## WHAT KIND OF PARTNER ARE YOU?

## A visit to CivSource Africa from the Liliane Funds team

**The Liliane Fund's dream for the future:** Children and young people with disabilities participate equally and as fully as possible. At home, in games and sports, at school, at work and in the community in general. Their lives have the highest possible quality. That is the vision of the Liliane Fund, or our dream for the future.

The Liliane Funds, an organisation based in the Netherlands and has been in existence since 1980, together with the <u>Katalemwa Cheshire</u> <u>Home for Rehabilitation services</u>, recently visited CivSource Africa. The conversations revolved around understanding each entities interests and areas of operation and what kind of partner they each viewed themselves as. Kenneth from the Katalemwa Cheshire Home attested to the staying power of the Liliane Fund as they had been in partnership since 2010.

Eight out of ten children with disabilities live in the poorest parts of the world. They are often not seen as fully fledged and face prejudice and exclusion. As a result, they do not get enough opportunities to develop, receive education and build an independent life. They are hindered by their disability, but also by social exclusion. Their biggest limitation is the lack of a fair opportunity. The Liliane Fund improves the quality of life and future opportunities of these children. Together with local partner organizations, Liliane Fund make their living, playing and learning world more accessible and contribute to an inclusive society in which participation is possible despite a disability.

As the morning conversations wound down, there was no doubt that <u>CivSource Africa</u>, <u>CivFund</u>, and Liliane Fund both had a passion and heart for community, big dreams and were optimistic about the future!

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