



The foundation for Civil Society: Working with CSOs in Tanzania

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About the Foundation

- The Foundation for Civil Society (the Foundation) is an independent Tanzanian Organization established as non – profit company, supported and funded by a group of like – minded development partners in Tanzania, and governed by an independent Board.



About the Foundation

- Foundation is an established non-profit company
- It was registered on 24th Sept 02 under Cap 212.



About The Foundation

- The Foundation works as an independent and generic capacity building organization and is valued for its ability and experience as a grant maker.
- The Foundation recognizes that grant making is its key organizational competence and strength and wants to continue developing these qualities for the benefit of the Tanzanian society



The Foundation Vision and Mission

– Vision

- ‘A Tanzania where citizens are empowered to realise their rights and engage in change processes that enhance their quality of life.’

– Mission

- ‘To empower citizens through the provision of grants, facilitating linkages and enabling a culture of ongoing learning in civil society in Tanzania.’



Our Values

- Fairness
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Transparency and accountability
- Gender



Overall objective

- To enable citizens to become a strong driving force for change in improving the democratic governance of Tanzania, in fighting poverty and in achieving a better quality of life for all Tanzanians.



Purpose or outcome is

- strengthened Civil Society Sector that is more effectively engaged in policy processes, governance and political processes



Focus of The Foundations Interventions

- The focus is to have civil society organizations that impact positively the lives of people rather than just having strong programs.
 - This is attained through the funding (provision of grants) and technical assistance to the civil society organizations from The Foundation. The assumption here is that the Foundation support will enable the civil society organizations to be active participants in the development process.



How do we meet our Vision and mission?

- Providing grants of varying sizes
- Providing organizational capacity building services
- Strengthening dialogue between CSOs, gov't and the private sector through networking and coalition building efforts; and
- Measuring the impact of its services, undertaking independent research and sharing the lessons.



Who Funds the Foundation?

- Department for International Development (DFID)
- Swiss Agency for Development Co-operation (SDC)
- Royal Netherlands Embassy (RNE)
- Development Co-operation Ireland (DCI)
- Royal Norwegian Embassy
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



Current Grants Programmes

- Registration Development Grants (RDG) - not exceeding TZS. 200 Thousand
- Rolling Small Grants (RSG) - not exceeding TZS.7 million
- Medium Grants (MG) - not exceeding TZS.45 million per year (Up to TZS. 135 million for 3 years)
- Strategic Grants (SG) - not exceeding TZS 100 million per year. (Up to TZS. 375 million for 3 years)



Eligibility Criteria

An organization may apply for support if:

- Is registered in Mainland Tanzania or Zanzibar
- Has been established for charitable (not-for-private-profit) purpose
- has a Constitution or Memorandum of Association
- Has a bank account operated by more than 1 signatory
- Has been established and in operation for at least 1 year



Who can be supported by Foundation Grants ?

- Non – Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Professional Associations
- Trade Unions
- Cooperative Societies
- Media Organizations
- Faith Based Organizations (FBOs)



Key result areas supported by The Foundation

- Policy: Citizens are influencing and monitoring policy processes for the improvement of service delivery
- Governance and Accountability: Citizens are aware of their rights and responsibilities, and are demanding accountability in the management of public resource
- Civil Society Capacity Strengthening: Civil society is creative, imaginative, effective, sustainable and accountable



CSO Interventions that can be supported by The Foundations

- Facilitate policy dialogues on specific policy issues at regional, district and ward levels;
- Enable involvement and participation of communities, especially women, children, people with disabilities, poor people, vulnerable and marginalised groups, in setting out priorities for policies formulation at all levels;



CSO Interventions ...

- Conduct and disseminate policy research;
- Support the identification of policy gaps and disseminate the results to policy makers, decision making bodies and the general community through appropriate ways e.g. media channels;



CSO Interventions ...

- Mobilize communities to monitor planned policy changes and reforms likely to affect their livelihoods;
- Advocate for the accountability and effective organization of village assemblies, ward development committees and full district councils to allow citizen participation on local policy processes.



CSO Interventions ...

- Involve citizens in local government planning and budgeting processes;
- Increase women's participation in local government planning and budgeting processes;
- Support capacity building of citizens, CBOs and emerging civic groups to participate in local government planning and budgeting processes;



CSO Interventions ...

- Enable citizens' participation in central government planning and budgeting processes;
- Empower citizens to ensure local government plans and budgets are made publicly available;
- Support CSOs and citizens to undertake public expenditure tracking;



CSO Interventions ...

- Facilitate CSOs to undertake and scale up Public Service Delivery Surveys, Client Service Charters, Community Score Cards ('PIMA' Cards), and Social Accountability Monitoring;
- Support CSOs to involve citizens in undertaking community corruption surveys, disseminate the findings and develop strategies for taking corrective measures;



CSO Interventions ...

- Support CSOs to create space for citizens to effectively participate in organized statutory public meetings;
- Support CSOs that ensure citizens realise their right to access information on social service delivery and local government expenditure;
- Support CSOs that use the media such as newsletters, radio stations, and television to disseminate messages and engage citizens on accountability issues.



CSO Interventions ...

- Facilitate CSOs to raise citizens' awareness of their human, constitutional and legal rights and obligations;
- Build the capacity of CSOs to empower citizens to secure and defend their human, constitutional, and legal rights;
- Support CSO interventions and campaigns against discriminatory laws
- Facilitate CSOs to conduct dialogue and campaigns for achieving wise environmental management, secure and equitable land rights, and fair labour practices



CSO Interventions ...

- Support CSOs to undertake civic and voter education programmes;
- Support CSOs that undertake election monitoring interventions;
- Facilitate CSOs to strengthen relationships of accountability between citizens and their elected leaders, such as district councillors and members of parliament.



CSO Interventions ...

- Enable CSOs to undertake Organisational Capacity Assessments and implement interventions to address identified capacity gaps;
- Provide technical backstopping to CSOs receiving funds from FCS through support visits, mentoring and consultation fora;
- Assist CSOs with organizational development processes such as strategic planning and monitoring and evaluation frameworks;



CSO Interventions ...

- Provide demand-driven support services and the delivery of tailor made interventions including trainings for CSOs in organisational development and other technical capabilities;
- Facilitate mainstreaming of gender perspectives in the governance, management and activities of CSOs.



How to Apply

- Fill standard Application forms
 - Forms can be collected directly from the Foundation office – Dar es Salaam;
 - From our website or
 - Mailed to applicants on request
- Strategic grants applicants are supposed to submit detailed proposal



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Thank you for listening