

# Building synergies between local and international philanthropy 10th August 2023

CivSource Africa, on 10th August 2023, hosted an event aimed at fostering collaboration and cross-learning between international private philanthropy foundations and local community foundations. The theme of the meeting was “Building Synergies between International and Local Philanthropy.” It covered the contributions of international private philanthropy foundations and local community foundations to the long-term resilience of civil society in Uganda. The engagement was a strategic meeting aimed at reconciling what international private philanthropy foundations can learn from local community foundations and vice versa. The half-day meeting was attended by international private philanthropy and community foundation actors in Uganda.

The background creating the need for synergy building is that, in Uganda, community foundations, funded locally, have built a network of local funders. However, this notwithstanding, community foundations still largely exist outside of the international development aid framework, yet they play a crucial role in supporting local development projects. To address these challenges, some solutions were suggested for the purpose of establishing more equitable partnerships between international private donors and local community foundations including co-creation between local community foundations, donors, and communities, capacity strengthening, shared learning, and participatory (and flexible) grantmaking that gives communities the room to sustainably undertake projects.

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