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Introduction

About CivLegacy Foundation

CivLegacy Foundation (CLF) is the non-profit arm of [CivSource Africa](#), a philanthropy support organization at the intersection of philanthropy and civil society in Africa. CivLegacy Foundation directly contributes to CivSource Africa's vision of "Philanthropy that works and Civil Society that thrives" and her mission "To refine the practice of philanthropy and the footprint of civil society in Africa".

The foundation is committed to nurturing a more sustainable, effective and connected civil society, that advances the dignity and voices of all people, through promoting reflective, responsive and accountable philanthropic practice. Its work is grounded in a deep appreciation of human rights, a passion for social justice and a belief in the key role of philanthropy and civil society in shaping a better Africa. Core interventions span the areas of promoting local philanthropy, fostering collaboration, facilitating leadership strengthening, providing opportunities for learning and exchange to enhance the capacities of civil society organizations, social mobilizers and leaders to consistently deliver on their mandate.

Project Name: A Situational Analysis of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights African Organizations and INGOs working in East and Southern Africa

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Background

The current public and global health system and its existing hierarchies have been shaped by histories of slavery and colonialism and are rooted in multiple and intersecting forms of exclusion. It has been argued that efforts to advance Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) should incorporate a reproductive justice lens to address the structural impacts of slavery and colonialism that are linked to negative health outcomes and disruptions in access to affordable quality care. Funding is one of the levers of exercising colonial control over SRHR. For instance, there is a broad hierarchical divide, where Western institutions control most funding for global health research. Thus, decolonizing SRHR will require doing the same for funding to the sector.

A variety of philanthropic actors are talking about, and to a lesser extent, testing approaches to “localizing” and shifting decision-making power and resources to the Global South in their grantmaking strategies. Since 2020, there have been very public debates and consciousness-raising about what it would mean to decolonize aid and philanthropy. Specifically, what we fund, whom we fund, and how we fund. This unearthing has led to more concrete calls to disrupt the many manifestations of coloniality in philanthropic practice meaningfully.

This moment has allowed champions of transformative intersectional justice within philanthropy to use this external pressure to push for more inclusive and equitable strategy development and grantmaking practices and processes in their work. Part of this work is centered on efforts to ensure access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights. The Hewlett Foundation has invested in Senegal and Uganda where decolonial feminist approaches are being used in SRHR work. In addition to these progressive approaches and ideologies on philanthropic practice, the CivLegacy Foundation is desirous of supporting SRHR organizations that incorporates a decolonial feminist lens.

Examples of these include scholars in Senegal who are investigating current post-abortion care practices and antiabortion laws. Their research highlights two points; the first being the fact that post-abortion care practices and antiabortion laws are deeply rooted in colonial-era anti-abortion law and population control ideologies that focus on women’s fertility rates over their reproductive aspirations. The second point is that these practices are reinforced by current global anti-abortion policies and norms like the previous US Helms amendment and the most recent Dobbs decision that are backed by Western anti-rights and anti-gender justice fundamentalists. The foundation has also seen Ugandan, activists center intersectional feminist education/consciousness-raising instead of traditional reproductive health advocacy as a strategy to counter the outsized influence of conservative political, religious, and cultural forces within the Global North and South opposed to SRHR and who influence national governments’ ability to be accountable to their citizens. It’s pertinent to note that this kind of work has not been traditionally funded by family planning and reproductive health funders because their causal pathways to standard development indicators are not framed in quick wins and activity-based outputs.

It is against this background that the CivLegacy Foundation would like to undertake a situational analysis that gathers data collected by researchers focusing on decolonizing philanthropy for SRHR within East and Southern Africa as well as mapping researchers, organizations, and leaders championing the work of decolonization within their funding and civil society organizing practices in specific countries within the two regions.

To accomplish this, we are seeking to recruit a consultant or teams of consultants who will undertake this project. The selected consultant(s) will work for a period of six (6) months in collaboration with CivLegacy Foundation's Philanthropy Program.

Purpose of the Consultancy

The objective of the consultancy is to undertake a comprehensive situational analysis aimed at gathering data on local and international organizations in Africa engaged in critical examination and transformation of philanthropic endeavors aimed at enhancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), particularly in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. Furthermore, this analysis aims to map out the landscape of researchers, organizations, and leaders advocating for the imperative process of decolonization within their philanthropic funding structures and the nuanced frameworks of civil society organizing practices specifically within the regions of East Africa and Southern Africa. The study is intended to systematically examine and evaluate the relevant data to understand existing challenges, opportunities, and trends relating to philanthropy and SRHR organizing within the selected countries. The study has the following specific objectives:

1. Exploring the colonial roots of philanthropic practices and their implications on funding SRHR in the regions.
1. Analyzing current grantmaking strategies for SRHR and their alignment with decolonization principles.
2. Identifying specific practices and policies that reinforce colonial legacies and recommend alternatives.

Scope of Work and Deliverables:

The selected consultant(s) will be responsible for the following:

1. A Research Report on decolonizing SRHR practices within organizations in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.
2. A profile of researchers, organizations, and leaders championing the work of decolonization within their funding and civil society organizing SRHR practices in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.



Methodology

In collaboration with the CivLegacy Philanthropy Program team and strategic partners, the consultant(s) will incorporate the following elements into undertaking the situational analysis:

- 1. Interviews, focus group discussion, and surveys:** The methodology seeks to critically analyze the conducting of in-depth interviews, focus group interviews, surveys, discussions, and analyses to understand the context and funding landscape of SRHR organizations in the selected countries.
- 2. Case Studies:** Select and analyze case studies of organizations in the selected counties highlighting their ideological approaches, strategies, outcomes, and lessons in challenging structural and institutional biases in funding SRHR. These case studies will aim to capture and showcase examples of the organizations in the selected countries undertaking a decolonial lens to their work.
- 3. Synthesis and Reporting:** Synthesize the findings from the literature review, interviews, surveys, case studies, and data analysis into a comprehensive report. The report should present a clear narrative of the journey of philanthropy within the continent, highlighting its impact, lessons learned, and recommendations for future strategies and approaches particularly how it relates to SRHR organizing.

Duration of the Consultancy

The duration of the consultancy for this assignment is set across a period of 6 months, with the ideal start date being March 2024 and the end date being August 2024. During this time, the consultant will be expected to complete various tasks and deliverables as outlined in the table below.

Deliverable	Timeline
Comprehensive Report	June 2024 – August 2024
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Inception report that expands on the process that will be taken to undertake a situational analysis of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights African Organizations and INGOs working in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.2. First Draft of the Report that:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Explores the colonial roots of philanthropic practices and their implications on funding SRHR in the selected countries.b. Contains a profile of organizations utilizing a decolonial lens in SRHR practice and organizing in the selected countries.c. Analyzes the current grantmaking strategies for SRHR and their alignment with decolonization principles.d. Identifies specific practices and policies that reinforce colonial legacies and recommend alternatives.3. Final Report that provides a mapping, and assessment of the context of NGOs and INGOs undertaking SRHR work in South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.	

Management of the consultancy

CivLegacy Foundation's Philanthropy Program will oversee the execution of this work and coordinate the day-to-day activities. They will establish an administrative and technical support mechanism, including compiling and forwarding all the necessary project documents.

Evaluation Criteria

CivLegacy seeks a consultant(s) with a deep understanding of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights organizing and funding ecosystem in Africa.

1. The consultant/s should hold an Advanced university degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Law and/or any related degree.
2. Existing knowledge of key actors, initiatives, and networks within Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and funding ecosystem.
3. Existing networks/relationships within the African SRHR organizations and/or philanthropic ecosystem.
4. Proven research experience in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights and/or philanthropy.
5. Proficiency in qualitative and quantitative research methods
6. Familiarity with the subject matter and have undertaken similar work.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should email the Philanthropy Program Lead via info@civsourcea.com with an expression of interest letter, brief technical proposal, financial proposal, CV/CV(s), and/or an overview of previous experiences in a similar capacity. Please use the subject line 'Consultancy: Situational Analysis of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights African Research Organizations and INGOs working in East and Southern Africa'.

