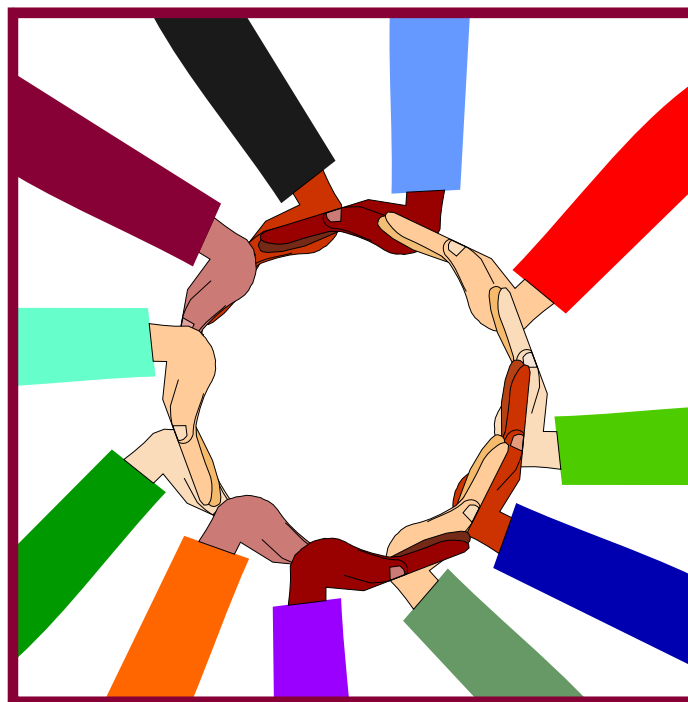


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ABOUT AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY FORUM



African Philanthropy Forum (APF) exists to close the funding gap in Africa, flip its dependency on international aid and unlock local funding for homegrown development. APF was established in 2014 and incubated by the Global Philanthropy Forum (GPF), a global network of strategic philanthropists and social investors committed to international causes. In 2017, APF became an independent entity registered in Nigeria and South Africa and continues to be affiliated to the GPF.

Over the years, APF has established a strong presence on the Continent, with footprints in 14 African countries, namely, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe through its convenings and activities. APF has also invested in the development of two Toolkits for African Philanthropists and the "Why Give" Series, which consists of interviews with Africa's strategic philanthropic leaders to showcase their motivations for giving.

Since inception, APF has reached over 3,000 philanthropists, social investors and key stakeholders in the philanthropic space across Africa and the world. Through high impact convening and initiatives, APF has facilitated collaborations, amplified the work of change makers and shared best philanthropic practices and strategies for promoting homegrown development.

Our Mission

African Philanthropy Forum is a strong and vibrant community of partners who through their strategic giving, investments and influence, foster shared prosperity on the African Continent.

Our Vision

Transform the culture of giving in Africa to the extent that it exceeds development aid by 2030.

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We are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable contributions and accomplishments of our esteemed pioneer board members. With great honor and admiration, we recognize these visionary African philanthropists and social entrepreneurs with a commitment to fostering sustainable development, social transformation, and prosperity across the African continent.

Our pioneer board members, through their unwavering dedication, have guided APF to uncharted change. Over the years, APF has emerged as a leading platform for collaboration, learning, and collective action, revolutionizing the face of philanthropy in Africa. Each of our pioneer Board member has left an indelible mark on APF.

Tsitsi Masiyiwa served as Pioneer Board Chair for 6 years since APF became an independent entity in Africa in 2017 and led the Board's commitment to promote homegrown development in Africa. She is an African philanthropist and social entrepreneur. She is the Executive Chair and Co-Founder of Delta Philanthropies and Higherlife Foundation, whose primary goal is to invest in human capital development to build thriving individuals, communities, and sustainable livelihoods.

As a result of her work and experience establishing and growing the Higherlife Foundation over the last twenty-five years, Tsitsi serves on various social impact boards and has become an advisor and thought partner to universities, national leaders, and social entrepreneurs on issues of education, health, leadership, development, gender, and youth empowerment.

Our pioneer Board Members have guided APF towards new horizons. Through collaboration, learning and collective action, APF has become a powerful catalyst, revolutionizing the face of philanthropy in Africa.

Her Royal Highness the Nnabagereka (Queen) Sylvia Nagginda served as APF Board Member for 6 years and is the first Nnabagereka (Queen) in the history of the Buganda Kingdom to set up a fully-fledged Office, a very crucial phenomenon that has greatly complimented the ongoing development work in the Kingdom and Uganda at large.

A pillar of development and held in high esteem, HRH plays a major role in sensitizing and mobilizing the general population on issues of Health; Education Culture Preservation and Sustainable Livelihoods Promotion. Through the above, HRH has graciously supported and empowered marginalized groups of youth, women, children and persons with disabilities.

Ndidi Okonkwo Nwuneli, an expert on African agriculture and nutrition, philanthropy, and social innovation also served as APF Board Member for 6 years. She is the Managing Partner of Sahel Consulting Agriculture & Nutrition Ltd., which works across West Africa shaping agricultural policy, creating catalytic ventures, and implementing ecosystem solutions. She is also the co-founder of AACE Foods, which sources from over 10,000

farmers and produces a range of packaged spices, seasonings, and cereals for local and international markets. Ndidi is the founder of LEAP Africa which inspires, empowers, and equips a new cadre of principled, disciplined and dynamic young leaders in Africa. She is also the founder and chair of Nourishing Africa, a digital knowledge and data business focused on enabling agribusiness entrepreneurs to scale.

She brought over 25 years of international development experience and is a recognized serial entrepreneur, author, public speaker, and consultant. Through her work in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors, she has led the design and execution of high-impact initiatives focused on policy, strategy, organizational design, ecosystem solutions, and growth.

As the journey continues, the African Philanthropy Forum remains committed to empowering philanthropists, amplifying their impact, and creating a brighter future for the continent through collective action and shared prosperity.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

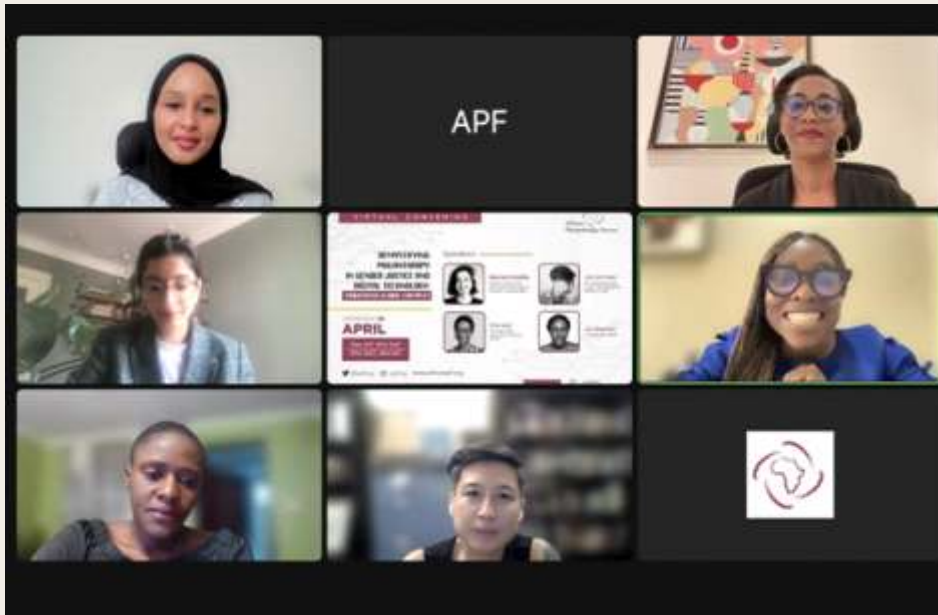


Phuthi Mahanyele-Dabengwa is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer at Naspers, South Africa. Before joining Naspers, she was the co-founder and Executive Chairperson of Sigma Capital, an investment holding company formed in 2015. She held the position of CEO at Shanduka Group, an investment holding company from 2004 to 2015. Prior, she was the Head of the Project Finance South Africa business unit at the Development Bank of Southern Africa.



Vanessa Mounzar is the Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer at LVMH, where she supervises the global coordination of the Group's actions on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She previously served as Director for Gender, Women and Civil Society at the African Development Bank, where she led the Bank's action on gender equality, women's empowerment and civil society engagement. In particular, she led the development, resource mobilization and roll out of the Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa (AFAWA) program, to unlock \$5 billion in access to finance for women entrepreneurs across Africa's 54 countries. As Senior Manager for Africa at the World Economic Forum between 2013 and 2017, she led large-scale public private collaboration efforts across multiple industries to drive investment into the continent.

DEMYSTIFYING PHILANTHROPY IN GENDER JUSTICE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY: SHOWCASING GLOBAL EXAMPLES



Fostering diverse communities' active involvement in policy and technology is paramount. Regrettably, there is a lack of data on women which influences the design of commonplace products. It is crucial that women are actively considered and included in the policymaking process to ensure their unique needs are duly recognised and addressed.

- Ore Lesi, the Founder & Executive Director of W.TEC.

On April 26 APF hosted a virtual event themed: *"Demystifying Philanthropy in Gender Justice and Digital Technology: Showcasing Global Examples"*. Mosun Layode, the Executive Director, APF initiated the session by providing context and emphasizing the crucial role that digital technology plays in our daily lives. The discussion focused on the intersection of gender justice, digital technology, and digital rights, exploring how they are interconnected and how they impact our day-to-day existence.

Marwa Fatafta, the Interim Policy and International Program Director at Access Now shared that women come from a disadvantaged position when it comes to digital access, given the patriarchal systems we live under. She said that the reality of digital divide for women is reflected online from who has access to the internet, to how safe the spaces are, how incredible they are and how empowered they.

"Unfortunately, women feminist movements, women rights movements, have to rely on privately owned and operated platforms that have failed to a certain extent to uphold their commitments to human rights to uphold and prioritize the safety of women online. This is because the internet is a vital resource for women to access economic and professional opportunities, health and reproductive information and resources to connect with their communities to defend human rights, to build feminist movements, and to connect with other movements not only within their communities, but beyond," she added.

Amid all sorts of threats and challenges that include harassment, gender-based violence and intimidation, state regulation was also cited to target women that use the internet to express themselves to expose systematic gender-based violence and online sexual harassment.

Liz Orembo, a Trustee at KICTANet, touched on policy and the role of the State in protecting the rights of all citizens. "Everyone has signed a social contract with their government, they pay taxes, they have rights. In exchange, the states protect their rights. The State protect their security and they provide essential services. Even without that exchange, citizens have rights to freedom of expression, those rights that are inherent to human beings. So that means that the state has an obligation to tend or to give services to its population in a way that actually serves everyone. Not just one part of the population, that is what is called fair service under the social contracts."

She said that it is unfortunate that most of the policies are one sided, again favoring a patriarchal society, a default system that is hurting women.

Jac sm Kee, the Co-dreamer and Chief Cartographer at Numun Fund and a feminist tech activist highlighted how digital technology has become embedded in all aspects of our lives especially post pandemic. She cited Africa as still lacking access compared to other continents with the gender disparity between men and women widening instead of decreasing like in other parts of the world.

Some of the reasons for this gap were cited as lack of or poor infrastructure, cost and no political will.

Kee said that digital access requires political will from the government, an enabling policy landscape that is welcoming to different kinds of access infrastructure, not just those that can make money for telcos but also community access infrastructures, for example, infrastructure sharing.

During the session, moderated by Ore Lesi, the Founder & Executive Director of W.TEC, speakers also highlighted emerging trends that African philanthropists and foundations should consider as they embark on engagements related to gender justice and digital technology/rights.

They shared global examples of philanthropic initiatives with NGOs operating at the intersection of gender justice and digital technology/rights, which Africa can learn from.

This session was the first in a series of conversations aimed at raising awareness about the significance of strategic philanthropy in the Digital Technology and Gender Justice domain in Africa.

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-Jac sm Kee - Co-dreamer and Chief Cartographer, Numun Fund

Leveraging a Global Africa to Unlock Abundance in African Philanthropy



On the final day of the Ibrahim Governance Weekend 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, APF hosted a side event on April 30, 2023. Under the theme "Unlocking Abundance in African Philanthropy: Harnessing a Global Africa," this event provided a vibrant platform for mutual learning and appreciation of the current state of philanthropy in Africa.

Setting the stage, Mosun Layode, Executive Director of African Philanthropy Forum, emphasized Africa's abundance. She underscored philanthropy's role in uplifting communities and societies, challenging the prevalent perception that philanthropy primarily involves aid from developed nations to African countries.

Hosh Ibrahim, Board Member at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation delivered the keynote address. He urged Africans to explore ways of growing philanthropy on the continent by highlighting its transformative potential for individual givers, private foundations, family foundations, and corporate entities.

Ibrahim dispelled the notion that philanthropy is solely a Western concept, highlighting that philanthropy has always been deeply ingrained in African communities, culture, and society. He commended APF for the work it is doing on the continent and cited the event as a great way to connect to the global philanthropic community as well as network and learn from each other.

A panel of philanthropic experts further explored opportunities for Africans in the diaspora and on the continent, to create more significant impact by leveraging resources effectively. They discussed various themes, including charitable giving of time and expertise and philanthropy towards humanitarian crises.

They also delved into the opportunities presented by a Global Africa to unlock resources for greater impact on the continent.

Alphonso David, President & CEO, Global Black Economic Forum, said that philanthropy can be interpreted in different ways, highlighting the importance of recognizing the value proposition. *"Within the philanthropic sphere, a division exists depending on whether the focus is on community-based philosophy or individual preferences. In order to foster a sustainable approach, there is a need to prioritize the value proposition while dismantling the barriers imposed by identity politics,"* he said.

Philanthropy has always been deeply ingrained in African culture, and society.

- Hosh Ibrahim, Board member- Mo Ibrahim Foundation.



Kamil Olufowobi- Founder & CEO, MIPAD, cited the diaspora as one of the biggest contributors to philanthropy in Africa. He said that giving by wealthy individuals in Africa should not be viewed as charity but as one way of promoting homegrown development on the continent .

Carl Manlan- Vice President, Inclusive Impact and Sustainability, Central & Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa, Visa, also a Mo Ibrahim Fellow said, *"Increasingly, corporate entities are striving to align themselves with their core competencies. We must explore ways to reduce our dependency on aid and instead foster an environment that thrives on capital capable of catalyzing community transformation. Our focus should be on fostering African industries, cultivating a prosperous Africa, and establishing ecosystems that empower the continent to sustain itself."*

Anne Makena, Co-Director, Africa Oxford Initiative, referenced data saying that data alone cannot provide real-time insights into the present situation. *"Data allows us to examine past occurrences, such as the amount of resources that have been allocated to the continent over the past year, including areas like health, education, and infrastructure. To make a positive impact, it is crucial to approach the continent's needs with purpose and mindfulness, and humbly listen to its requirements. By doing so, we can effectively pursue both meaningful actions and sustainable outcomes,"* she said.

The discussion was moderated by Meron Demisse, Founder & CEO, Culture and Conversations on Africa.

The Ibrahim Governance Forum brought together influential voices from Africa and beyond, facilitating discussions on critical issues vital to the continent's progress.



Going Together: Leveraging the Power of Collaboration for Impact

Africa is home to a growing middle-class, with 'African consumer spending expected to have reached \$1.4 billion in 2020', offering great potential for philanthropic growth, particularly through new channels such as online giving, SMS giving, and crowdfunding. Since 2015, the number of philanthropic organizations in Africa has increased exponentially as has the share of corporate philanthropy as a share of giving on the continent. Despite these opportunities, the sector faces major challenges such as fragmentation of philanthropic efforts and disparities in support ecosystem available to actors.

It is against this background that APF organized a gathering in Johannesburg, South Africa on Wednesday, May 10, themed "Going Together: Leveraging the Power of Collaboration for



Impact." Holding on the sidelines of The Business in Society Conference organized by Trialogue, the two-hour event aimed to provide participants with a platform for meaningful discussions, mutual learning, and sharing experiences.

The focus was to deepen the understanding of the transformative impact of philanthropy on the African continent as it sought to explore collaborative approaches that could unlock resources and improve access to enhance strategic philanthropy, ultimately leading to greater impact.

While making his opening remarks, Swithin Munyantwali, APF Board Member, challenged Africans to leverage their collective power to deliver meaningful opportunities to address the numerous challenges on the continent, one of which is the rising number of youth on the continent.

Nicola Galombik - Executive Director, Yellowwoods delivered the keynote address and emphasized the need to explore smart ways to make an impact.



The panel discussion was moderated by Jacob Mati, Deputy Director, Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI). The discussions centered around collaboration between stakeholders (philanthropists, foundations and civil society) to advance the development agenda in Africa, critical elements that make successful collaborations, barriers to collaboration in the philanthropic community and what can be done to eliminate them to encourage more collaboration.

The panel, made up of Louise Driver - Executive Director IPASA, Ashley Green-Thompson - ACT Ubumbano, Nontobeko Mabizela, Acting CEO, Allan Gray Orbis Foundation and Christabel Phiri - Executive Manager, Policy & Programmes, Southern Africa Trust, delved into how to leverage partnerships for greater impact. They discussed the challenges to collaboration where a key challenge was when collaborators pull in different directions.

Actors in philanthropy were urged to be mindful of diversity and to be able to acknowledge the diversity in the different countries that they work in by allowing local individuals to run with the initiatives because they understand the pressing issues such as government regulations.



During the morning session of the Dialogue Conference, Gbenga Oyebo, the APF Board Chair, delivered a compelling keynote address titled *"Driving Transformational Impact in Africa through Education & Leadership."* His speech provided valuable insights into the role of education and leadership in creating impactful change on the African continent.

A comprehensive report on the discussions and outcomes of the day's event can be found in the report published by Alliance Magazine, providing further analysis and coverage of the impactful conversations that took place.



How the **TY Danjuma Foundation** is Touching Lives Across Nigeria

General TY Danjuma has been at the forefront of the fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Nigeria since 1995. His determination to combat diseases of the poor led to the establishment of the TY Danjuma Foundation in 2009. With the mission of increasing access to quality healthcare, education, and empowerment opportunities for Nigerians, the TY Danjuma Foundation is the first private philanthropic grant-making organization in Nigeria.

Since its inception in 2009, the TY Danjuma Foundation has awarded more than \$25 million to implement over 340 projects in 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory, directly impacting the lives of over 10 million individuals.

Aligned with the Foundation's responsive grant-making approach, each supported project is carefully designed based on input from communities, ensuring it addresses their most pressing needs. Testimonies of the Foundation's immeasurable

investments in the well-being of ordinary people abound across Nigeria, making its journey a remarkable story of transforming lives.

Combating Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs)

In Nigeria, 122 million people are at risk of one or more of the 15 neglected tropical diseases recognized by the World Health Organization. The TY Danjuma Foundation has focused much of its work on breaking the cycle of poverty caused by the adverse impact of NTDs on the country's health and economic development. Through partnerships with organizations like Mission to Save the Helpless, the Foundation works to control the spread of Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Globally, the number of people requiring interventions against NTDs has decreased by 25% over the past decade, with a reduction of 80 million people between 2020 and 2021 alone

(WHO 2023). The Foundation's efforts in Taraba state have also shown positive results. Over two decades of consistent mass drug administration, training of health workers, and community-directed distributors have contributed to a reduction in cases of NTDs. A survey conducted by the Taraba Ministry of Health and Mission to Save the Helpless indicates a decrease in Lymphatic Filariasis in several areas of the state.

In 2022, the Foundation continued its work in the control and elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis and Onchocerciasis in Taraba state through training of health workers and community-directed distributors. These efforts aimed to administer mass drug administration twice yearly in endemic communities and assess the level of control and elimination of these NTDs.

Improving Vision and Preventing Blindness

In Nigeria, over 1.1 million adults are blind, and an additional 3 million have visual impairments. Approximately 42 out of every 1000 adults aged 40 and above are blind, with 90% of blindness and visual impairments caused by avoidable factors, such as cataracts. The TY Danjuma Foundation has funded comprehensive eye care services in underserved communities and public schools, providing thousands of Nigerians with free, life-changing services.

The Foundation recognizes the importance of a multidimensional approach to ensure quality eye health services reach grassroots communities disproportionately affected by vision loss. It is committed to improving access to eye care services through targeted screenings, treatments, surgeries, training of eye care workers, and promoting eye health information.

In 2022, the Foundation supported projects in Edo, Plateau, and Taraba states, focusing on preventable vision loss through comprehensive free eye care outreaches. These projects promoted access to eye health services, including free treatments and surgeries, resulting in improved vision for many individuals. Additionally, health workers at the primary healthcare level and teachers in primary and secondary schools were trained to identify simple eye conditions in school children.

Taking Free Medical and Surgical Services to the Grassroots

Access to quality and affordable healthcare remains a significant challenge in Nigeria, with fewer than 5% of Nigerians having health insurance and 95% paying for healthcare out of pocket. This approach often pushes millions of Nigerians into poverty. Since 2009, the TY Danjuma Foundation has invested significantly in providing free medical and surgical services at the grassroots level to help break the cycle of poverty and increase access to quality healthcare for underserved communities.

In 2022, the Foundation supported two projects aimed at delivering free healthcare to rural and underserved communities. These projects provided access to surgical procedures, such as cleft and maxillofacial repairs, to individuals in dire need across the country. Furthermore, free laboratory testing, counseling, and referrals were offered to a selected group of people in the Federal Capital Territory.

Investing in Maternal and Child Health

Tragically, 1 in 8 Nigerian children dies before the age of 5 from preventable diseases, and the maternal death rate remains high,



with 1 in 34 Nigerian women dying from childbirth-related causes. The TY Danjuma Foundation is committed to increasing access to maternal and child health services, particularly in poor and rural communities.

To achieve this, the Foundation has supported the renovation of hospitals and primary healthcare centers and has trained

thousands of health professionals across the country. Notably, the Foundation constructed a state-of-the-art maternity and children's hospital in Takum, Taraba State, providing a source of hope for many seeking quality maternal and child health services. The hospital has been operational since 2017 and has strengthened the local and state-level health systems by offering comprehensive maternal and child health services, family planning, control of sexually transmitted diseases, and quality pediatric healthcare services.

Strengthening the Capacity of Traditional Birth Attendants

Traditional birth attendants play a critical role in Nigeria's health system, particularly in rural communities where millions of women depend on them for childbirth. Recognizing this, the TY Danjuma Foundation has been working with local partners in states such as Akwa Ibom, Imo, Niger, and Cross River to enhance the skills of traditional birth attendants. Emphasis is placed on the timely referral of cases to higher levels of care when necessary.

In 2022, the Foundation allocated resources to initiatives aimed at equipping health workers and traditional birth attendants with life-saving skills, focusing on safe approaches to maternal and neonatal healthcare.

Investing in the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV

Akwa Ibom state has the highest HIV prevalence in Nigeria, particularly among pregnant women aged 15-24 years. Many women in the state rely on traditional birth attendants and do not seek antenatal care services due to poverty and lack of trust in the healthcare system. In response, the TY Danjuma Foundation, in collaboration with its partner Antof Rural Resource Development Centre, is working to improve the uptake of antenatal care and HIV prevention services in Akwa Ibom state. This involves building the skills of health workers, linking mentor mothers with pregnant women, and training traditional birth attendants to refer pregnant women to health facilities for expert care and delivery.

In 2022, the Foundation continued its support for interventions



that improve access to integrated maternal, newborn, and child health (IMNCH) services across Nigeria. These projects aimed to enhance the quality of services at primary health care centers, promote the uptake of antenatal and neonatal care services, prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, provide emergency transportation systems for effective referrals, and reduce malnutrition.

Investing in Promoting Quality Education

Approximately 10.5 million Nigerian children aged 5 to 14 are not attending school, with over 50% of girls, particularly in the northern regions, failing to complete primary education. Barriers such as a shortage of schools, lack of qualified teachers, and the burden of school fees on poor families contribute to this situation.

The TY Danjuma Foundation recognizes the importance of access to quality education and has invested in programs that focus on building and equipping classrooms, encouraging enrollment, retention, and completion of basic education. The Foundation has also provided funding for teacher training and retraining to enhance the quality of education for children, as well as efforts to improve adult literacy.

Additionally, the Foundation understands that the physical infrastructure alone is not sufficient to improve learning outcomes. Therefore, in addition to constructing classrooms



and sanitary facilities, the Foundation has made significant investments in building the capacity of teachers to deliver effective lessons.

In 2022, the Foundation continued its support for interventions that enhance teachers' ability to deliver curriculum effectively. Teachers were exposed to digital literacy and the use of modern instructional materials to improve pedagogy. School Support Officers (SSOs) were also supported in carrying out their statutory duty of school supervision and coordination of activities between education stakeholders in Bauchi, Edo, Plateau states, and the Federal Capital Territory. Furthermore, the Foundation supported the establishment of a laboratory in Edo state and provided desks and chairs in Abia state. These initiatives aimed to facilitate practical learning, create conducive learning environments, and promote effective teaching and learning of sciences.

Promoting Primary Education through School Feeding

A significant number of children in Nigeria are out of school because they cannot afford one meal a day. To address this issue, the TY Danjuma Foundation became the first to support non-governmental organizations in providing one balanced meal a day to pupils at Dako LEA Primary School in the Federal Capital Territory and Fadama Primary School in Takum. The results have been increased enrollment and improved academic performance among the students.



Providing Succour to Internally Displaced Persons

The TY Danjuma Foundation has consistently responded to the needs of individuals affected by disasters, including flooding, disease outbreaks, and displacement due to crises across Nigeria. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested significantly in programs aimed at alleviating the suffering of those displaced by the humanitarian crises in the northeastern part of the country.

The impact of the TY Danjuma Foundation's first 10 years can be seen in transformed lives and communities throughout Nigeria. The Foundation hopes that its trailblazing approach to targeted, private philanthropy will inspire other Nigerians of good fortune and people of goodwill to join in lifting fellow Nigerians toward more meaningful and fulfilling lives. By touching lives through healthcare, education, and empowerment initiatives, the TY Danjuma Foundation continues to make a lasting difference across Nigeria.

Sawiris Foundation for Social Development: Working to Reduce Extreme Poverty In Upper Egypt

Overview

In July 2018 the Bab Amal Graduation program was launched with the objective of reducing extreme poverty in Upper Egypt. BRAC- Ultra Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI) is providing technical assistance on the program which is focused on rural households, particularly those with livestock as a primary source of income.

Together with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD), the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), the Egyptian Human Development Association (EHDA), and Giving Without Limits Association (GWLA), the Bab Amal pilot targeted approximately 2,400 rural, extreme poor households in the Assiut and Sohag governorates of Upper Egypt, and women are the majority of participants.

This coalition hopes to demonstrate the impact of Graduation and inform the national poverty reduction strategy. This Graduation program was a 24-month program implemented in batches, with the final batch completing the program in Fall 2022.

The Program

The Bab Amal program components include a one-time asset transfer that enables the household to build a sustainable livelihood such as sheep-rearing, chicken-defeathering, sewing, clothing sales, or other petty trade.

This asset is complemented by coaching and business skills training to manage the livelihood and build long term gains, along with life skills training on nutrition, health and sanitation practices, and child labor and the importance of

education. Participants are encouraged to save through the formalization of savings groups that meet bi-weekly and distribute micro-loans and financial literacy training.

All participants receive consumption support, either from the program or the existing Takaful & Karama cash transfer program, to enable them to meet their basic needs during the program. Finally, participants are linked to local health services, a health fund, schools, and Village Solidarity Committees which will continue to promote social inclusion and messaging on topics such as gender equality.

The Story of Shadia and Jamila

In 2018, Shadia and Jamila joined the Bab Amal Graduation program, an Egyptian poverty alleviation program modeled on BRAC's Graduation approach. BRAC's Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI) is providing technical assistance on the program in partnership with Sawiris Foundation for Social Development (SFSD), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), and two implementing NGOs, Giving Without Limits Association (GWLA), and the Egyptian Human Development Association (EHDA).

The program is designed to enable people to develop sustainable livelihoods and create a pathway out of extreme poverty. The program provided Shadia and Jamila with a range of tools and resources, including a stipend to provide immediate financial support, the delivery of productive assets, livelihood training on how to generate income with those assets, and life skills training.

The COVID-19 crisis brought forth a massive disruption — but the adaptive nature of the program addressed this shock by extending the consumption stipend for an additional two

months to ensure food security and mitigate the impact of reduced household income on consumption.

In addition to these measures, phone based coaching, followed by socially distant one-on-one coaching became vital as coaches in the Bab Amal program were able to safely inform participants on essential hygiene practice and updates about the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing them to pass knowledge to loved ones that protected them from contracting the virus.

With this set of holistic and contextualized interventions from the Bab Amal program, Shadia and Jamila were able to withstand the shock of COVID-19 and build thriving livelihoods.

Shadia lives in Assiut, a region in Egypt where 66 percent of people live in poverty. With a medical condition leaving



her husband unable to work, the entire weight of supporting the family fell on Shadia. The household experienced many injustices of extreme poverty — food insecurity, health insecurity, the inability to enroll children in school, and more.

100 kilometers southeast of Assiut in the governorate of Sohag, 65 percent of the population live in poverty, including a woman named Jamila. Jamila fell into extreme

I needed to work but there weren't any jobs in my village. Sometimes, all we had was just a dried loaf of bread that I used to wet in boiled water and season with salt for my children to eat." -Shadia.

poverty after the sudden death of her husband. Without the skills or knowledge needed to bring in a reliable income, Jamila's life became deeply unstable.

Shadia is the owner of a successful grocery business, operating her store out of an empty room in her mother's house. Through the program, Shadia learned how to record sales, acquire inventory, track profit, and successfully save income. Now, her groceries are supplying her community with useful commodities while providing for her and her family. "This business changed my life. With the money I saved, I can enroll my son in school. I have large ambitions to build my business even more."



“I very much benefited from the life skills training, the information I got about early marriage increased my awareness. I have postponed the marriage of my engaged daughter. I was about to let her get married while she is less than 18 years old, but when I learned the problems that she may be exposed to, I decided that I won’t let her get married before the legal age.”

- Jamila



After receiving livestock assets from the Bab Amal program, Jamila very quickly began to expand her business and knowledge — from having no experience in operating a livelihood, Jamila is now a confident businesswoman in the market who is adept at navigating shifting livestock prices, taking out strategic loans, and creating and utilizing savings plans that will allow her to continue expanding her business.

Jamila tends to her livestock as part of her initial asset transfer from the Bab Amal program.

Jamila is using her newfound experience in the program to make a positive impact on her community and within her family — she often mentors other women in her village on the importance of saving, and imparts wisdom gained by building her livelihood to support other women who are building their own.

In addition to bolstering financial stability and promoting awareness around COVID-19 safety measures, the Bab Amal program also leverages its life skills component to empower

participants to break harmful, often multigenerational practices such as child marriage. After learning more on the dangers of such practices from the program sessions and her coach, Jamila decided to take action.

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Shadia and Jamila’s stories demonstrate the power and importance of investing in women, and that when a poverty alleviation initiative like the Bab Amal program is designed to be both holistic and contextualized, even those living in regions of pervasive and intergenerational poverty can propel themselves on an upward trajectory towards a safe, fulfilling, and hopeful future.

ARTICLES AND OPINIONS



APF BOARD CHAIR INTERVIEW WITH ALLIANCE MAGAZINE

In April, African Philanthropy Forum (APF) held its board strategy session at the Legatum Institute in London. Charles Keidan caught up with APF's new chair, corporate lawyer and philanthropist, Gbenga Oyebode, about the aims of the Forum and his views on the development of African philanthropy.

CK: You've just chaired your first strategy session of the African Philanthropy Forum. How did that go?

GO: It was a very productive and inspiring event. We had a whole-day strategy session to identify our priorities for the next 5-10 years of APF, so it's a good way to begin my tenure and I'm excited to continue to build on this momentum as we make progress.

What do you hope to see the Forum doing during your tenure?

I think it's really building on the success that has already been achieved. APF has a reputation on the continent for having meaningful convenings. We believe it's important to continue amplifying the importance of making philanthropy more

strategic on the continent. Africans are generous and many people on the continent are already giving immensely—the challenge here is the approach to which they give, which is where APF comes in. We are focused on changing the way giving is done by helping wealthy people give more strategically while building a strong network where people can have access to information that helps them rethink how they give. Another top priority for us is to constantly engage with both significantly wealthy people and also organisations that are looking for donors through our various convenings. Over the last six years, we've been able to achieve that and our gatherings are becoming a must-attend for the philanthropic community on the continent.

Is there variation in how strategic philanthropy is depending on which part of the continent you're in?

Wealthy families on the continent that have their own foundations and non-profits, know exactly what they're looking for, they know what they want to give to and where they think they can make the most impact. I don't think we're teaching that particular group anything new but closer to the retail level, what we're seeing is grassroots organisations starting to build structures around their organisations and it's important for us to provide some education, while mobilizing people into our

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network so that they know where to go when they need support. That's what our regional and main convenings do, they bring all of us, donors and grassroots organisations, into the same room so that areas of needs can be discussed and people can carry on the conversations outside of our convenings. That is particularly important—most times, the gap between access to funding and having an opportunity to make an impact is information - that's the gap we aim to bridge.

Where does APF fit into the wider African philanthropy ecosystem? There's other philanthropy networks catering to different people and issues. Do you see this as a moment as the incoming chair where you start to institutionalise APF within that network, or has that already happened?

I think it's already happened. APF already has a legacy of driving strategic giving, and running a strong and robust network on the continent. Given the enormity and complexity of the challenge in Africa, we are big on collaborating with other philanthropy networks to elevate conversations about improving the philanthropic infrastructure on the continent in supporting the issues that are critical to our people.

What are those issues?

Take a moment to think of any challenge in the world, name it, it exists in Africa. There's no challenge that isn't on this continent. From healthcare crises to education issues, to youth unemployment, to gender-based violence to displaced persons to political instability to insecurity. I could go on and on. One thing that is critical is the need for good governance and leadership throughout our continent. We need to sustain democracy on our continent and it's not just talking about it, it's also making people understand that democracy is not about

elections, it's a way of life. And so for us, it is about focusing attention on those issues, and rallying philanthropists, civil society organizations, grassroots organizations and individuals together to discuss and engage with them, with the hope that we can deliver on the support that we aim to give.

You mix both small gatherings in certain regions or countries with the large gatherings, so what's coming up?

We have a series of gatherings this year. For instance, there are events coming up in Johannesburg, Lagos and Nairobi. This will be an opportunity for the organisations and people that did not attend our gathering in Kigali, last October to attend a regional gathering that's close to them. That's important to us. But more important is that we're focusing on specific issues that are most important for particular countries. There is a significant focus and attention on gender issues and we're going to be dealing with that across some of the countries and cities where we will be gathering. So, there's already a robust plan to make sure that we remain engaged and committed.

I attended a gathering this year in Naivasha in Kenya of Urgent Action Fund Africa and Trust Africa, on pan-African and feminist philanthropy. What does that mean to you in terms of your thinking about gender and feminism, and women's rights?

In Kigali last year, we had a major outreach to build a gender fund focused on ensuring gender equity. While the gender fund is not one of our core pillars, prioritizing it reflects how serious this is to us and reflects its importance to our progress on the continent. Going forward, throughout our convenings, we will continue to make sure that we provide platforms that elevate gender issues and girl-child challenges.

You've mentioned gender and democracy. The other pillar, one might say, of these issues is human rights. Do you see elite African philanthropy as concerned about human rights issues?

Something that's been in the news is the bill that went through the Ugandan Parliament outlawing homosexuality. Is that an issue of concern to your members or is it too political? Human rights and justice are very important issues to APF. Discrimination against any human being is a matter of justice. Whether on the matter of sexual orientation, religion, gender, tribe, race, it is a matter of justice. Collectively, as a network, we will continue to uphold the rights of every human being and educate our network to always choose the fight for justice.

What do you think can be done by Ugandan philanthropists or philanthropists who want to show solidarity with Uganda?

As I said earlier, access to information plays a huge role in helping philanthropists determine how to give strategically and meaningfully. Our role at APF is to create spaces for issues affecting human rights to be discussed, in order to allow for philanthropists in Uganda and beyond to understand ways in which they can support the rights of their citizens.

In your role as a philanthropist in your own right, what are the areas that have really inspired you?

My sweet spot is education. I'm chair of both Teach for Nigeria and Teach For All, they are education NGOs that are focused on mobilizing young talented graduates to expand educational opportunities for children in underserved schools by teaching for two years, while developing the necessary leadership needed for the education ecosystem, to deliver on its promises of education to all children in Nigeria, Africa and across the world. With a population growth that will see us having 2.5 billion people in 20 to 25 years from now, the only way we're going to get out of the challenges we see today across the world is honestly through investing in the development of our human capital. We need people to be well educated, with the knowledge, mindset, values and skills needed to succeed but

also to contribute positively to the development of themselves and their communities. We need to provide an education experience that helps all our citizens to make the right choices. The truth is the quality of education of any nation will never supersede the quality of its leadership or democracy. For example, in elections across the continent, people are still voting based on ethnicity and religion. We can't build the Africa we want through such mindsets. We need to make sure that through holistic education, people will vote for competency, values and will therefore vote for parties that they believe will create the change that we desire.

What strategies are you pursuing through your philanthropy to promote education in Nigeria?

It's a mix of things. The education system is fraught with so many complex external and internal challenges and there's not a single solution to address it. From infrastructure gaps, to outdated curriculum, to inadequate teaching and learning resources, to inadequate teachers, to poor teacher training and recruitment, to inefficient policies, to lack of technology, lack of parental support, to poor funding...I could go on and on. This is why I'm personally committed to Teach for Nigeria and Teach For All, I strongly believe that while in the short term, we need to provide all children regardless of their socio-economic background with good, quality, committed and passionate teachers, who will help them gain the academic and non-academic outcomes, we also need to build up the education system with leaders who can play diverse roles in solving the various challenges within the system in the long term. This is exactly what Teach for Nigeria and the Teach For All partner organisations are doing across the world. Personally, I have witnessed first-hand from my visit to schools in some of the most difficult environments in Nigeria, in Armenia and Nepal where children who never thought they would amount to anything gain scholarships, go on to university, and become leaders of themselves and their communities. It was teachers who made that happen—they gave them permission to dream! And what I find even more inspiring is what these teachers go on to do after teaching. Some of them have transitioned to launching social enterprises focused on education, launched schools, joined government agencies with the hope of influencing policies, remained as teachers in rural communities and many more. To me, this type of approach might

not yield the short term result we want to see, but we need to make this type of long-term investment for long lasting and sustainable impact. Also, Governments have to continue to make significant commitments to funding education and philanthropists need to work alongside them and other stakeholders within the education ecosystem to decide where they want to focus on. Poverty remains a key driver of educational inequities in my country, Nigeria, but also throughout the continent. For this reason, we really need to address the issue of income inequality, which is getting significantly wider.

You mention income and wealth inequality. How do you decide how much you should contribute philanthropically as a person with wealth?

My personal view about giving is there is no hard and fast rule. I see the gaps that are there and because I have a specific focus on education, I'm doing everything I can to make sure that we are funding schools and investing in the recruitment of teachers and school leaders. While I give funding to education, I also give my time, expertise and my network to support this cause which I'm wholly committed to. My principle has always been that to whom much is given, much is expected.

In the US, there's a Giving Pledge, where wealthy people are committing to give over half of their wealth. Do you think that model is not appropriate where you are?

From the perspective of strategic and organised giving, the US has a head start on the rest of us. In Africa, we're not there yet and APF exists to help build the mindset and education needed to make this happen. Philanthropists on the continent are not wired to give strategically as it is done in the US. While I believe we will get there, it will only require our consistent efforts to ensure we get there as soon as possible.

Africa is one of the places which is bearing the brunt of climate change that it is not responsible for because much of the emissions have been from the Global North. That said, Nigeria, has a complicated relationship with extractive fossil fuel industries. And you, as a lawyer, have acted for multinational companies. How do you navigate between extraction and climate impacts?

While we must recognize that oil is not the only way to sustainable wealth, it's too early to discuss how those of us in Africa will stop exploration and production of fossil fuels especially as we bear the brunt but are not responsible for the majority of the emissions. I am a proponent of transitions and that means exploring what it means to go beyond oil while recognizing the reality at hand and planning for the future. We do need to begin to realistically divert from oil, but Africa must have a realistic transition plan that is equitable and culturally contextual.

There are some arguments that more money should be going to local communities and civil society, as opposed to larger NGOs. What do you think about that as an approach to giving?

The truth is those who are closer to the challenges and problems we want to solve on the continent are better positioned to solve them. Africans know what their needs are, have a deeper understanding of the nuances of the challenges, have the local relationships to make lasting change and know their demographics better than people who are making decisions in New York or London. We believe at APF that we are closer to our people and better placed to identify the needs and opportunities for collaboration. This is what inspired StartPoint, a platform launched by APF to connect funders to local NGOs proximate to the issues.

You bring perspectives from different places. One of them is as a trustee of the Ford Foundation which is doing some very interesting things not just in the US but also in Africa. How has that experience been for you?

Ford as you know, has four regional offices on the continent in Lagos, Nairobi, Cairo and in Johannesburg. Through those offices, it has a grasp of the challenges facing our communities and an understanding of the kind of support that the continent requires. It also has a particularly visionary leader in Darren Walker, whose views around equal justice are unflinching. I believe Ford remains committed to the issues that are important for our world.

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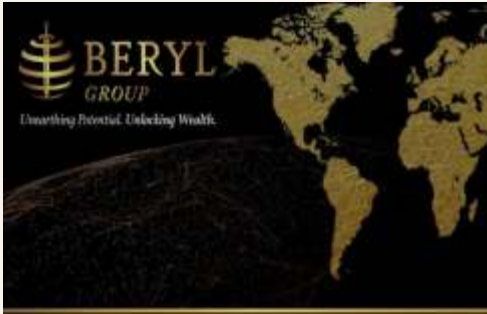
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