KENYA
Data Strategy and Capacity Building

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Background

Philanthropy as a sector has contributed to the national development of Kenya for decades. Despite its significant participation in working towards achieving national development goals, philanthropy is rarely recognized for the role it plays.

At the core of this issue is the lack of available information about Kenyan philanthropy and its contribution to development. Simply put, if philanthropy itself is not tracking its own contribution to the development ecosystem, then no other sector can be expected to understand the role it plays nor the expertise that it possesses. Unfortunately, this often leads to the sector having less opportunity to share its experiences and lessons learned, and voice its concerns at the key discussions where important national development dialogues take place. As a result, other key development players are unable to leverage philanthropy’s expertise and vice-versa. This also means that it is harder for overall development aid planning to take place when there is not a holistic picture of funds being spent in the country.

This lack of data and information has primarily resulted from not having capacity to collect, analyze, aggregate, organize, and share philanthropic data and knowledge that can show the sector’s contributions. The Data Strategy and Capacity Building Program has been introduced in order to address this gap. The program is a joint effort led by Foundation Center (FC) and East Africa Philanthropy Network (EAPN—previously known as East Africa Association of Grantmakers), in partnership with Kenya Philanthropy Forum (KPF), the Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF), SDG Philanthropy Platform (SDGPP), and more than 40 Kenyan philanthropic organizations. The program aims to strengthen the capacity of foundations and trusts to collect, analyze, and share reliable data to highlight the value of Kenyan philanthropy to national development outcomes, facilitate philanthropic collaboration, and inform grantmaking and programmatic decisions. The program adheres to the guidelines offered in the Global Philanthropy Data Charter. It is important to note that the values and principles in the Charter translate to the essential elements of good philanthropy data practices and stress the value of collecting relevant and comparable data across different philanthropic contexts.

To that end, FC and EAPN, in partnership with other stakeholders, have carried out a series of workshops as part of the Data Strategy and Capacity Building Program. In the first workshop, held on April 28, 2016, the participants established the principles for data management for philanthropy in Kenya. The participants also identified the key data and knowledge needs and challenges they face. The workshop also focused on some technological tools that could be leveraged to collect and share data and knowledge. Finally, the workshop focused on key data goals and identified priorities in order to address the challenges. The details of the workshop can be found here.

The second workshop, held July 4–5, 2016, built on the first one. The Global Philanthropy Data Charter and the application as well as relevance of the Charter within the Kenyan context were discussed at length. The participants then identified the prerequisites for successful implementation of data charter principles that included data capacity building, commitment to support the data process, collaboration around data among stakeholders, financial and technical investment, assurance of data security, appropriate data standards, and local ownership of data. They also worked together to develop action plans to address the needs and challenges they had identified in the first workshop. They created a value proposition for the data work in Kenya, identified competencies to be developed, identified the key stakeholders of which there is a need to collaborate with, and accomplished other important objectives. The participants also identified early wins and potential blockers to successfully achieving these goals and outcomes. Finally, the participants agreed on an action plan to move forward. To learn more about the second workshop, please go here.

The third workshop of this series took place on April 6, 2017. It was held to move the program forward from knowledge sharing and strategy development to implementation. It sought to solidify agreements made
during the first year of the program and was focused on the development of a prototype data portal for and about Kenyan philanthropy given this was a major goal identified by the group in the previous workshops. The partners agreed on what data they were comfortable and able to share, subsequently developing an outline for the structure of the data portal. Coming to an agreement on what information to share and how to structure it was crucial as it served as a framework for data collection, ensuring that the data would be contextually relevant and helpful to the user. Further, the partners continued to develop the strategy for implementation over the medium term and agreed on partner roles and next steps. To learn more about the workshop outcomes, please click here.

As a continuation of the series, a fourth workshop took place on November 30, 2017 in Nairobi. This report highlights the key outcomes and discussions of the fourth workshop of this series of workshops.

A Data Portal for Kenyan Philanthropy

Based on the discussion that took place in April 2017 where minimum shareable data had been identified, along with data ‘buckets’ for structuring the data in order for it to tell a useful story about philanthropy in Kenya, Foundation Center worked with EAPN to develop a user friendly, standardized, Kenya-specific online data collection form known as Updater. Data such as annual reports, program descriptions with geographical information, best practices, case studies, lessons learned, beneficiary information, outcome and impact reports, criteria used to select beneficiaries, survey outcomes, and regulation standards/ethics, informed the design of Updater. Updater was then deployed and the participating organizations used it to input and subsequently share their data. Based on the collected data, a data portal was designed and created.

This workshop focused on presenting back the structure and usability of Updater and the portal in order to help participants understand how to input their data for those who had not yet done so, and for them to understand the look and use of the output of this data. It should be noted that following the third workshop and prior to the fourth workshop, work took place to develop the Updater form, as well as the actual Kenya data portal and subsequently EAPN and FC worked with participants over email to help them to commence the upload of the data.

This workshop also turned its attention back to other previously identified goals, in order to bring them to the fore and develop an approach for achieving their outcomes in 2018.

Using Updater

The data collection form known as Updater was created to enable incorporation of various categories of data seamlessly into a depository. In order to use Updater an organization needs to register to obtain a login and password. The registration process can be completed either through registering as a new user here or by reaching out to Foundation Center directly.
In both scenarios, Foundation Center works with EAPN to validate the user to ensure the organization being entered is real. Only when an organization is validated is the user given credentials—a username and password, which can be used to access the Kenya Updater. Currently, the validation process can take up to five business days. However, FC and EAPN are working together to make the validation process quicker so that organizations can get access to Updater and start uploading data sooner.

As mentioned, Updater includes input fields for all different categories of qualitative and quantitative data identified in the third workshop. All the fields have been distributed under appropriate tabs and sub-tabs to facilitate easy navigation. Users can take as many attempts as needed to complete their data input. They have the option to save their work each time they exit Updater and when they log back in, they can start from where they left off. A progress bar on the dashboard page of Updater will show the completeness of the users input. Once the users complete adding data on Updater, they can submit their work. All submitted data then goes through a semi-automatic review process (a combination of machine and manual review) and moves to the portal after successful review.

A detailed user manual of Updater is included later in this report in Appendix A.

### Kenya Philanthropy Data Portal

Based on the minimum shareable data collected through Updater, Foundation Center built a data portal for philanthropy in Kenya, which is hosted on the “Philanthropy in East Africa” website. The objective of creating the Kenya data portal is to facilitate local philanthropic data gathering while ensuring international standards of data security, integrity, reliability and authenticity. In addition, the portal aims to demonstrate how even small amounts of local philanthropic data can be used to reduce duplication of efforts and answer questions such as ‘who is doing what and where’ and assists organizations to understand who they may be best partnered with as well as understand potential funding gaps. The portal strives to bring more transparency to the Kenyan philanthropic sector while preserving the privacy of different philanthropic actors. Finally, the Kenya data portal aims to identify the aggregated contribution of the philanthropic sector towards Kenya’s national development. Since philanthropy’s contribution remains unmeasured, its role in national growth remains largely unrecognized. As a result, philanthropy very often does not get invited to key national dialogues where it can significantly contribute by sharing important knowledge, lessons learned, and
help mobilize key resources. The overarching objective of the Kenya portal is to help change the status quo by highlighting philanthropy’s contribution.

As per the agreement reached in the last workshop, data on the portal has not been made publicly available. In order to access the data on the portal, a user will require a username and password, which are exclusively available to those who shared their data or have been a participant in the workshops to date. Only Foundation Center can provide the login credentials, thus making the portal a highly secured and protected property. It is important to note that during the workshop, the options around making data in the portal open to the public vs. closed were discussed in great detail. Originally, the participants wished for the portal to be closed to only those that provide data and are a part of the data strategy process. However, once organizations saw their data in the portal in the workshop, they better understood the value of having their own information more visible beyond the group and to the broader public, particularly as it gives greater visibility and highlights their work to potential partners and funders. In the short term the portal will remain as closed access and over time if participants are comfortable and in agreement, the password protected access will be removed.

A wide range of features and functionalities make the portal a very useful research and decision-making tool for the users through data analysis and visualization. Appendix B of this report explains the most prominent components of the portal.

The success of the Kenya Philanthropy Data Portal or how useful it will be in the future largely depends on the Kenyan philanthropic sector. The more data the organizations share through Updater, the more complete the portal will be. A comprehensive Kenya data portal, comprising all available data on Kenyan philanthropy, can provide a complete picture of the sector and answer a lot of questions (e.g. who is doing what and where, where resources are most needed, who is being left behind and so on). Hence, the portal can help minimize overlaps and maximize the impact of philanthropy’s efforts by ensuring most efficient use of expertise and resources. Overall, a data rich portal can help identify how the sector is contributing towards the overall development of Kenya and within the broader development ecosystem. In order to achieve these aspirational goals, it is imperative to start sharing data.

Other Previously Identified Priorities

Now that Updater and the Portal have been built, the time for sharing data in the country has never been more opportune. The more data contained within the portal, the more informative and useful it will be. At the same time, attention also needs to be given to the other goals and subsequent actions for achievement which were identified in the previous workshops with varying levels of progress to date. This includes:

**BUILDING TRUST IN DATA PROCESSES (INTERNAL)**

- Determine what existing data standards organizations have in place, and share these for collective learning and analysis, possibly leading to an agreed-on set of standards. This research could be undertaken by a survey.
- Undertake an analysis of existing data management systems in use by organizations, and share this information for collective learning and analysis, to influence development of the Kenyan data portal. This research could also be undertaken by a survey.

- Understand what organizational policies already exist that are relevant for sharing data and knowledge, and share these for collective learning and analysis, possibly leading to an agreed upon sharing policy. This research could be undertaken by a survey.

- Workshop participants should build internal awareness at their organizations around the need for data collection, processing, analysis, management, and sharing. They should also encourage other colleagues who did not participate in the workshops to do the same.

- Develop a list of different kinds of data users and their needs. This could be undertaken by creating and adding to an online shared document.

- Create a list of key organizational focal points for the KPF data initiative (e.g. meeting participants or other champions within the organization), and back-up contacts. Each participant needs to provide names and details.

**CREATING A CULTURE OF COLLABORATION (EXTERNAL)**

- Form a working group within KPF steered by the KPF data subcommittee to move the data agenda forward. The focus of the working group is to support the development of a community of practice among organizations not only to advancing a collective data system but also willing to develop their own data capacity, share data, and learn from each other.

- Participants who are interested in and feel they have specific value to add to the data initiative should consider joining the KPF data subcommittee.

- Develop a database of stakeholders, both philanthropic and others that are relevant to the conversation. This could be undertaken by creating and adding to an online shared document.

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**Value Proposition**

**Headline**

“Philanthropy Data in One Portal for One Kenya”

**Subtitle**

- A one-stop shop for philanthropic data to enhance collective contribution towards national development aspirations
- Achieve your organization’s goals faster by using less resources.
- Avoid duplication by forging smarter partnerships and be part of effective grantmaking

**Body**

- Allows for comparability
- Advances the true narrative of local philanthropy in Kenya
- Informs on the trends and practices of local philanthropy
- Provides credible and reliable data—assures credibility of data contributors
- Offers a user friendly and interactive presentation of data visualization
- Helps to form new and effective partnerships that attracts funding
- Avoid duplication of efforts, which in return saves resources
- Minimize knowledge gaps and bridge communication gaps
- Take informed and fact-based decisions on interventions and funding allocation
- Improves coordination and collaboration among like-minded organizations
Hold a workshop hosted by KPF and government agencies, led by the office of the president, to bring the two sectors together for a learning conversation. The value proposition that was previously developed by the data capacity building meeting participants is one tool that can be used to build trust in data process internally and create a culture of collaboration externally.

**CAPACITY BUILDING AND INCLUSIVITY**

To identify existing data skills and gaps within the sector, the workshop participants undertook a collective exercise to identify and rate their own organization’s data competencies by way of each grading their own organization. These results helped to give a clearer indication of where skill development is required and where there are strong existing skillsets within organizations that could be leveraged to support and train other organizations.

The participants agreed that the exercise should be widened to include other organizations which were not present at the workshop so that the sector’s overall skill sets can be identified.

FC and EAPN will now work to develop a training program based on the needed skills identified in the exercise.

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**Capacity Building and Inclusivity Workshop Results**

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*’A’ = highest grade, ‘E’ = lowest grade
Being Mindful of Potential Blockers

In previous workshops, the participants identified potential blockers which could impede the success of achieving the previously identified goals and sharing of data to populate the portal. Here is a recap of those potential blockers:

- Varying levels of bureaucracy within organizations might prolong decision making.
- Level or extent of commitments by organizations and other data stakeholders.
- Time constraints
- Failing to meet project milestones
- Perception regarding the security of the portal
- Mistrust between and among organizations
- Diversity of legal frameworks guiding the operation of different philanthropy organizations, foundations and trusts
- Limited data capacity within a majority of the organizations
- Changes in staff personnel and participants over time

Conclusion

Lack of ease of sharing, confidentiality, and accuracy of shared data are just a few among the many issues that have been at the forefront of why Kenyan philanthropic actors have not embraced data sharing to date. Updater and the Kenya Data Portal efficiently address some of these issues and provide an excellent opportunity to start sharing data.

Now that Updater and the Portal are in place, the momentum behind data sharing needs to be harnessed to achieve data success in 2018. At a minimum:

- **More data needs to be entered into the portal.** The data portal gets better with every new data entry. More data on the portal means a more complete picture of the philanthropic landscape of Kenya. Therefore, Kenyan philanthropy needs to add their data to the portal.

- **The value proposition needs to be put to use.** In order for the Kenya data process to be successful, buy in from the sector and other development stakeholders, as well as internally within organizations, needs to be realized. To do this, the participants need to use the value proposition to promote the need for data sharing with others.

- **A plan needs to be created to address training needs.** In this workshop participants identified the data skills that they feel are both strong and weak at their organizations to inform a capacity building plan and subsequent implementation.

- **Action items from previous meetings need to be followed through.** The goals and subsequent action items for achieving those goals that have already been identified throughout the last two years of work, including the development of the Kenya Philanthropy Data Portal, must be worked towards.

The fourth workshop marks a pivotal turning point as the strategy development of the last two years moves into the phase of implementation. In the end, the strategy is only as good as the participants’ use of it, and the data portal is only as good as the data shared into it. By successfully implementing the data strategy and sharing data into the Updater and using the Portal, Kenyan philanthropy will ensure it is even more efficient and effective, enabling it to be an even stronger actor in the broader development landscape, and most importantly optimizing its contribution to national development.
Appendix A: Updater User Manual

In order to use Updater, an organization needs to register to obtain a login and password. The registration process can be completed either through registering as a new user here or by reaching out to Foundation Center directly. In both scenarios, Foundation Center works with EAPN to validate the user to ensure the organization being entered is authentic. Once validated and only when an organization is validated the user is given credentials—a username and password, which can be used to access the Kenya Updater. Currently, the validation process can take up to five business days. However, FC and EAPN are working together to make the validation process quicker so that organizations can get access to Updater and start uploading data sooner.

Once logged in using the FC provided username and password, the user will see four tabs.

DASHBOARD, which is the default landing page, gives a quick snapshot of the completeness of an organizations profile in Updater.
The next tab, **UPDATE ORGANIZATION**, contains six sub-tabs under it.

The first sub-tab is **BASIC INFORMATION** sub-tab, which has the following data fields:

- Organization Name
- Alternate Organization Name
- Organization Type (a drop-down menu with Kenya-specific organization types)
- Registration Authority
- Organization IDs
- Email and Website URL
- Phone Number
- Other Phone Number
- Address
- Mission Statement

**WORK CATEGORIES** sub-tab contains taxonomic information for an organization. All the fields under this sub-category came from Philanthropy Classification System (PCS) developed by Foundation Center, which, in consultation with EAPN, has identified the most relevant codes/classifications for Kenyan philanthropic organizations. These codes/classifications have been added in the dropdowns under appropriate data fields:

- Subjects
- Support Strategies
- Regions Served
- Populations
- Form of Support
- Beneficiary Types

A detailed list of the codes can be found in [here](#).

**FISCAL INFORMATION** sub-tab asks general financial information of an organization:

- Fiscal Information for Year (year selection from a drop-down)
- Fiscal Year End Date
- Gifts Received
- Currency
- Endowment

**APPLICATIONS** sub-tab asks about the general information on whether an organization accepts applications from grantseekers and if it does what are the requirements. At the top of this sub-tab, there is a check box titled “This organization does NOT accept applications.” If an organization does not accept applications and checks this box, the rest of the options on this page will disappear. If the organization accepts applications and does not check this box, the following data fields will be visible:

- Application Process: Does your organization require a formal application? (a check box)
- Initial Approach
- Number of Copies of Application Required (if more than one)
- Application URLs
- General Guidelines
  - Application Policies and Guidelines
  - Restrictions/Limitations
- Application Dates/Deadlines
  - Applications Accepted From
  - Applications Accepted Until
  - My organization has irregular application periods (a check box)

The last sub-tab is **PROGRAMS** where an organization can add its program-related information. Multiple programs can be added under this sub-tab using the following data fields:

- Full Program Name
- Program Description
- Program Website URL
- Notes

At the top, there is a check box which can be used to indicate whether a program is still active or not.
The third tab is **UPLOAD PUBLICATIONS** which has been designed for organizations to share their qualitative knowledge. This tab provides a user-friendly way to upload files in PDF, Word, Excel or CSV formats. Users can simply browse or drag and drop their report in this tab to upload it.

The last tab is **UPLOAD GRANTS** where organizations can upload their grants information including funds that they are directing to their own programs, not just those to other organizations. It is important to note that uploading financial data is not a requirement if an organization is not comfortable providing it, however it is encouraged as this helps to tell the story of philanthropy in Kenya. They can choose to download a standardized electronic grant reporting template, called eReporting template, which can be filled in and then submitted, or they can also choose to upload their data directly as they have it in their own format. In case the organization is not a grantmaker, there is a checkbox which can be checked to indicate so. In addition, **GRANT UPLOAD HISTORY** log at the bottom of this tab shows a record of what data have been uploaded by a certain organization.
Appendix B: The Kenya Data Portal

The Kenya data portal is populated by the data received through Updater. The portal lives on Philanthropy in East Africa website. In order to access the portal, a user can click on the LOG IN TO SEE DATA button or on the Kenya thumbnail. This action will open a log in dialogue box.

Upon logging in with the username and password (login credentials are available only for those organizations who shared their data through the Updater), which will be provided by Foundation Center to all the data providers, users will be able to access the Kenya portal. The portal is a highly protected and secure property and login credentials can only be obtained from Foundation Center. At this stage in the portals development, only data providers are eligible to receive login credentials; no organization/individual other than the data providers will be able to log in to see data on the portal.

Once logged in, the users will be taken to the landing page which is displayed as a map and provides a snapshot of the data that has been input already by participants to the portal via Updater. Where information has been provided, users can see the number of grants, total dollar value of grants, total number of funders, total number of recipients as well as where the funders are located in Kenya. There are LOCATION and SUBJECT AREA filters at the top of the landing page that will provide location and subject area suggestions.
In addition, SUBJECT AREA filter has a BROWSE ALL SUBJECTS drop-down menu that has a comprehensive list of all subjects areas used in this portal. Unlike locations, multiple subject areas can be selected simultaneously. Also, there is a MORE FILTERS button which includes POPULATION SERVED and SUPPORT STRATEGY drop-down filters. Finally, there is ORGANIZATIONAL NAME text box under MORE FILTERS where users can type in the organization they are looking for, both grantmakers and recipients, to search the portal.

Users can switch to a list mode by clicking LIST button located on the left-hand side of the screen. In this mode, there are four tabs—FUNDERS, RECIPIENTS, GRANTS, and RELATED RESEARCH.

FUNDERS tab includes a list of all of the funders funding locally. The list includes only those funders who have shared their basic information through Updater. It includes funders’ location, dollar value of grants and number of grants they have made. Also, there is a DETAILS button, which opens a two sub-tab window: PROFILE and GRANTS.
PROFILE sub-tab provides information on funders’ contact, identification, financial, mission, background, grantmaking programs, and people information. GRANTS sub-tab includes a list of grants that the grantmaker has made and the details button in this sub-tab provides details of grants’ year awarded, duration, primary and additional subjects, population served, support strategy used, and a description of the grant.
RECIPIENTS tab contains a list of recipients of grants from Kenya based funders, recipients' location, dollar value and number of grants they have received. Like FUNDERS tab, RECIPIENTS tab has a details button, clicking which opens a window that has receipts' contact, identifiers and financial information. This window also has two sub-tabs: PROFILE and GRANTS. Under PROFILE, there is information on recipients' mission and people/staff. The other sub-tab, GRANTS, has a list of all grants received by a particular recipient, year and dollar value to the grants received. The DETAILS button under GRANTS sub-tab located in each row provides detailed information of the grant received by a recipient, including information on grant duration, primary and additional subject of the grant, population served by the grant, support strategy used, and a description of the grant.
**GRANTS** tab has similar options and functionality as **FUNDERS** and **RECIPIENTS** tabs. This tab provides a complete list of all known and shared grants made by Kenyan funders.

The last tab is **RELATED RESEARCH**. The tab includes a list of research papers, annual reports, white papers, best practices, case studies, and any other documents shared by organizations through Updater. These reports can be accessed and downloaded freely.
ABOUT KENYA PHILANTHROPY FORUM

The Kenya Philanthropy Forum aims at enhancing cooperation and coordination among philanthropy actors in Kenya and other stakeholders in the private and public sphere. It also seeks to heighten recognition and the contribution of the philanthropy sector in the national development agenda. Specifically the forum seeks to:

1. To strengthen partnerships among the philanthropy actors through building synergies and leveraging investment resources for greater impact.

2. Positively engage national and county governments and other multilateral partnerships to influence public policies and proactively respond to development challenges—to enhance a favorable environment for growth and impact of philanthropy in Kenya.

3. To provide institutional strengthening to philanthropy actors in program development and implementation.

4. 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.

The forum has successfully brought together 40 foundations and trusts to be part of its membership since its inception in March 2015. These include private, corporate, and community foundations. KCDF in partnership with the EAAG currently acts as the interim virtual secretariat with rotational leadership among the steering committee members.

The forum has initiated a series of interventions that has organically increased and built the constituency of the philanthropic sector in Kenya. They include:

- A forum on data management in philanthropy that identified critical data sets that would improve data collection on local giving and give the sector recognition in national development.

- A meeting of foundations and trusts working in the education sector that demonstrated the important need to consolidate efforts on education.

- Representation of foundations as technical advisors to the UNDP—United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

- Recognition of the philanthropy sector in the Development Partners Forum.

- And ongoing conversations on the place of philanthropy actors in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In line with this, the Kenya Philanthropy Forum has established sub-groups on:

- Data management: The team seeks to establish clear philanthropy data sets in partnership with the Kenya Bureau of Statistics to effectively collect data that demonstrates the philanthropy sector’s contribution to 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 and other multilateral partnerships to influence public policies and proactively respond to development challenges.

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ABOUT EAST AFRICA PHILANTHROPY NETWORK

Established in 2003, the East Africa Philanthropy Network (EAPN) -formerly East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), is a membership association that brings together trusts and foundations in the East Africa region with the aim of promoting organized philanthropy. EAPN seeks to provide a platform for promoting indigenous philanthropy, strengthening the credibility of grantmaking institutions, and act as an intermediary between the civil society sector, government and private sector.

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ABOUT SDG PHILANTHROPY PLATFORM

Launched by the United Nations Development Program, Foundation Center, and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors in 2014, SDG Philanthropy Platform’s (SDGPP) partnerships illustrate the dedication of foundations and philanthropists from North and South America to Asia and from Europe to Africa. The SDG Philanthropy Platform informs and catalyzes collaboration through building awareness and connections between those working in the philanthropy sector and beyond. SDGPP shares a belief that the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an important and effective new roadmap to a better world for all. The platform has brought together hundreds of foundations and philanthropists across many countries to create new partnerships to increase funding and create programs that will have greater, and more sustainable, impact on people’s lives.

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ABOUT FOUNDATION CENTER

In order to strengthen the philanthropic sector to achieve more effective development and grantmaking outcomes, Foundation Center works with partners to understand the global philanthropic landscape and the in-country contexts within which philanthropy operates. We work with partners to understand specific data and knowledge gaps and associated capacity issues, and facilitate the building of long-term sustainable local data strategies and capacity to address these issues. We work to provide technical assistance to local philanthropic organizations and associations to develop their own data collection processes and infrastructure, and organize information in ways that allow it to be accessed, aggregated, analyzed, compared, and researched. Important partners in this work may include the National Bureau of Statistics, international and local foundations and philanthropists, grantees, and existing data infrastructure networks and processes both global and local, such as the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), and others.

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