and development work.
5. Individuals who practices philanthropy.

G. KEY MILESTONES OF THE FORUM:

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- Established three working groups that focus on:
 - Data management: The team seeks to establish clear philanthropy data sets to effectively collect data that demonstrates the philanthropy sector's contribution in Kenya's GDP.
 - Promoting an enabling environment: continuous conversation on ensuring that the regulatory, legal and fiscal environment continues to facilitate the work of the philanthropy sector.
 - Education: to strengthen partnership, increase effectiveness of the philanthropy sector in supporting Education in Kenya and positively engage national and county governments.
- Successfully building philanthropy data: through the various data forums held in the last two years, critical data sets have been identified to improve data collection on local giving and give the sector recognition in national development.
- Successfully engaged in the Education sector: consolidated efforts of philanthropy in the education sector and initiated a working partnership between the Ministry of Education and the Philanthropy sector.
- Successfully engaged on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), where Foundations representatives are part of the technical advisors to the UNDP.
- Ongoing conversations on the place of philanthropy actors in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- And most recently, recognition of the philanthropy sector in the Development Partners Forum.