



Development Funding in Africa



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The Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group (AGAG) was established to provide opportunities for funders supporting efforts in Africa to share information and ideas, and to discuss issues of common concern in support of forming more effective partnerships and collaborations. These opportunities have proven to meet a need and to provide a platform where Africa's challenges and opportunities can be highlighted to encourage support from the philanthropy community.

This Resource Directory on Development Funding in Africa is an updated version of the edition that was distributed to participants attending the AGAG Conference and Annual Retreat held in Johannesburg, South Africa in February 2008. It was compiled as a resource to help participants identify other funders working in similar or related thematic or geographic areas in Africa. Each entry includes where the funder is headquartered, their website address, a brief summary of program and geographic focus in Africa. The profiles are based on information supplied by participants and a review of websites and other public sources. It is not meant to be a detailed, exhaustive or definitive description.

AGAG's mission is to promote increased and more effective funding in Africa and our activities are designed to promote information exchange and learning. As a forum for Africa grantmakers, AGAG seeks to support efforts to share information and promote learning and to expand the community of funders who are committed to working together to support development efforts in Africa.

Our role is to provide support, but the success of partnership, collaborations and networking in supporting development activities in Africa ultimately depends on the willingness of Africa funders to actively participate and engage with each other.

For more information on the Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group and our activities, please visit our website at www.africagrantmakers.org. If you would like to hear about AGAG activities including our Annual Retreat and other meetings, please sign up to receive AGAG Alerts.

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AFRICAN WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT FUND

Ghana
www.awdf.org

Program Areas

Peace and Human Rights, Strengthening Civil Society, Health, and Women's Social and Economic Development.

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The African Women's Development Fund supports organizations that further the work of the African women's movement. It uses its resources to strengthen women's organizations, groups and institutions at the national, regional, sub-regional, local and grassroots levels across Africa.

The organization awards grants in five thematic Areas Women's Human Rights; Political Participation; Peace Building; Reproductive Rights and HIV/AIDS; and Economic Empowerment. It prioritizes programs that develop and promote women's leadership and advocacy across all themes.

AWDF provides technical and capacity building funds through its main and small grants programs. The objective of its grantmaking on a local/grassroots level is to enable a wide category of women access to funding and to support smaller women's groups that are not likely to have access to any other financial support.

AWDF also operates a special initiative, the Solidarity Fund, which is an additional source of funding for current or potential grantees to enable them to engage in activities that promote learning and the sharing of experiences on a local, national and international level.

A special project of the African Women's Development Fund is the Pan African Network on Violence Against Women, which brings together different types of women's rights group to empower them to eradicate violence against women.

ALLAVIDA

Kenya
www.allavida.org

Program Areas

Community Development, Social Enterprise, Development of Philanthropy

Africa Countries Funded

Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

Allavida is an international development organization that helps poor people to transform their lives by enhancing the practice and outcomes of development funding, philanthropy and social investment. Their work encompasses grantmaking, training and peer learning, research and publishing, and the provision of professional services.

The organization's core program in East Africa has been enhancing community philanthropy and strengthening local grantmaking foundations in general. With the Kenya Community Development Foundation, they implemented "Youth in the Community," an initiative that gave youth groups in Nairobi's Kibera slums the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$1,500 to implement activities of benefit to the community.

Also in Kenya, with support from the Big Lottery Fund and in partnership with a local NGO, the Ujamaa Center, Allavida implemented a program to help 300 villages in the coastal region establish their rights and control over their land and natural resources.

Allavida is now focused on building the sustainability of social justice grantmakers. With support from the Ford Foundation, Allavida is providing training, peer-learning and technical support to build the sustainability of 12-15 local grantmakers committed to a social justice agenda, and primary research into community traditions of "giving."

In December of 2006, Allavida helped to create and launch the Alliance Publishing Trust as a new independent charity to house and publish Alliance magazine.

BERNARD VAN LEER FOUNDATION

The Netherlands

www.bernardvanleer.org

Program Areas

Early Childhood Development, Capacity Building and Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Kenya, South Africa, Morocco, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe

The Bernard van Leer Foundation provides support for and shares knowledge about work in early childhood development. With other organizations, it develops and funds programs that create significant positive change for children up to the age of eight who are growing up in circumstances of social and economic disadvantage.

The Foundation's grantmaking is organized into two programs: country programs, which focus on selected African countries; and thematic programs, which center around a set of themes that include family and community strengthening/support and capacity building for organizations.

The current thematic initiatives related to their Africa programming are children affected by HIV/AIDS, respect for diversity, and growing up in indigenous societies. Under these themes,

the Foundation has provided support to several indigenous organizations in each of their focus countries to mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS on orphans and vulnerable children.

The Foundation also has The Effectiveness Initiative, which is an in-depth study structured as a cross-agency, cross-site exchange that stimulates continuing dialogue about effective programming in the field of Early Childhood Education and Development.

The Foundation of Learning is collaboration between the Bernard van Leer Foundation and Radio Netherlands. Using text, picture, audio and video, it presents a range of experiences in Early Childhood Development in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa.

BETTER WAY FOUNDATION

USA

No website

Program Areas

Children and Youth

Africa Countries Funded

Tanzania

The Better Way Foundation is a small private family foundation located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In the last three years, it has directed its grants towards children and youth.

Approximately half of the foundation's grants have been directed to early childhood education with a focus on at risk families and their infants. The other half of the foundation's resources has been directed to programs in Uganda assisting orphans and most vulnerable children to gain access to vocational training.

Beginning in 2008, the foundation will redirect its Africa focus to programs in Tanzania working with vulnerable children.

CARIS FOUNDATION

USA

www.carisfoundation.org

Program Areas

Health and Economic Development

Africa Countries Funded

Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, and Zambia

The Caris Foundation was established in 2002 to aid impoverished people by providing for basic needs in four major Areas access to medical care; housing for individuals or communities who encounter a safety or health risks due to their living conditions; nutrition projects that provide clean water or a sustainable food source; and welfare. In its welfare initiative, the Foundation looks for poverty reduction methods that empower residents to enhance the standard of living for their community.

The Foundation's grantmaking seeks to support and collaborate with existing local entities that understand the basic needs of their community and can implement solutions that are culturally relevant and sustainable.

Funding for increased access to medical care has included support for surgery for children afflicted with hydrocephaly at the CURE Children's Hospital in Mbale, Uganda; X-ray equipment for the Namwianga Christian Hospital in Kalomo, Zambia; the construction of two TB/AIDS Clinics in Zambia; and the reconstruction of six clinics in the Ubangi Region of the Congo.

CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

USA

www.carnegie.org

Program Areas

Higher Education, Libraries and Information, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda.

The Carnegie Corporation provides support for African countries that are or have been members of the British Commonwealth through its International Development Program. The focus of the program is on training, and improving access to knowledge and the exchange of information between Africa and the rest of the world. To achieve these goals, the program has determined three main areas of support: strengthening African universities; enhancing women's opportunities in higher education, and revitalizing selected African libraries.

In 2000, the Carnegie Corporation along with the Ford, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur and Rockefeller Foundations created the Partnership for Higher Education in Africa. The William and Flora Hewlett and Andrew W. Mellon Foundations joined the partnership in 2005, and the Kresge Foundation joined in 2007. African University partners include Makerere University in Uganda; the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania; the University of Education, Winneba, in Ghana; and the Ahmadu Bello University, the University of Jos and Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria.

The Corporation's current program in South Africa focuses funding on the interconnected areas of training and retaining primarily black and female South African academics and the

transformation of institutional cultures at the University of Cape Town, the University of KwaZulu Natal and the University of Witwatersrand.

The Corporation supports selected African libraries in three African countries by developing national libraries, revitalizing public libraries and supporting academic libraries.

CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION

USA

www.mott.org

Program Areas

Civil Society, Democracy and Governance, Institutional Capacity Building and Leadership Development

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Mott Foundation supports a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive civil society in South Africa in which non-profit organizations work to deepen democracy, increase participation in decision making, advance socioeconomic and racial equity, and promote justice and reconciliation. Grantmaking emphasizes efforts in the provinces of the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape.

The Foundation's grantmaking focuses on three objectives. The non-profit sector and philanthropy objective builds a more effective and well-managed non-profit sector that is engaged with issues of poverty and inequity, and is adequately resourced through public and private funding. The rights, responsibilities and participation objective strengthens people's engagement with local community structures and increases public participation in decision making processes to insure people's rights are upheld, advanced and fulfilled. The race and ethnic relations objective enhances the ability of non-profit organizations and local communities to better address racism and discrimination.

During the past year, the Foundation has supported a wide variety of organizations in South Africa. One example is the Afesis-corplan, which works to insure that civil society participates in local government processes and holds local government accountable for service delivery and decision-making. The Foundation funded Afesis-corplan's local government transformation project to implement a good governance survey instrument to provide feedback to municipalities on how communities rate their performance.

CHRISTIAN AID

United Kingdom
www.christianaid.org

Program Areas

Children and Youth, Civil Society, Economic Development and Justice, Education, Emergency Relief, Health, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Angola, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mal, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Christian Aid is an international relief, development and advocacy agency sponsored by 41 churches in Great Britain and Ireland. Christian Aid's Africa programme in 20 countries is delivered by 300 local partner organisations. The direction of each country programme is shaped through an ongoing dialogue with these partners. In 2008-9, the total grants to partner organisations will be nearly 40 million USD.

In East Africa, the organization concentrates on peace building and the effects of HIV/AIDS. Christian Aid also helps partners to build democracy and promote human rights, and provide long-term investments in agricultural development, environmental protection and income generation. In the areas of conflict and emergency in the region, particularly Darfur, Christian Aid has supported partners to deliver food, water, medical supplies and shelter.

In Central Africa, Christian Aid works in the Great Lakes region to increase the production of, and access, to food, and promote sustainable peace, justice and development. They work through EURAC, a network of NGOs active in Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, to achieve political change.

In West Africa, the organization focuses on the problems associated with the area-wide food insecurity, supporting partner projects for agriculture, water, soil and water conservation, small-scale savings and loans, literacy and health care.

In Southern Africa, Christian Aid supports over 80 partners, many who are working on HIV/AIDS prevention and education, and provide support for those living and affected by HIV/AIDS. They also help communities prepare for and cope with the problem of floods and droughts in that region.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE WESTERN REGION OF ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe
www.westfound.com

Program Areas

Education, HIV/AIDS and Development, Water, Women and Youth Development

African Countries Funded

Zimbabwe

The Community Foundation for the Western Region of Zimbabwe exists to mobilize resource with an aim to foster positive community development.

The intervention areas are backed by a number of well- thought-out strategies that include:

- Building the capacity of communities through training seminars and workshops.
- Co-financing arrangements with donors, government and the business community to help communities economically empower themselves.
- Strengthening the institution through the appointment and development of experienced and qualified staff.
- Networking to share information and local knowledge at local, national, regional and international level.

COXSWAIN SOCIAL INVESTMENT PLUS

South Africa

www.coxsi.com

Program Areas

Poverty, Education, HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Infectious Diseases, Child and Maternal Health, Gender Equality, Environment and Good Governance

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

Coxswain Social Investment Plus (CSI+) serves as partner, honest broker, and instigator of innovative development ideas. We provide strategic advice to corporations, non-profits and international development agencies on social investment and business strategies, public-private partnerships, and the design and execution of international development projects, notably as they relate to the major development challenges. Services range from short-term, discrete consulting engagements to the development of large, ongoing, and ideally self-sustaining development programs. We provide training and facilitate workshops, assessments and strategy development, and targeted programmatic assistance. Specializing in public-private partnerships, we are skilled facilitators at bringing together collaborative partners from vastly different professional environments.

CSI+ supports and generates matching or challenge funding for scaleable initiatives in Africa, notably as they relate to HIV/AIDS, the environment and good governance. CSI+ furthermore provides technical assistance and capacity development support to NGO's with a proven track record to help them reach their full potential.

DAVID AND LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

USA

www.packard.org

Program Areas

Leadership Development, Reproductive Health, Population, Sustainable Development

Africa Countries Funded

Ethiopia, Nigeria

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation's support in Africa is carried out through its Population Program. The Program, which funds both US- and Africa-based organizations, seeks to slow the growth rate of the world's population, to expand reproductive health options among the world's poor, and to support reproductive rights.

The Foundation's grantmaking focuses on four thematic Areas global institutions and global solutions that address overarching issues around population, family planning and reproductive rights through support for effective organizations; mobilization to increase funds to address population growth, family planning and reproductive health in some of the least developed countries; promotion of domestic reproductive rights; and future leaders, which builds and supports the leadership involved with advancing reproductive health.

In Ethiopia, grant support to expand family planning and reproductive health has included NGOs such as the Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia and the Amhara Development Association.

In Nigeria, the Foundation works with the government of Nigeria to slow population growth by extending access to quality family planning and reproductive health to underserved populations, particularly in the northern area of the country

DAVID WEEKLEY FAMILY FOUNDATION

USA

No website

Program Areas

Health, Education, Private Enterprise Development

Africa Countries Funded

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania

The David Weekley Family Foundation funds organizations that work to alleviate global poverty, with an emphasis on the continent of Africa. The Foundation looks for innovative projects with the potential to scale up, and focuses on the areas of health, education, and microenterprise development.

DOCKDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

South Africa

No website

Program Areas

Capacity Building, Economic Development, Education, Health

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

DOCKDA Rural Development Agency's grantmaking supports poverty alleviation through capacity development, with a special emphasis on HIV/AIDS and education.

DRAPER RICHARDS FOUNDATION

USA

www.draperrichards.org

Program Areas

Strengthening Institutions, Social Entrepreneurship, Development

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The Draper Richards Foundation provides three-year grants to selected social entrepreneurs. The fellowship grants are specifically and solely for entrepreneurs starting new non-profit organizations. The number of fellowships supported per year is limited to six so the Foundation can fully engage with their grantees.

The Foundation supports non-profits that will demonstrate innovative ways to solve existing social problems in these areas and others: education, youth and families, the environment, arts, health, and community and economic development.

The organizations that receive grant support must be sustainable and scaleable to a national or global organization and the fellow must have the skills to manage a national or global organization. The Foundation is currently supporting four fellowships focused on Africa.

ELMA PHILANTHROPIES SERVICES, INC.

USA

www.elmaphilanthropies.org

Program Areas

Children and Youth, Health and Education

Africa Countries Funded

Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The ELMA Philanthropies Services, Inc., established in 2005, acts as the service arm for the ELMA Foundation and the ELMA Relief Foundation.

The ELMA Foundation's grantmaking encompasses early childhood and basic education, and child and adolescent health. The Foundation pursues initiatives in poor and marginalized communities in Africa that integrate health and education programming and embraces the child or youth as a whole person.

Under its health initiative, the ELMA Foundation supports childhood infectious diseases; comprehensive care for children, families and caregivers affected by AIDS; nutritional well-being; and healthy child development, including improving quality of life for children and youth with physical and mental disabilities.

The ELMA Foundation's education programming pursues excellence in basic education through support of priority areas that include basic competencies on early childhood, primary, and secondary levels; community-based schools, with attention to nutrition, health and safety; and educational advancement and teacher training. It prioritizes support for African and Africa-based organizations in order to help contribute to the establishment of lasting institutions and strengthen Africa's ability to find local solutions.

F. B. HERON FOUNDATION

USA

www.heronfdn.org

Program Areas

Economic Development, Wealth Creation, Homeownership

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The F. B Heron Foundation supports organizations that help low-income people create and preserve wealth to help them take control of their lives. The Foundation makes grants to and invests in programs in rural and urban communities in the United States following these wealth creation strategies that include advancing home ownership; supporting enterprise development; reducing barriers to full participation in the economy by providing quality childcare; increasing access to capital; and employing comprehensive community development approaches with a strong focus on wealth-creation strategies.

The Foundation has begun an exploratory grantmaking process on a bi-national basis in South Africa. It is hoped that these grantmaking and investment relationships will offer

tangible outcomes in South Africa and the Foundation's entire program will be enriched by what is learned from our South African partners.

FAIMER

USA

www.faimer.org

Program Areas

Education, Health, Research

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

FAIMER, the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research, supports the improvement of health care through education. The organization focuses on three specific Areas faculty development; targeted research that informs health workforce policy and practice, and the development of data that advances educational quality improvement decisions. The organization collaborates with and supports a broad range of partners, including local experts to learn how best to respond to the needs of communities.

It supports the FAIMER Institute, which is a two-year fellowship program designed for international medical school faculty that have the potential to play a key role in improving medical education at their schools. The first year consists of two residential sessions in the United States, and an intersession curriculum innovation project at their home institution. The second year is completed in the fellow's home country.

The fellowship program is sponsored in collaboration with the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Some African institutions that have participated include the Universite De Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo; Moi University and the University of Nairobi in Kenya; the University of Zambia; and the Jimma University in Ethiopia.

FIRELIGHT FOUNDATION

USA

www.firelightfoundation.org

Program Areas

Children and Youth, Education, Health, Income Generation

Africa Countries Funded

Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe (Unsolicited), Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia (Solicited Only)

The mission of the Firelight Foundation is to support and advocate for the needs and rights of children who are orphaned or affected by HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Firelight strives to increase the resources available to grassroots organizations that are strengthening the capacity of families and communities to care for children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS and poverty. Firelight supports this work with initial one-year grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and regrants up to \$15,000 based on funding needs and opportunities for shared learning to primarily Africa-based organizations.

The Foundation's grants focus on programs that create a supportive environment for children's growth and development; primary and secondary education with a holistic approach to children's needs; vocational education and skills development; income generating activities for caregivers and independent orphans; and programs that contribute to social and behavioral change.

In addition to its grantmaking, the Foundation works to increase public awareness and donor outreach, form strategic alliances with other groups who share a similar focus, and foster the exchange of knowledge and best practices among organizations in different geographic areas.

Firelight's Pen Pal Program empowers youth in Africa and the United States to learn about each others' lives through letter writing. This program supports children in Africa dealing with HIV/AIDS in their daily lives and helps increase awareness of HIV/AIDS among American youth.

FIRST PEOPLES WORLDWIDE

USA

www.firstpeoplesworldwide.org

Program Areas

Capacity Building, Culture, Democracy and Governance, Environment, Human Rights

Africa Countries Funded

Botswana, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Rwanda and Uganda

First Peoples Worldwide assists indigenous peoples in claiming, controlling and utilizing their own assets through community involvement, investing capital, building capacity and realizing culture. Through its Keeper of the Earth Fund, the organization's grantmaking supports the defense of indigenous homelands, redressing evictions, and supporting indigenous peoples' return to their homelands; mapping indigenous homelands and resources; indigenous stewardship of land and natural resources; organizational start-up costs for indigenous organizations; protection of indigenous knowledge; and collaborative management projects.

The organization also uses technical assistance, education, and advocacy to help build the capacity of indigenous peoples to establish and manage protected areas on their own homelands.

The Indigenous Stewardship Initiative strives to protect the rights to subsistence hunting and gathering, access to sacred sites and traditional and cultural practices. In Botswana, the organization has supported First People of the Kalahari and the Letloa Trust to promote and enhance the livelihood of the San people in their ancestral land in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve by providing water and transportation to and from the Reserve, particularly to outside health facilities.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, they have supported the Union of Associations for Gorillas Conservation, Community Development in East DRC, and the Pygmy Integration and Development Program to stabilize the crisis situation of the pygmies of Cyanzu who are being expelled from their forests.

FORD FOUNDATION

USA

www.fordfound.org

Program Areas

Arts, Community Development, Civil Society, Culture, Education, Governance and Democracy, Human Rights, Peace, Social Justice, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The Ford Foundation conducts its Africa grantmaking through three strategic program Areas asset building and community development, peace and social justice, and knowledge, creativity and freedom.

The Foundation maintains four Africa-based offices. Each office focuses on specific themes and sub themes within the three program areas. In Southern Africa, the Foundation has set new program goals, which are to help reduce poverty, promote access to resources and services, and support good governance and the continued growth of a robust democracy. The Foundation's rights-based approach to its grantmaking will contribute to livelihood opportunities and skills development; the promotion of women, disadvantaged or vulnerable individuals and communities in the decision-making processes that affect them; and encourage the development and strengthening of civil society organizations.

In addition to these main program areas, The International Fellows Program, which is the single largest program ever supported by the Foundation, provides opportunities for exceptional individuals from around the world, including Africa, who will use their education to become leaders in their respective fields; thereby, furthering development in their own countries.

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mozambique
www.fdc.org.mz

Program Areas

Civil Society, Democracy and Governance, Economic Development, Social Justice

Africa Countries Funded

Mozambique

The Foundation for Community Development funds programs in the areas of economic development, democracy building and social justice. It supports community-based and grassroots organizations that provide services to women, children and youth, and the poor and marginalized groups in society.

The Foundation's grantmaking is focused on the following objectives and strategies: promotion of human development in underprivileged communities, which improve the living conditions of the poor; the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the mitigation of its affects on those infected and affected; strengthening organized forms of civil society and community leadership; and promoting an environment favorable to community development.

The types of projects recently funded by the Foundation include the promotion of rural libraries, the construction of a vocational center, several health projects for water and sanitation, and the construction of a health center and maternity ward.

GAIA FOUNDATION

United Kingdom
www.gaiafoundation.org

Program Areas

Environment, Biodiversity, Cultural Diversity

Africa Countries Funded

Benin, Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa and Zambia.

The Gaia Foundation is committed to cultural and biological diversity, and a living earth democracy. Its support is focused on community initiatives and field projects.

The Foundation works closely with Gaia associates and partner organizations on grassroots, regional and international levels to support pioneering people and projects, which can include strategic planning, networking, fundraising and financial management, coalition building, advocacy, research and information exchange on issues; awareness raising, and influencing policy to better protect the social and ecological integrity of the earth.

As part of its grantmaking, the Foundation supports the African Biodiversity Network. This Network of African leaders has helped to catalyze innovative, community-based solutions to some of Africa's worst poverty, governance and environmental problems.

GLOBAL FUND FOR CHILDREN

USA

www.globalfundforchildren.org

Programs Areas

Children and Youth

Africa Countries Funded

Benin, Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

The Global Fund for Children provides support to grassroots and community organizations that work to advance the dignity of young people through the provision of direct services in learning, enterprise, healthy minds and bodies, and safety.

The Foundation also provides grants for creative opportunities to support promising new approaches that do not fall into the four main thematic areas. Because poor health is so detrimental to a child's overall development, the Fund provides supplemental health grants where needed.

The Global Fund for Children has provided support for children affected by HIV/AIDS in many of their focus countries. In Zambia, funding for Children's Town in Malambanyama Village provided a safety net and better and healthier futures for more than 250 AIDS orphans and former street children. The program is structured around a family model and the children are nurtured and encouraged to acquire academic, vocational and life skills.

GLOBAL FUND FOR COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Belgium

www.wings-globalfund.org

Program Areas

Strengthening Institutions, Capacity Building

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The Global Fund for Community Foundations was started in 2006 as a mechanism through which to broaden community foundation development. The Fund strengthens and promotes

institutions of local philanthropy so they can realize their potential role in the development process. It makes small grants to develop the capacities of community foundations and other local philanthropic institutions which are grantmakers and which raise funds from local sources.

In Africa, the Fund seeks to support the efforts of individual community foundations, and more broadly-based processes to strengthen the infrastructure of local philanthropy development with meetings and training sessions for local grantmakers.

The Fund has provided support to the WHEAT Trust in South Africa, the Urgent Action Fund in Kenya, and the Kenya Community Development Foundation. The Kenya Community Development Foundation has a broad-based mission to support sustainable development efforts throughout the country. In addition to general grantmaking to community-driven development organizations, KCDF has developed topic-specific funds, such as the Girl Child Fund that addresses the specific needs of Kenyan girls especially as they relate to health and education, and the Food Security Fund that looks at long-term structural solutions to the food insecurity crisis that affects so many Kenyans.

GLOBAL GREENGRANTS FUND

USA

www.greengrants.org

Program Areas

Environment, Human Rights and Social Justice

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

Global Greengrants Fund supports grassroots environmental groups that help people protect the environment, live in a sustainable manner and preserve biodiversity. Global Greengrants funds at the grassroots level because the organization believes these small groups working at the community are the key to solving intractable problems and halting cycles of poverty, powerlessness and environmental destruction.

The organization's grantmaking model uses the recommendations of an international network of advisory boards that it has formed, comprised of local environmental professionals and experts, for specific regions and environmental issues. Global Greengrants' grantees are identified by their volunteer advisory boards.

In this past year, Global Greengrants has provided support across Africa. They have promoted better land use in several countries. In Ghana, the African Challenge received funding to plant seedlings along a newly constructed road where soil erosion had become a problem, and in Kenya, the Meko Ma Kwa Nduuka Women Groups received a grant for the construction of terraces to alleviate soil erosion problems and improve crop production.

GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY ALLIANCE

USA

www.globalphilanthropyalliance.org

Program Areas

Community Development, Youth Empowerment, Local Philanthropy

Africa Countries Funded

Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa

The Global Philanthropy Alliance supports the development of partnerships between people in the United States and Africa through a mutual exchange of ideas and resources. The Alliance's funding model seeks out leading grassroots organizations who are addressing issues in their communities by using new and innovative ideas, empowering youth to be leaders of change, and promoting local philanthropy. The Alliance works to provide linkages between donors, grantees and other partners to ensure the projects and programs have the greatest possible impact.

The Alliance's grantees are chosen by an Advisory Council, which is a group consisting of African Diaspora faculty in the US involved in Africa, African community leaders with nonprofit experience in socioeconomic development, and US donors.

GREATER RUSTENBURG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

South Africa

No website

Program Areas

Capacity Building, Economic Development, Health, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Greater Rustenberg Community Foundation was established in 2000 in the North West Province. The Foundation seeks to help ensure a stable and prosperous local community by mobilizing resources to build an endowment community fund, and then, using the fund's resources through its grantmaking program, to strengthen the programs and capacities of local nongovernmental organizations and community-based organizations.

In addition to its grantmaking and philanthropy promoting programs, the Foundation also provides technical assistance, training, and capacity building through its support center.

H.F. GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION

USA

www.hfg.org

Program Areas

Education, Research

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-Wide

The H. F. Guggenheim Foundation supports research in the natural and social sciences and humanities that promises to promote the understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression and dominance. The Foundation places a priority on the study of urgent problems of violence and aggression in the modern world. Support has been given to study the aspects of violence related to youth, family relationships, inter-group conflict related to religion, ethnicity, and nationalism, and political violence deployed in war and sub-state terrorism.

As part of its international program of research, the Foundation makes support grants to social scientists in Africa to study violence on that continent and elsewhere. Grants to support dissertation writing are also provided to Ph.D. students in the final year of their doctorate. The Foundation does not award grants to institutions or fund social or educational projects associated with violence.

HENRY J. KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION

USA

www.kff.org

Program Areas

Health, Democracy

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation's grantmaking program in South Africa supports the development of the people, plans, and programs to help establish a more equitable national health system and a successful democracy. The Foundation works proactively to support politically credible and effective institutions to lead the process of the health sector transformation.

The Foundation also focuses funding on helping South Africa curtail the HIV/AIDS epidemic through the development of effective national treatment and prevention programs through the public health system. In the area of HIV/AIDS, The Foundation has supported the nationwide loveLife Initiative, which combines a highly visible sustained national multi-media HIV education and awareness campaign with adolescent friendly service

development in government clinics across the country, and a national network of outreach and support programs for youth.

IKHALA TRUST

South Africa
www.ikhala.org.za

Program Areas

Capacity Building, Health, Economic Development

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Ikhala Trust's grants provide seed funds to community-based organizations, and they also assist those organizations with capacity building for greater effectiveness. The Trust works throughout the Province of the Eastern Cape.

The Trust focuses its support on urban development, rural development, multi-disciplinary HIV/AIDS interventions, and people living with disabilities.

Ikhala Trust has supported community-based organizations such as the Thandi Youth Development and Information Networks, the Emmanuel Advice Center, and the Blue Crane Hospice.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

Senegal
www.idrc.ca

Program Areas

Research Science/Technology, Economic Development, Environment and Natural Resources Management, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The International Development Research Centre was created by the Parliament of Canada to help developing countries in Africa and elsewhere use science and technology to find long-term practical solutions to social, economic and environmental problems.

The Centre's grantmaking is for applied research by researchers on problems they identify as crucial to their communities. The Centre also provides expert advice to researchers and builds local capacity to undertake research and innovation.

The Centre supports research under four broad thematic Areas environment and natural resources management; information and communications technology for development; innovation, policy and science, and social and economic policy. Under those themes, the challenges being funded in Africa include: supporting peace-building and post conflict resolution in Southern Africa; increasing food security in environmentally sound ways; improving water demand management; improving ecosystems management in ways that enhance human health and the health of ecosystems, and increasing employment and income generation.

Smaller grants are made to support a training and awards program for young researchers from African countries and Canada, business development, and a partnership program for knowledge sharing between scientific, academic and development communities in the Global South and Canada.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE

Sweden
www.ifs.se

Program Areas

Education, Environment, Research/Science

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The International Foundation for Science (IFS), founded in 1972, is a research council with international operations that helps build scientific capacity in Africa and elsewhere, related to the sustainable management of biological and water resources. Grant support is provided for a research scope that covers natural and social sciences research on agriculture, soils, animal production, food science, forestry, agro-forestry, aquatic resources, natural products and water resources.

IFS believes that the interests of both science and development are best served by promoting and nurturing the research efforts of promising young science graduates who have the potential to become leading scientists in their countries.

IFS operates a competitive grant scheme open for young researchers in their early career and supports the grantees at their home institutions. The evaluation process of the research grant applications involves a network of over 1000 volunteer senior scientific advisers worldwide. The grantmaking program provides funds to individual researchers for a specific project. Grants are given for the supplies and tools to conduct the project and associated field activities. Institutions are not funded by the Foundation.

IFS recognizes that capacity development is a fundamental component of development and a key element in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In addition to the Research Grant, IFS supports young scientists in developing countries through its Capacity Enhancing Support scheme. It includes training (in e.g. conceptualization and preparation of

research proposals, manuscript writing, scientific methodology, access to scientific online literature, presentation skills etc), thematic scientific workshops, mentorship, purchasing support of equipment, publication and travel grants, visits to reputable scientific institutions

THE ISSROFF FAMILY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, C/O U. S. TRUST COMPANY

USA

No website

Program Areas

Capacity Building, Health, Education

Africa Countries Funded

Southern Africa

The Issroff Family Charitable Foundation, which is a newly formed foundation, will focus its grantmaking to local or community-based organizations on increased access to education and basic health care within disadvantaged communities, sustainable and integrated feeding programs to create self-sufficient communities, and training of local people to manage operations in impoverished communities.

The Foundation anticipates starting its grantmaking in 2008 in southern Africa and will focus initially on South Africa.

JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

USA

www.macfound.org

Program Areas

Democracy and Governance, Education, Environment, Reproductive Health, Human Rights, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation provides grantmaking for Africa through its Program on Global Security and Sustainability, which seeks to protect the security and welling being of people and the environment. The objectives of the program are to encourage peace in and among countries; conserve global biodiversity; support responsible reproductive choices and the reduction of maternal mortality; and protect human rights and strengthen the system of international justice.

During the past year, the Foundation has deepened its investment in several critical areas of its grantmaking, which include strengthening police reform and accountability, and universities and academic infrastructure in Nigeria. The Foundation is currently providing support to four Nigerian universities: University of Ibadan, Ahmadu Bello University, Bayero University and the University of Port Harcourt. The Foundation's work with the Nigerian universities is carried out in conjunction with the Partnership for Higher Education, of which it is a founding member.

The Foundation has also started a new initiative on global migration and human mobility. In this area, grants are made to institutions to support international migration and policy research, with an emphasis on governance and economic development.

KRESGE FOUNDATION

USA

www.kresge.org

Program Areas

Strengthening Institutions, Buildings/Capital Campaigns

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Kresge Foundation provides its support to Africa primarily through a Special Initiative in South Africa. The Initiative is a five-year program (2005-2010) that will support advancement and capacity building activities at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, University of Pretoria, University of the Western Cape, University of the Witwatersrand and the Red Cross Children's Hospital Trust. The Initiative, which is managed by the South African Institute for Advancement (Inyathelo), includes technical assistance, training, peer learning, conferences, international exchanges, salary and equipment support, and challenge grants. The Initiative is now closed to new applicants.

The Foundation's core grantmaking program is its challenge grants. These grants provide support to organizations working in the areas of health, environment, arts, culture, education, human services and community development that are engaged in comprehensive campaigns designed to support institutional growth through the construction or acquisition of new facilities, or the renovation of existing one. The Foundation has no geographic restrictions on its challenge grants and sometimes makes grants to Africa-based organization from its core program. However, almost all of the core program's resources are focused on US institutions.

The Kresge Foundation has recently started what the Foundation expects to be a multi-year transition to expand its grantmaking. Central to this expansion are nine values that now serve as a centerpiece to its decision-making process and a streamlining of the application process.

LUNDY FOUNDATION

USA

www.lundy-africa.org

Program Areas

Orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC), impact evaluation, and using impact evaluation to create sustainable social change for OVC

Africa Countries Funded

Tanzania

The Lundy Foundation's primary mission is to assist key stakeholders (government, funders, NGO's and community leaders) in conducting and utilizing impact evaluation studies to improve the well being of OVC in Africa. Lundy's secondary mission is to design collaborative processes to help key stakeholders in using impact evaluation data to co-create and co-implement action plans that systemically change how OVC are cared for.

LURDES MUTOLA FOUNDATION

Mozambique

www.flmutola.org.mz

Program Areas

Community Development, Culture, Education, Women/Gender

Africa Countries Funded

Mozambique

Maria de Lurdes Mutola, an Olympic gold medalist in the 800m, established the Lurdes Mutola Foundation in 2001. Growing up, she received support from local and foreign organizations that enabled her to become the first Olympic gold medal winner for Mozambique and a sports icon.

The Foundation's grantmaking supports community-based organizations and groups that provide opportunities for youth, particularly young girls, in the areas of education, sports and culture, and poverty alleviation. The Foundation believes that with support, opportunity and determination young people from Mozambique can overcome poverty, change their lives, and contribute to the development of their communities.

The Foundation focuses on youth services, implementing some projects directly with beneficiaries, such as scholarships for schools and living conditions for young girls, or working with secondary school student run associations. It also makes grants to young women's associations, sport associations, and individuals through challenge grants. The Foundation was founded in Mozambique and works in five provinces: Maputo, Sofala, Manica, Zambezia and Nampula.

MAAFRIKA TIKKUN

South Africa

www.maafrikatikkun.org.za

Program Areas

Community Development, Education, Health

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

MaAfrika Tikkun supports the empowerment and transformation of disadvantaged South African communities by caring for orphans and vulnerable children. The organization's grantmaking focuses on four Areas caring programs, skills programs, care of the aged, and education programs.

MaAfrika Tikkun works in partnership with the communities to support projects and programs that provide care and support, early childhood development, youth development, and caregivers for child-headed households. They fund home-based care for the sick or elderly parents or caregivers of vulnerable children. They also support the expansion of community centers as service points for the programs they fund.

The organization provides funding for food programs, and disaster and emergency relief when needed.

MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

USA

www.mcknight.org

Program Areas

Community Development, Economic Empowerment, Women/Gender

Africa Countries Funded

Tanzania and Uganda

The McKnight Foundation's grantmaking in Africa supports women's increased access to skills and economic opportunities that will help them gain greater control over their lives. The Foundation provides support to help enable women to participate more fully in their households and communities as equal decision makers.

The program supports both US- and Africa-based organizations. Funding in microcredit and income-generation has included support for NGOs such as the Matumaini Mapya and the Mwanza Women Development Association in Tanzania; the Micro Credit Development Trust and the Africa 2000 Network in Uganda; and the US-based African Medical & Research Foundation.

OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE

USA

www.soros.org

Program Areas

Civil Society, Democracy and Governance, Economic, Legal and Social Reform, Education, Health and Media

Africa Countries Funded

East Africa, West Africa and Southern Africa

The Open Society Institute funds programs to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal and social reform. On the local level, OSI supports initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health and independent media. OSI grantmaking in Africa is done through its Initiatives for East Africa, West Africa, and Southern Africa, and the Open Society Foundation for South Africa. The Open Society Institute funds both organizations and individuals.

In the area of independent media, OSI has provided support for programs in West Africa to raise the level of professional journalism, and strengthen community radio and support community broadcasters in Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, and Sierra Leone to bring independent news, community health bulletins and open space to speak about experiences during the conflicts.

In West Africa, OSI provides support in the area of the rule of law supported research, advocacy, and legal reforms in relation to truth and reconciliation activities, and promoted defense for prisoners, pre-trial detention, and alternatives to detention. In Southern Africa, support has been provided for constitutional reforms in Swaziland and Angola.

The Open Society Foundation for South Africa has funded projects on guns control, violence against women, and child victimization. The Open Society Institute has also provided support for HIV/AIDS across Africa.

OPRAH WINFREY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOUNDATION

USA

www.oprah.com

Program Areas

Education

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

One of Oprah Winfrey's three philanthropy initiatives, The Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls supports the development of a new generation of women leaders who,

by virtue of their education and leadership, will lead the change to positively transform themselves, their communities and the larger world around them.

To accomplish this, the Academy provides a rigorous and supportive educational environment for academically talented girls, in grades 7 through 12, who come from disadvantaged economic backgrounds.

The Academy strives to equip its learners with the intellectual and social skills necessary to assume positions of leadership in South African Society and beyond.

PARTNERSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

USA

www.foundation-partnership.org

Program Areas

Education

Africa Countries Funded

Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda

The Ford, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur and Rockefellers Foundations and the Carnegie Corporation of New York started the Partnership for Higher Education in 2000 to coordinate their support for higher education in Africa. The William and Flora Hewlett and Andrew W. Mellon Foundations joined the Partnership in 2005 and the Kresge Foundation joined in 2007.

The Partnership provides grants through two funding vehicles: Joint Partnership Initiatives and the Individual Foundation Grantmaking. Each Partnership member works directly with individual grantees in the focus countries according to the foundation's mission, priorities and geographic mandate.

During the first five years of the Partnership, the foundations' grants supported building core capacity and special initiatives at universities. The most significant focus was on the development of universities' physical infrastructure and human and organizational capacity.

Much of the Partnership's current funding, both jointly and individually, concentrates on priority areas identified in the strategic plan. This includes support for information and communications technology to enhance the capacity of African universities to provide quality training and high caliber research; support for regional networks that build economies of scale and critical mass in selected fields; higher education research and analysis; and a university leaders' forum.

PITSENG TRUST

South Africa

www.pitsengtrust.co.za

Program Areas

Women/gender, women's economic development

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Pitseng Trust supports women to move out of conditions of subordination and economic servitude and to be able to participate fully in the broader economic, socio-political, and cultural life of South Africa through comprehensive grantmaking.

The Trust concentrates its grantmaking on women's organizations from less privileged sectors of society involved in the struggle for social and economic equity; women's organizations or groups that work to achieve the human rights of women; and groups of women who encounter obstacles in raising funds because of the activities that they are engaged in.

ROCKEFELLER BROTHERS FUND

USA

www.rbf.org

Program Areas

Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development, Peace and Security and Human Advancement

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund's grantmaking is organized around four themes: democratic practice, sustainable development, peace and security, and human advancement. The Fund supports these four themes in South Africa, designated a Pivotal Place, using the lens of HIV/AIDS. The Fund's grantmaking in South Africa is targeted at strengthening organizations working in these areas to introduce and evaluate models and to engage in social science research and advocacy to inform policy development. It provides grants from the grassroots level up through universities and think tanks, and strives to have policy and practice inform one another.

The Fund supports human advancement through its grantmaking related to improving quality and accessibility of basic education for children in the areas of early childhood development and primary learning, and meeting the developmental needs of orphans and vulnerable children. It funds programs to strengthen the understanding of the linkages between HIV/AIDS and to promote integrated responses to the broad societal impacts of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Funding in support of meeting the development needs of orphans and vulnerable children has included grants for the Media in Education Trust for an advocacy and communications campaign to promote schools as centers of support and care, and Nurturing Orphans of AIDS for Humanity for research, evaluation and advocacy related to its work focused on children impacted by HIV/AIDS.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

USA

www.rockfound.org

Program Areas

Agriculture, Environment, Development

Africa Countries Funded

Africa Wide

The Rockefeller Foundation supports work in Africa to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization's benefits are more widely shared.

In 2005, the Foundation began an examination of how it worked and the way it thought it needed to work in a world where globalization is a central reality. This process resulted in the Foundation organizing its support around a set of time-bound initiatives - climate change resilience, accelerating innovation for development, alliance for a green revolution in Africa, pandemics - instead of program areas. These initiatives are largely focused in a small group of areas that include: global health, agricultural productivity, innovation for development, economic resilience, and urban life. Each initiative addresses a problem with severe consequences and has the potential to positively affect a large number of poor or vulnerable peoples.

The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, established with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, supports the improvement of the productivity and incomes of resource-poor farmers in Africa through: developing better and more appropriate seeds; fortifying depleted soils with the responsible use of soil nutrients and better management practices; improving income opportunities through better access to agricultural input and output markets; improving access to water and water-use efficiency; encouraging government policies that support small-scale farms; developing local networks of agricultural educations; and understanding and sharing the wealth of African farmers' knowledge.

SOUTHERN AFRICA TRUST

South Africa

www.southernafricatrust.org

Program Areas

Civil Society, Democracy and Governance, Economic Development, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe

The Southern Africa Trust supports civil society organizations in Africa to participate effectively and with credibility in policy dialogue so that the voices of the poor can have a better impact on the development of public policy. The Trusts works with the following strategies: capacity building, policy dialogue, evidenced-based advocacy, creating an enabling environment, and grantmaking.

The Trust's grantmaking program provides support to organizations representing the poor in regionally significant policy development processes. The funding focuses on programs that enable the poor to have a better say in shaping policies to overcome poverty in southern Africa, and to create the conditions to improve the livelihoods of the poor in a sustainable manner, including having an impact on improving their material conditions.

TRINITY CHURCH WALL STREET

USA

www.trinitywallstreet.org

Program Areas

Community Development and Technology/Telecommunications

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The Trinity Church Wall Street supports the leadership of the Anglican Churches in Africa through programs that enable people to provide leadership in their local communities. The grantmaking emphasizes non-residential study programs, distance learning and short-term training.

The grantmaking support is provided in the following Areas theological education by extension, which prepares both clergy and laity to serve churches in their communities; community development to allow participants to take control of factors that impact their lives; primary and preventive health care which provides short-term training to equip community health educators to improve health standards; and peace building and democratic participation to train community leaders to provide leadership in conflict

resolution, consensus building, citizenship responsibility, and participation in public life.

Because churches in the Global South continue to struggle to gain access to new technology, Trinity Church Wall Street also provides support for increasing access by funding telecommunications equipment and training for leaders. The grants program emphasizes database creation and support for the continuing development of an Inter-Anglican Information Network.

TRUSTAFRICA

Senegal

www.trustafrica.org

Program Areas

Peace and Security, Citizenship and Identity, Economic Integration

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide; Currently funds in Senegal, Cameroon, South Africa, Liberia, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Mozambique, Egypt, Rwanda

TrustAfrica combines convenings, grantmaking and advocacy to advance Africa-wide peace, citizenship and integration. It prioritizes collaborative projects across national boundaries, technical assistance for concerted advocacy, and cross-continental learning of what works in the three program areas of peace, regional integration, and citizenship.

TrustAfrica promotes peace, economic prosperity and social justice throughout the continent by focusing on three critical Areas resolving conflicts and securing peace by negotiation and supporting steps to control small arms and light weapons; promoting inclusive policies on citizenship and identity that safeguard the rights and cultural expressions of all members of society, especially minorities; and advancing economic integration with a focus on fair trade, regional investment and the free movement of people.

TrustAfrica's approach to grantmaking focuses on major grants for collaborative projects, and small grants for capacity building to nongovernmental organizations. Collaborative projects funded through major grants are initiatives that emerge from workshops TrustAfrica convenes around its focus areas. The workshops invite African scholars, business professionals, artists, public officials and other civic leaders to come together to outline priorities, set their own agendas and craft their own solutions. TrustAfrica supports the projects that tend to fuse multiple strategies and connect organizations from different countries and regions.

The small grants for capacity building focus on promoting sound management, transparent governance, effective communication, and sustainable results. Funding in capacity building has included grants to Twagiramungu Noel to conduct research on human rights, justice and the Gacaca law in Rwanda, and institutional support for the Association of African Women for Research and Development.

TrustAfrica has a separate fund that supports research on investment climate and business environment, and with support from the Ford Foundation, has established a special fund for African writers.

URGENT ACTION FUND-AFRICA

Kenya

www.urgentactionfund.org

Program Areas

Civil Society, Human Rights and Justice, Peace Building, Women/Gender

Africa Countries Funded

Africa-wide

The Urgent Action Fund-Africa focuses on promoting the human rights of women and girls. The organization's work is built around three thematic areas: peace building, which includes promoting the women's perspective in peace making/peace building and in post-conflict transformation and reconstruction efforts; transitional justice, which engenders the post conflict processes, and rapid-response grantmaking.

Urgent Action Fund's rapid response grantmaking supports women's groups in Africa to build peace in their communities, demand justice for gender-based violence, set legal precedents that protect the rights of women and girls to provide for their own increased security and protection. Grants are provided for strategic interventions that take advantage of unanticipated opportunities to advance women's human rights, or to safeguard rights that have already been won.

Rapid response grant funding has included support for ALAFIA in Togo to dialogue with newly appointed village heads in Eastern Togo as part of a campaign against widow inheritance and other oppressive practices directed against widows, and Association pour la Defense des Droits de la Femme in Burundi for a campaign to protest increased sexual violence in Bujumbura and increase care for survivors of violence in the post conflict country.

USA FOR AFRICA

USA

www.usaforafrica.org

Program Areas

Agriculture, Children and Youth, Leadership Development, Health, Women

Africa Countries Funded

Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique and Uganda

Established from the proceeds of the famous “We Are the World” response to the famine in Ethiopia in the mid-1980s, USA for Africa strives to support education in Africa, as well as community development, empowerment of marginalized sectors and raising the status of women.

USA for Africa has kept its commitment that all royalties and donations generated by the recording of “We Are The World” go directly to assist those in need—90% to Africans and 10% to the hungry and homeless in America. More than \$62 million has been distributed to projects in Africa and the United States as a result of the generosity of people around the world.

UTHUNGULU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

South Africa
www.ucf.org.za

Program Areas

Civil Society, Economic Development, Education, Health

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Uthungulu Community Foundation’s grantmaking supports local nongovernmental organizations and community groups to improve the quality of life for local communities in the following areas: health, HIV/AIDS, education, neighborhood improvements, environment, and local development.

The Foundation also works with community donors to help them achieve their own philanthropic goals in such areas as scholarships, matching grants and designated funds.

W. K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

USA
www.wkkf.org

Program Areas

Civil Society, Community and Economic Development, Leadership Development, Strengthening Institutions

Africa Countries Funded

Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation’s support in Africa is twofold. It promotes changes in the social and economic systems that make new growth possible, and it supports economic

advancement for all to include greater participation in policymaking and institutional reform. The Foundation's grantmaking supports the following active change strategies: organizational and institutional development and transformation, strengthening leadership capacity, and strengthening the capacity of communities. It funds both US- and Africa-based organizations.

Strengthening Leadership serves as the primary integrator of all three strategies for the Foundation's work in the Southern Africa region. The Foundation's support seeks to build the capacity of leaders at the local, provincial, regional, national and global levels. The Foundation is concerned with increasing voices in the policy development process to strengthen young leaders for the 21st century. Funding in this area has included support to the Academy for Educational Development, Inc. to develop indigenous capacity for leadership and to develop leadership at various levels of the community.

WALLACE GLOBAL FUND

USA

www.wgf.org

Program Areas

Women's empowerment, population/reproductive rights, civil society/governance, media, equal rights, and environment/climate change

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa and Africa-wide

The women's empowerment program focuses on microenterprise and building strong networks of women to mobilize around poverty or specific pressing social issues. The population and reproductive rights program focuses on access to family planning and safe abortion services, as well as eradication of harmful traditional practices such as female genital cutting and childhood marriage.

In the area of civil society, the goal is to strengthen the advocacy capacity of nongovernmental organizations to pressure government to do its duty to the people, and to monitor and hold government accountable for failure to do so; a related goal is to promote legal and taxation reforms to strengthen the incentives for philanthropy.

The media program focuses on South Africa, particularly training and empowering young black South Africans to shed light on issues of poverty and inequality. The legal rights program focuses on strategic litigation and policy change for women and low income communities in South Africa.

The climate change program focuses on promoting renewable energy and opposing false solutions such as nuclear power (particular focus on South Africa); a related goal is to promote sustainable local/rural communities, fight deforestation, and preserve Africa's biodiversity.

WEST COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

South Africa
www.wccf.org.za

Program Areas

Civil Society, Community and Economic Development, Strengthening Institutions, Resource Mobilization

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

West Coast Community Foundation was established in 2001 after a mandate was received from over 50 community organizations working in the West Coast region of South Africa situated to the north of Cape Town, to establish a community foundation, as an appropriate mechanism to provide support to the many grass roots community initiatives that had been identified in the late nineties. These initiatives are situated in remote areas and do not have much access to funders working in the country because of their low profile.

The Foundation conducts a training program for these organizations that help themselves. Training includes ongoing organizational development, personal development to build self esteem and business skills training which focuses on initiatives becoming sustainable through developing viable business and marketing plans. Emphasis is also placed on training communities to be able to participate fully in government processes.

Since becoming fully operational in 2004, WCCF has provided training annually to about 200 members of local community organizations. In 2005, the grantmaking program was established. Between 2005 and 2007, 51 grants of up to R5000 each were made to 39 of these organizations. In 2008, 31 grants between R3000 and R10000 have been awarded. The training program focuses on the needs of grantee organizations, to which the Foundation also provides mentoring support as well as linking grantees with other service providers which can provide support for successful initiatives.

WHEAT TRUST

South Africa
www.wheattrust.co.za

Program Areas

Human Rights, Economic Empowerment, Education, Women/Gender

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The WHEAT Trust is a national women's fund committed to grassroots women's empowerment for community development through education and training. WHEAT awards grants to individual women and women-led community based organizations to ensure the active

participation of women in the development of their respective communities. The Trust believes that giving CBOs access to training and strengthening their initiatives can improve the livelihoods of the poor.

The Trust tries to let the communities identify a need and work out ways of dealing with the need rather than confining its support to one social issue more than other ones. Because the Trust sees the interconnectedness between various social issues, it has opted for a flexible non-descriptive approach to its grantmaking.

The Trust has provided support for the rights of women; prevention of violence against women including domestic violence; adult basic education, including literacy; halting the trafficking of women and children, and economic empowerment to give women the skills to run and manage their own businesses and market their products.

THE WILSON FOUNDATION

USA

www.thewilsonfoundation.org

Program Areas

Children and Youth, Education, Health

Africa Countries Funded

South Africa

The Wilson Foundation's Africa grantmaking focuses on providing support for health and education programs in the Vaalwater area of South Africa.

The Foundation provides funds for three schools in the area: the Waterberg Academy, the Meetsetshehla High School, and the Dibaphofu School, which is a small rural primary school where half the students are AIDS orphans who live at the school. The Foundation supports school tuition, supplies, and uniforms for disadvantaged children, teacher salaries and after school tutoring.

In the area of healthcare, the Foundation funds the Waterberg Welfare Society, which supports people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through community-based health, voluntary testing and counseling, educational prevention and awareness, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

The Foundation has created a partnership with Texas Southwestern Medical School to send US-trained infectious disease specialists to the Waterberg region to help expand the delivery of healthcare to children and their families.

THE WOOD FAMILY TRUST

United Kingdom

www.woodfamilytrust.org.uk

Program Areas

Economic Development, Sustainable Livelihoods, Vocational Training

Africa Countries Funded

Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

The Wood Family Trust supports organizations and enterprises that enable individuals to sustain themselves and their families free from poverty, hunger and disease. The Foundation funds projects in Africa through its Livelihood in Developing Countries Investment Program. The Trust support is proactive and it funds pre-selected organizations or through negotiated partnership with organizations and enterprises.

The Trust's grantmaking concentrates on the following Areas sustainable agriculture and fisheries; enterprise and business development; employment and training programs, and micro-finance. The Trust recognized that sustainable communities are an essential component in building sustainable livelihoods; therefore, the grantmaking may also include support for infrastructure improvement, health, HIV/AIDS, education, welfare and sanitation.

VISION AND MISSION

The Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group (AGAG) is a membership network of private funders. AGAG organizes activities to achieve its MISSION to promote increased and more effective funding in Africa through building and sharing knowledge and its VISION to be a resource for private funders and a trusted advocate for Africa within the philanthropy community.

Membership in AGAG is open to any private funder regardless of their geographic location.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING

AGAG activities include research to map funding trends, and analyzing strategic grantmaking approaches, and organizing meetings where funders can share experiences and lessons learned about the effective use of funding resources. AGAG strives to build knowledge among members about major development initiatives in Africa that affect the grantmaking context.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

AGAG organizes networking opportunities for funders to promote information sharing and increased collaboration and disseminates information about the field of foundation funding in Africa.

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