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Hello Reader!!

Welcome to the highly anticipated second edition of the CivSource Quarterly Newsletter. We are delighted to have this opportunity to keep you up-to-date with the latest developments and exciting endeavours taking place at CivSource Africa.

Get ready to embark on a journey with us as we unveil the extraordinary highlights from our wow moments in the year 2023.

CivSource Africa Connects

[A Journey of 1,000 Miles... Our Steps to AGAG](#)

Africa Grantmakers' Affinity Group's (AGAG) provided a space to reconnect with old friends and forge new alliances. During the AGAG convening, we proudly showcased our role as a philanthropy advisory organization and shared CivFund's unique approach to grant-making. With Lillian leading the way, we emphasized our ethos of flexibility, accessibility, and responsiveness, underpinned by our unwavering commitment to uplift civil society from the grassroots upward.



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The 8th EAPN Conference in Zanzibar:

Relive the incredible moments from the 8th EAPN Conference in Zanzibar! During a strategy meeting for the African Philanthropy Network (APN), we delved into our history to understand the formation of APN. From our beginnings, we explored the value proposition of the network, membership dynamics, and addressing issues of power in the global development arena. We recommitted to the vision and mission of the network, amplifying the voice and action for African philanthropy.



Witness the inspiring moments captured by the CivSource Africa Team at the 8th East African Philanthropy Conference in Zanzibar! From engaging discussions to impactful networking, we immersed ourselves in the power of philanthropy in East Africa. Together, we celebrated the collective efforts and innovative solutions that are transforming lives and communities across the region.



Young women shaping philanthropy through debate: Elle Parle women’s open hosts 3rd edition.

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Decolonizing aid conversations: Who Pays the Piper:

Check out “Who Pays the Piper,” a synthesis report on decolonizing aid conversations.

Gain valuable insights into reshaping the aid landscape and addressing power dynamics in global development:

[To read full report click here:](#)

Season 11 of our Comm-UNITY Podcast Series!

With each new season, we strive to bring you thought-provoking discussions, inspiring stories, and insightful interviews with prominent change-makers.



[To listen to our latest episodes, click here:](#)



Reimagining Philanthropy: Envisioning the Future - Insights from the East African Philanthropy Forum

The East African Philanthropy Network (EAPN), in collaboration with CivSource Africa and Philanthropy Forum for Uganda, hosted a dynamic in-person forum for philanthropy practitioners in Uganda. Themed “Reimagining Philanthropy, Envisioning the Future,” the event aimed to foster discussions on transforming philanthropic practices.

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Supporting uganda’s community foundations movement: a pilot experience

We are excited to share the transformative journey of our pilot experience in supporting Uganda’s community foundations movement. Stay tuned for inspiring stories, remarkable successes, and invaluable lessons as we work together to empower communities, nurture philanthropy, and create lasting change.

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Watch Out Here We GROW_i;

Succession, legacy, and footprint. The last mile with GROWers

Discover the role of pacers in leadership and explore the GROW_i mentorship and coaching program, an ideal place to utilize pacers and reach your desired goals and leadership potential.

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The GROW_i Cohort 2 Graduation: A Journey Worth Taking!

On June 3rd, 2023, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of our GROW_i graduates at Protea Hotel by Marriott Kampala. Distinguished guests, including the esteemed U.S. Ambassador to Uganda, Natalie E. Brown, and the inspiring Apostle Moses Mukisa, graced the event. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as we honored the graduates' one-year journey, meticulously organized with thoughtfulness and intentionality. Read the full article to relive the elation and enthusiasm of the GROWers.



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Let's Talk! Akaboozi Session with GROWers



On April 29th, 2023, the GROWi community created a safe space to talk during the 'Akaboozi session with GROWers.' Just like any other community, we sat in a circle, shared a cup of tea, and engaged in conversations about our roses and thorns, what excited us, what we were grateful for, and our leadership journeys.

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Growing Ourselves to Grow Leaders...

At CivSource Africa, our profound passion lies in nurturing exceptional leaders who excel both individually and in guiding their organizations. In the second quarter, our esteemed leadership team had the privilege of embarking on a retreat alongside the Mopane Leadership program team. This valuable experience provided an opportunity for reflection upon the lessons learned, refining and expanding our leadership offerings, and contemplating our methodology and practice.

The team embraced the challenge of not only talking about effective leadership but also actively embodying it, questioning how we lead as we support the growth and development of leaders. As the saying goes, a good leader doesn't simply show the way but also walks the way. At CivSource Africa, we strive to exemplify this principle, drawing insights from both our successes and failures. We derive immense joy and fulfillment from collaborating with leaders, an experience that both humbles and rewards us.

[To explore more about our leadership work and offerings, click here:](#)



Breaking Bread Together...

We took a moment to connect with the leaders at CivSource Africa during a gathering filled with laughter and conversations about self. It was our way of showing appreciation and acknowledging the individuals beyond their work, getting to know and connect with the much more.

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Change Ready the CivSource Way

Succession and transition are crucial in empowering civil society leadership. At CivSource Africa, we understand their significance and have gained valuable insights into effective management during transformative periods. Our customized approach honours each organization’s unique path and journey towards success:

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Word from our Rotational CEO (July – October 2023)

We are delighted to introduce Malcolm Twino Mpmamizo, the incoming CEO of CivSource Africa. In his inspiring message, he emphasizes the mission to explore uncharted territories, initiate bold conversations, and challenge societal norms for meaningful and lasting social change. Malcolm’s words embody the core values of D.A.R.E. - Dignity, Audacity, Reliability, and Equity. Read his full message and be inspired by his vision for the future.

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[To read more about Change Ready the CivSource way click here:](#)

Walking! Connecting! Talking with leaders: The Tribe is Growing!

Our CEO wow continues to Walk. Talk and connect with inspiring leaders.



[For more information about Change Ready options at CivSource Africa click here:](#)

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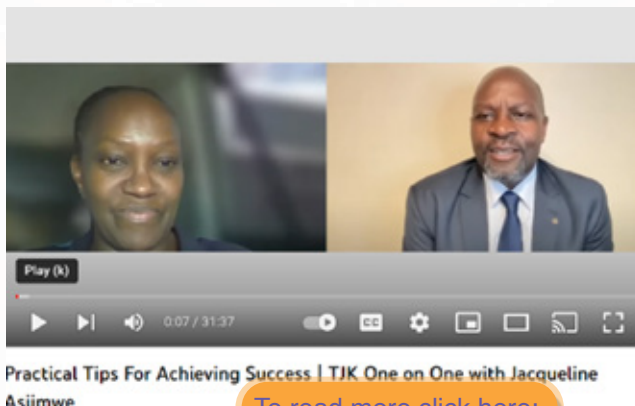
I am grateful for the opportunity to meet new people and get new insights!

- Jackie Asimwe



Success tips with Jackson Kaguri Twesigye:

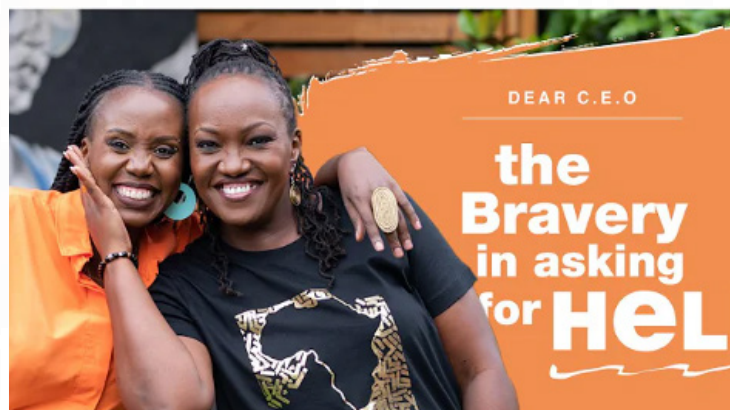
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Dear CEO with Qweshunga: “My people perish from a lack of knowledge.”

— Jackie Asimwe

CEO at CivSource Africa quotes Hosea 4:6 as she discusses the importance of reading and cultivating a reading culture in the workplace as a CEO.



Watch the full #DearCEO episode here:

CivSource South Africa Connects

Accelerating AfCFTA: Uniting Africa for Progress and Prosperity



On May 24th, 2023, distinguished practitioners, academics, and enthusiastic participants gathered in person and online to commemorate Africa Day. The focus was on accelerating the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) as a solid foundation for Africa’s progress while addressing current challenges. The event, held in Johannesburg, brought together diverse attendees from various networks and organizations.

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Dialogue: South Africa’s premier annual CSR conference on ESG

The Dialogue Business in Society Conference, South Africa’s premier annual CSR conference, focused on important developments across the corporate responsibility sector, with a specific emphasis on the ‘S’ in ESG. The conference provided a platform for corporates and non-profit organizations to share knowledge and collaborate on sustainable business practices. Topics such as the just energy transition, digital inclusivity, catalysing impact in the green economy, and inclusive philanthropy were discussed.

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CivFund visits KCDF:

Building a brighter future for East Africa, fostering resilience, and unlocking the full potential of civil society. During the visit, CivFund-Africa representatives had an opportunity to gain insights into KCDF’s perspective on endowment fund building, helping to further strengthen partnerships and drive impactful change.



Image caption: Pictured from right to left, we have: Bwire Mugeni: KCDF’s Programmes Coordinator - Financial Resilience Resource Hub, Lillian Tamale: Head of CivFund-Africa, Grace Maingi: KCDF’s Executive Director, Catherine Kiganjo: KCDF’s Team Leader - Organizational Development & Education, Esther Ndengwa: KCDF’s Finance Manager, Bobby Olwol: CivFund-Africa Operations Lead

Kuonyesha Art Fund Connects: The SFF Partners Gathering

In May, the Segal Family Foundation organized a memorable gathering hosted by Fundi Bots, bringing together SFF partners from across the country. This event served as a platform for exchanging ideas, gaining valuable insights, and cultivating meaningful relationships. It was an opportunity for our partners to connect, share their experiences, and strengthen their collective impact. To read more on how we are fostering a vibrant ecosystem that empowers communities and drives positive change through the power of art.



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Connecting with Zishaye Grass root fund partners:

[To read more about Zishaye Grass Foot Fund click here:](#)



Empowering Grants Management in the Heart of Barcelona

The UNITE SmartSimple Conference 2023 held in Barcelona provided an unparalleled platform for industry leaders and SmartSimple users to explore the forefront of grants management. With engaging activities, enlightening discussions, and exposure to cutting-edge technologies, participants left equipped with new ideas and perspectives to enhance their work. For the CivSource Africa and CivFund team, this conference was a transformative experience that will shape their approach to grants management and strengthen their commitment to excellence.



Q2 Retreat Review: Unearthing the Hidden Outcomes from Our Work

We are excited to share the highlights of our impactful Q2 Retreat, themed “Unearthing the Hidden Outcomes from Our Work.” This transformative experience allowed us to reflect on our collective achievements, celebrate successes, and explore the profound impacts of our efforts. We recognized the importance of small steps and hidden outcomes that create lasting positive change. Moving forward, we are committed to valuing not only visible outcomes but also the intangible shifts that occur beneath the surface.



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Celebration Moments:



Sometimes, the most valuable outcomes are not the ones that are immediately apparent. Unearthing the hidden outcomes requires curiosity, reflection, and a willingness to explore beyond the surface. It is in these discoveries that we often find the true essence and impact of our endeavors.



Value Champion:

As we gathered for our second quarter retreat, we took the opportunity to celebrate Barbara Sematimba Chief Steward CivSource south Africa as our Value Champion for the quarter, an exemplar of reliability whose contributions continue to inspire us all.

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Photo moments:



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updates and
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as we continue
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