YEAR IN REVIEW - 2016

In 2016, the Kenya Philanthropy Forum (KPF) set out to meet the objectives it set out in 2015, in promoting recognition of philanthropy in Kenya. Below is a highlight of these achievements:

OBJECTIVE 1: TO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS AMONG THE PHILANTHROPY ACTORS THROUGH BUILDING SYNERGIES AND LEVERAGING INVESTMENT RESOURCES FOR GREATER IMPACT.

• **Data Forums** were held in April and June respectively with a focus of building a collective philanthropy data strategy. The strategy will help the sector to demonstrate its contribution to Kenya’s development. From these forums; priority areas in developing a collective data system were approved. EAAG in partnership with KPF secured technical support from the Foundation Centre to support a local data system. A great success of this is the establishment of working groups that will facilitate the implementation of the data strategy.

• **Education Forum** was held in March amongst philanthropy actors working in the Education Sector. Members were able to identify key areas for Philanthropy to consolidate their efforts within the sector. For details on the process of synergizing efforts in Education sector [Click here](#).

In 2017, focus will be on finalizing the data capacity building programs to support KPF members and establishing a mechanism of sharing data among KPF members. [Click here](#) for a detailed report and deliberations on the Philanthropy Data strategy.

2016 MILESTONES

• KPF has brought together more than 60 foundations and trusts to be part of its membership, including private, corporate and community foundations.

• Inputs into the Public Benefits Organizations Act policy dialogue forum with the Ministry of Planning and Devolution.

• Secured technical support from the Foundation center to support a local data system for philanthropy.

• Successful running of two working groups on Education and Philanthropy data...
OBJECTIVE II: POSITIVELY ENGAGE NATIONAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER MULTILATERAL PARTNERSHIPS TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICIES AND PROACTIVELY RESPOND TO DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES BY FOSTERING MULTI STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATIONS- TO ENHANCE A FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR GROWTH AND IMPACT OF PHILANTHROPY IN KENYA.

- **Launch of the Guidelines for Effective Philanthropy Engagement (GEPE):**
  The Kenya Philanthropy Forum, participated in the Launch of an initiative to pilot the Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement in Kenya, at the Office of the Deputy President. The initiative brings together government, philanthropy, development agencies, private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders to pursue development goals on the basis of their respective comparative advantages. The Government of Kenya through the SIFA initiative (Social Investment Focused Agenda) in conjunction with the SDG Philanthropy Platform, UNDP, OECD netFWD, key philanthropy organizations, including EAAG and Kenya Philanthropy Forum as well as other development stakeholders, continue to engage in advancing this initiative. Details of the launch can be accessed here.

- **Promoting an enabling environment for Philanthropy through the PBO Act 2013:** 2016 saw the PBO Act face another year on non-commencement. The context was a mix of judicial action against the commencement, review of proposed amendments as well as the change in management of the NGO sector from the Ministry of Devolution to the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government.

  The Kenya Philanthropy Forum continued to engage in constructive dialogue with a focus of safeguarding the interests of the philanthropy sector as stipulated in the Act. Apart from engaging the Ministry of Devolution and Planning, philanthropy actors have engaged with other public benefit organizations at the Public Benefits Organization Summit, towards realizing the protection of civic space. Detailed report of the PBO Summit where these deliberations were shared can be found on http://bit.ly/2eFgDR6

  In 2017, the Forum endeavors to have strategic engagements that will strengthen philanthropy sector’s engagement in safeguarding civic space, as well as strengthening the regulatory framework for philanthropy to thrive.

  **Strengthening collaboration between philanthropy and the Ministry of Education:** Fruitful deliberations were held in May with the Ministry of Education committing to establish a joint working group with philanthropy sector to harness philanthropy support in the Education Sector.

  The KPF Education working group in 2017 will focus its efforts towards pursuing this partnership alongside strengthening the Forum’s joint actions. A detailed report on this can be accessed here!

- **Participation in International and Regional Meetings:** Second High Level Meeting on global Partnerships, Development Partners Forum and UNDAF

  The Kenya Philanthropy Forum has been able to engage at regional and international meetings, with a focus of advancing its agenda of sharing on the role philanthropy has played in towards the SDGs and Kenya’s Development. Philanthropy presence at the Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (HLM2), attests to the need for emerging and innovative approaches to tackle development and improve lives as highlighted in the Nairobi outcome document.
OBJECTIVE III: TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING TO PHILANTHROPY ACTORS IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.

- **Establishment of sub groups/Working Groups:** The Forum has successfully established sub groups on philanthropy data and Education. The sub groups have a role of providing thought leadership in the sub sectors, as well as providing guidance on the philanthropy sector participation, with the aim of increasing recognition of the philanthropy in development.

There are ongoing conversations towards establishing other sub sectors of Environment and Health. For those interested in participating in any of the subgroups feel free to get in touch with Susan Odongo on susan.odongo@kcdf.or.ke

OBJECTIVE IV: TO STRENGTHEN COLLECTIVE RESEARCH, COLLATION OF DATA, DOCUMENTATION, PEER LEARNING, SHARING OF INFORMATION AND BEST PRACTICES FOR GREATER INFLUENCE AND IMPACT OF THE PHILANTHROPY SECTOR.

- **Launch of the philanthropy report – How Kenyans Give:**
  A nationwide study by the Yetu Initiative on motivations of Kenyans towards philanthropic giving was released in July 2016. The survey titled ‘Why Kenyans Give: A Nationwide Study on Philanthropic Behavior’ analyses the giving patterns of Kenyans in all 47 counties. Key amongst the findings is that Kenyans prefer to give to individuals rather than to organizations involved in community initiatives. Ninety-three percent of those surveyed had given to a cause in the last one year. The study was a national household survey, covering sample households in both urban and rural areas across all 47 counties in Kenya. View study report by clicking here.

- **Development of a KPF strategy:** as the year came to a close, the Forum facilitated a reflection meeting with a view of establishing key tenets that would support the Forum to engage effectively in 2017. The strategy will be shared with the rest of the Forum in the coming days for input and finalization.

BEREAVEMENT

2016 ended on a sad note with the passing on of Winnie Imanyara, Executive Director of the Housing Finance Foundation (pictured) and a champion of enhancing government - philanthropy collaboration. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family and the Housing Finance Foundation.
**NEXT STEPS – 2017**

In 2017, the Kenya Philanthropy Forum will focus on:

- Consolidating the interests of philanthropy in the Kenya Philanthropy Forum engagement strategy.
- Strengthening the capacity of philanthropy actors in data/knowledge management; result based management.
- Promote sector based engagements within the Kenya Philanthropy Forum.
- Influence policy agendas towards a conducive environment for philanthropy to thrive.

We look forward to getting members support to effectively achieve these planned objectives.

**APPRECIATION:**

Finally we wish to thank members who contributed towards making 2016 a successful year:

- African Wildlife Foundation
- Africa Cancer Foundation
- Akiba Uhaki Foundation
- Aga Khan Foundation
- Asante Africa Foundation
- Ambassador Francis Muthaura Foundation
- Chandaria Foundation
- East Africa Association of Grant makers
- Equity Bank Group Foundation
- Gertrude’s Children Hospital Foundation
- Global Education Fund
- Global Peace Foundation
- Grameen Foundation
- Haki Foundation
- Hilde Back Education Fund
- Housing Finance Foundation
- Jomo Kenyatta Foundation
- KCB Foundation
- Kenya Community Development Foundation
- KENGEN Foundation
- Kilele Foundation
- Mastercard Foundation
- Mwangaza Trust
- Optiven Foundation
- Safaricom Foundation
- SDG Philanthropy Platform
- Uraia Trust
- Viwango
- VSO Kenya
- Segal Family Foundation
- Rattansi Educational Trust
- Ford Foundation

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We look forward to having more members engaged and committed towards supporting the sector’s recognition and impact in the lives of Kenyans.

*Happy New Year!*

RPF Secretariat