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About Us

Our Vision
African citizens living with dignity in a sovereign, just, integrated and prosperous Africa with strong and effective institutions.

Our Mission
We exist to promote responsible citizenship and accountable leadership in addressing Africa’s most pressing challenges.

Our Theory of Change
Our theory of change holds that responsible citizenship and accountable leadership will enable societies to become more stable, more prosperous, more equitable, and just. We believe that if we leverage African and global philanthropic resources to strengthen these two levers and connect issues and connect constituencies, we will catalyze a movement for Africa’s transformation.

TrustAfrica is a Pan African foundation headquartered in Dakar, Senegal. We were founded with a commitment to strengthen African agency in addressing the continent’s most pressing challenges. We operate from a conviction that Africans must work together to set their own development priorities, informed by the aspirations of African citizens.

TrustAfrica’s programs have focused on strengthening democracy and democratic governance, promoting equitable development, and advancing African philanthropy. Our governance work has been anchored on a strong belief that for Africa to be stable and prosperous citizens must have a voice and actively participate in processes that shape the future of the continent. Our work in this field has included promoting democratic elections, supporting social movements and facilitating citizen participation, promoting transparency and accountability in governance, strengthening constitutionalism and the rule of law, upholding basic human rights and fighting against the culture of impunity.

Under our Equitable Development cluster, we have championed economic and social policies that lead to more inclusive and equitable economic development. This includes initiatives to promote small holder agriculture, with a particular focus on women small scale farmers. We have also supported initiatives to promote transparency, accountability and equity in natural resource governance, as well as domestic resource mobilization through fair taxation and curbing illicit financial flows. Furthermore, we have worked to mobilize African leaders around an agenda to transform the higher education sector in line with Africa’s needs, while promoting early learning innovations.

Through our African Philanthropy program, we have worked towards strengthening and broadening knowledge and understanding of the context, narratives, practice, and potential of African philanthropy to advance social justice in Africa. Our work has been anchored on the belief that by nurturing African philanthropy, the continent can reduce dependency on external resources and chart a more sustainable path to development. We view African philanthropy as part of agency that should be mobilized towards the realization of Africa’s transformation.
Our strategy and approaches

TrustAfrica’s current strategic plan for the period 2020 - 2024 is themed “Shaping the Future we Want for Africa” and is anchored by a set of interrelated approaches to support change leaders and frontline movements that are advancing systemic change. The main approaches in our toolbox to support this transformation include the following:

1) Capacity strengthening
   - working with partners to enhance capacity for civil society and social movements to be more effective in advocacy efforts for change and to advance equitable development and democratic governance in Africa.

2) Grantmaking
   - with a focus on engaging communities, building leadership and foregrounding the voices and experiences of marginalized groups. We have stewarded over US$80 million in support of African civil society organizations, awarding over 600 grants in 35 African countries.

3) Convenings and movement building
   - investing in hosting agenda setting convenings to facilitate generative conversations among key stakeholders relevant to our program areas of work. We use these convenings as a way to bring key stakeholders together to share knowledge, coordinate strategies and explore collaboration. Furthermore, we connect leading change agents, particularly women and youth seeking to advance gender, social justice, climate justice and economic justice, democratic governance, peace, and intra-African as well as international solidarity into a cohesive movement for collective impact.

4) Advocacy and campaigning
   - contributing to shifting policy and practice by engaging with policy processes and mobilizing and building movements for change.

5) Knowledge building
   - investing in research and reflections to build knowledge on specific themes/questions around the two project focus areas. The knowledge products are in the form of articles, research papers and policy briefs, as well as audio visual products.

6) Capacity strengthening
   - working with partners to enhance capacity for civil society and social movements to be more effective in advocacy efforts for change and to advance equitable development and democratic governance in Africa.
Highlights from our main program areas

African Philanthropy
During this period we had the following initiatives under our African Philanthropy Program – Community Immunity; African Philanthropy Conferences; Mapping the Philanthropy Support Ecosystem in West Africa; Reimagining Pan African and Feminist Philanthropies; and the African Social Movements and Organizing Campaign and Fund.
Pan African and Feminist Philanthropies Initiative (PAPF)

Reimagining pan-African and Feminist Philanthropies is an initiative driven by TrustAfrica and Urgent Action Fund – Africa in collaboration with a broad array of partners from the philanthropy ecosystem across the continent and globally. The initiative aims to advance a political vision, discourse and practice grounded in solidarity, mutuality, and collective humanity.

Following an initial convening in July 2022, and ongoing consultations thereafter, in February 2023, 80 prominent African and pan-African feminists, philanthropists and social justice activists convened over three days of dialogue and commitment-making in Naivasha, Kenya. The convening analysed the challenges and opportunities of our unique political moment and emerged with a radical vision of a world grounded in pan-African and Feminist values. The ongoing discussions have led to the development of an ideological grounding, reflected in core documentation that outlines a narrative framing underlying the initiative and an allied set of principles for collective action.

Additionally, commitments related to time, skills and new programmatic initiatives were made by participants, with further individual and institutional commitments of $520,000 to seed the establishment of a pan-African and Feminist Philanthropies Endowment, which aims to resource - in radically transformative ways - priorities, actions and systems that advance pan-African and Feminist agendas for a just society.

The fund and accompanying roadshow will be officially launched in June 2023, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where the African Union Commission has its headquarters. The immediate goal of the fund is to raise $25 000 000 of new money by the end of 2023, to be led and used by and for pan-African and feminist constituencies.
The 3rd African Philanthropy Conference, a collaboration among TrustAfrica, Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI), African Philanthropy Network, Southern Africa Trust, African Philanthropy Forum, HigherLife Foundation, and East African Philanthropy Network was held in August 2022 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference was convened under the theme “Systems Change and the New Normal in African Philanthropy: Trends, Practices, and Policies”, where the discussions centred on how African philanthropy was navigating beyond the COVID-19 pandemic by focusing on climate change, youth, and technology and systems in philanthropy’s practices. The annual conference and its eponymous African Philanthropy Academic Conference has become an important platform for philanthropy practitioners, academics, philanthropy support organizations, policymakers, social movements and other relevant actors to come together for generative discussions, knowledge building, experience sharing and strategizing towards strengthening the practice and impact of African philanthropy. During the Second African Philanthropy Conference, held in 2021, the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award was given to Akwasi Aidoo, a luminary in the field. This time, the award was given to Madam Graca Machel, another luminary in philanthropy.
Community Immunity

Community Immunity was a collaboration between TrustAfrica and its consortium partners African Philanthropy Network and Southern Africa Trust as an advocacy campaign, guided by a series of community-generated initiatives, aimed at mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 and flattening the curve of poverty and marginalization in Africa. The community immunity initiative leveraged the public appeal of well-known celebrities, artists, and civil society actors, as a platform to reach the un-reached and provide support to the most affected people in society by introducing the LiveStream4Africa concerts which were headlined musicians Baaba Maal, Yvonne Chaka Chaka, and Berita. Eight community organizations in East, Southern and West Africa also received small grants from the funds raised during this campaign. TrustAfrica also produced two documentaries to help in raising awareness of the issues that marginalized communities faced in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign came to an end in July 2022.

TrustAfrica also conducted a baseline study on the impacts of COVID-19 in marginalized communities. The study had regional dimensions, focusing on countries located in West, Central, and North Africa, which were of interest to the Community Immunity Initiative. Some of the findings include:

* Early and prompt intervention by governments aided in delaying the virus’s initial transmission. Their previous experience dealing with Ebola and other infectious outbreaks taught them the importance of decentralizing response to the community level and increasing the capacity to identify and diagnose cases.

* The response was largely cooperative, with nations banding together and pooling their resources to combat the outbreak. New continent-wide initiatives, and several cash-transfer programs, have demonstrated governments’ determination to achieve self-sufficiency through homegrown solutions.

* The study found increased intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), domestic and sexual abuse of women and girls, exacerbated particularly under lockdowns in 13 countries in Africa. Also, increased violence at the onset of COVID-19 in Cameroon, Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Chad, and the Central African Republic has led to an increase in persons forcibly displaced-exposing them to additional risk.
The pandemic has further deepened the low participation of women in political activities and decision making in most African countries; this is reflected in the increasing spike of gender-based violence at home and in communities.

* The spread of Covid-19 has fueled inequality among marginalized groups such as minorities and indigenous peoples in Guinea, Nigeria, Mauritania, Gambia, Senegal, Cabo Verde, Sierra Leone, Niger, and Côte d’Ivoire in terms of their housing and living conditions. Also, significant areas of agriculture, i.e., production systems, supply chains, and food commodity preferences and prices have been affected in Central Africa, West Africa, and North Africa.

* Several governments introduced short term or once off social protection measures to mitigate the impacts of Covid-19, especially during the lockdowns. Central and West African governments, including Liberia, Mauritania, Mali, Senegal, Chad, Gabon, Cabo, Central African Republic, Nigeria, and Ghana, embarked on free food distribution to vulnerable poor people.

* Across Africa, social protection responses to the pandemic primarily took the form of cash transfers to affected households and communities. Putting money directly into people’s pockets was an opportunity to address livelihood shocks and stimulate local economic activities.

[Watch the Baba Maal #Livestream4africa Concert]
West Africa Philanthropy Support Ecosystem project

TrustAfrica collaborated with WINGS in 2022 to engage in a participatory process to map and strengthen the local philanthropy support ecosystem in West Africa to engage philanthropy networks, support organizations, funders, and other relevant stakeholders from a set of West African countries. This process, through various preliminary virtual meetings and the first regional in-person convening in September 2022, has helped to identify the challenges and opportunities for developing a robust support ecosystem for giving and philanthropy in the region and to build a roadmap for self-owned and sustainable regional philanthropy development. The process is developing towards the establishment of a West Africa Philanthropy Network.

Open the West Africa Philanthropy Support Ecosystem Map on here Kumu
Democracy and Governance

Over this period TrustAfrica has had six main initiatives under the Democratic Governance program cluster, namely – 1) African Social Movements Program 2) Zimbabwe Alliance, 3) Gender Based Violence and Women’s Rights initiative 4) Discrimination based on Work and Descent (DWD) initiative 5) Security Sector Accountability project and 6) Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the African Union.

African Social Movements Program

TrustAfrica believes that it is important at this time of multiple intersecting global crises to foreground the search for alternatives in the voices and agency of ordinary people and communities across Africa that are engaged in struggles to solve some of the most pressing questions of our time including climate justice, gender justice, economic justice and political rights. Indeed, history shows us that alternatives emerge from the heat and light of concrete people’s struggles – as demonstrated by workers’ struggles that gave us the 5-day working week; Treatment Action Campaign and the important victories on access to essential medicines; and the Fees Must Fall movement and the significant gains secured around public financing of education - just to name a few examples. Equally, we have seen demonstrable impact of movements and social organizing on the political front with the fall of autocratic regimes and new democratic benchmarks in several African countries.

Accordingly, TrustAfrica works closely with sub-regional, regional, and international organizations in support of efforts to strengthen democracy, freedom of speech, Human Rights and Youth empowerment. TrustAfrica has continued to strengthen its collaboration with strategic partners to reinforce social movements struggling to make their voices heard. TrustAfrica is now driving efforts to facilitate donor collaboration in creating facilities of collaborative support towards social organizing.
2nd African Social Movements Baraza

TrustAfrica, in collaboration with the Center on African Philanthropy and Social Investments (CAPSI) of the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, and Wallace Global Fund, convened the 2nd African Social Movements Baraza (assembly) in October 2022 - gathering around 100 movement leaders and allies from 20 African countries to reflect on the global moment and on three intersecting areas of crises in this moment including energy and climate justice, politics and democracy, and the global economy and economic justice for Africa. The Baraza was convened with the following objectives:

* Engage the global moment and its implications for progressive struggles in Africa around democracy and civic space, economic justice, and the energy, climate and just transition agenda.

* Create a space for intergenerational experiences sharing and mutual learning among movement leaders, tapping into previous and other similar processes including the ASMBaraza 2018, African Feminist Academy, UPEC (Université pour un engagement citoyen) and other relevant processes.

* Facilitate a space for conversation between movement leaders and funding partners to honestly explore challenges and opportunities in this relationship with a view to inform how funding can more effectively support movement building and organizing.

* Provide an opportunity for critical skills building for movement leaders and explore ways to develop sustained frameworks for skills building and political education.

* Collectively strategize on developing a pan African framework of support to social movements aimed at strengthening organizing, networking, solidarity and joint campaigns.

Alongside the Baraza, and leveraging on the presence of funders at the meeting, TrustAfrica convened a Funders Roundtable creating a space for funders to collectively ask difficult questions and explore bold responses, including:

* What does it look like to put significant and substantive resources together to support African AGENCY as the primary goal?

* What does meaningful solidarity with social movements engaged in processes of reimagining the future and organizing in transformative ways look like?

* What is needed to enable philanthropy to deepen and sustain funding for intersectional constituency-led agendas? What can we do together to mobilize resources at the scale that is required to support African social movements and civic organizing at this time?

The ASMBaraza has become an important site for catalyzing a movement of funders committed to investing and accompanying African social movements.

Click here to watch the TownHall Series from the 2nd African Social Movements Baraza
Click here to read reflections of participants from the 2nd African Social Movements Baraza
African Social Movements Support initiative

TrustAfrica is leading efforts to strengthen and center social movements as part of building people power and agency in shaping the continent’s future. Through the African Social Movements Baraza, we have created space for movements from across the continent to meet and engage around the critical global political moment and explore ways to strengthen organizing for social transformation at this time.

Equally, we are driving efforts to facilitate donor collaboration in creating facilities of collaborative support towards social organizing. In March 2023, we convened a meeting of funders and social movement leaders to reflect on ways of unlocking massive support, including much more and better money for social movements.

The two-day meeting was held in Dakar, Senegal. We are happy to report a commitment from Ford Foundation, Southern Africa regional office to invest $1 million to support the initiative. Additionally, we have support from Wallace Global Fund who have invested in supporting funders and movement convenings that we are organizing around the initiative and have also made a commitment to support a massive campaign to build resources for African social movements and organizing over the next decade.
Zimbabwe Alliance
Zimbabwe Alliance is a donor-civil society collaborative working to strengthen civil society in Zimbabwe. Anchored by TrustAfrica and Wallace Global Fund, ZimAlliance has invested in supporting a vibrant constituency for transformation towards democracy and social justice in Zimbabwe, through the following signature initiatives:

**Movement Building** through:
* The Citizens' Manifesto convergence platform and the convening of the 4th National Citizens’ Convention in December 2021 themed “Let Art Speak” which provided artists with space to give inspired commentary on the socioeconomic and political developments in the country.
* Community Assemblies across four communities which are the Citizens' Manifesto's deliberative democracy model supporting communities to self-organize to respond to their development needs, including resisting mining evictions, hosting Interface Forums with relevant public authorities to demand public accountability and defend their rights.
* Collaboration with the Southern Africa People’s Solidarity Network (SAPSN) in the hosting of the SADC People’s Summit on the side-lines of the SADC Heads of State and Government Summit in Kinshasa, DRC in 2022.
* Supporting sustained civic actors consultation networking strengthening in Zimbabwe.

**Capacity Strengthening** through:
* The Political Economy Masterclass (PEMC) which was co-created by a cohort of civic partners in Zimbabwe including, Citizens' Manifesto, Gateway Zimbabwe, ZimCODD, LEDRIZ and SIVIO Institute which had 60 participants in its first edition.
* Wellbeing capacity, support, and accompaniment in 2022 to young people in Harare and Bulawayo who are dealing with substance abuse, unemployment and exclusion. This was in partnership with CFOR and under the Gateway Zimbabwe initiative, which is a collaboration between TrustAfrica, Kufunda Learning Village and ORAP.
* The Now Leadership Fellowship/ Warriors for the Human Spirit Fellowship's which was launched by Gateway Zimbabwe in March 2022 taking Gateway Zimbabwe Fellows to Cape Town, South Africa.
* The Make It Grow Videomaking Workshop out of which six video proposals were created and uploaded to a crowdfunding platform from which small community projects were started across six communities.
**Alternative Citizens Media** through:

* Citizens’ Voice Network (CVN) which is a media and information dissemination platform that is taking a leading role in curating media content that draws attention to the voices and plight of ordinary people. From service delivery, parliamentary proceedings, judicial issues and unjust detentions, corruption, and stories of citizen resilience and innovation the platform has brought the voices of ordinary citizens to the mainstream debate. The platform has become a reference point for journalists, activists and parliamentarians owing to its growing influence, the high-quality stories and community impact with growing viewership upwards of 2 million on TikTok, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Threads.

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**Arts and Culture** through:

* Piloting how artists can play pivotal roles in transformative processes by centering them and organizing processes around their input. ZimAlliance prototyped this as part of the 4th National Citizens’ Convention themed “Let Art Speak” which was co-created with a group of artists in 2021; and the Africa Day Commemorations in partnership with ZIMCODD in 2021 and 2022 where artistic performances brought to the fore reflections on the developmental questions facing the continent including debt, democracy deficits and illicit financial flows.
Gender Based Violence and Women's Rights Program

In view of the context linked to COVID-19, the risk of an increase in GBV was high and following approval from the donor, the decision was made to adjust the focus of the grant and support initiatives by local partners which came in response to the pandemic. The initiatives covered aspects related, amongst others, to sensitization on the increased risk of GBV in specific contexts (e.g. girls staying at home); identification, with the help of communities, of the different forms of violence that were recurrent during the pandemic in order to set up appropriate mechanisms to deal with them, and strengthening the leadership of women and promoting meaningful participation of women and girls in all decision-making processes in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak.

Grants were made to organizations in Mali, Burkina Faso and Senegal and sub-regional convenings and capacity enhancement sessions were held to discuss the challenges of the women's social movement in the focus countries and what need to be done to advance actions for a systemic change in favor of women's rights and to train key feminist leaders of the 3 target countries to sustain mobilization efforts on GBV work.
Discrimination based on Work and Descent (DWD) Initiative

Our work on Discrimination based on Work and Descent (DWD) Initiative in this period included:
* Becoming the pioneer organization in the fight against Discrimination based on Work and Descent by helping to create a strong pan-African alliance (African Network Against Discrimination Based on Work, Descent and Contemporary Slavery (ANDS), hosting the secretariat, and hosting a meeting in Dakar of the network to work on the strategy from which the 2nd Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD) People's Assembly was organized in June 2022 in New York. The strategy helped to prepare its members to better understand the UN system and to better network and advocate the right of DWD communities within the UN system.
* This was one of the biggest gatherings of the CDWD. It provided a unique opportunity for TrustAfrica and the African Network Against Discrimination Based on Work, Descent and Contemporary Slavery (ANDS) to participate actively in the global movement that fights against discrimination based on work and descent. This convening which brought together representatives of DWD communities from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, was a platform for the global community to speak with one voice against caste-based untouchability, slavery, forced labor, segregation, and extreme violence.

Participation in and support to the All-African Movement Assembly (AAMA2022) organized by Africans Rising from 29 to 31 August 2022 in Arusha, Tanzania where TrustAfrica hosted a session on Discrimination Based on Work, Descent and Contemporary Slavery which was captured as a key point for condemnation in the Kilimanjaro Declaration from the AAMA 2022.

Security Sector Accountability

The Security Sector Accountability (SSA) project was implemented TrustAfrica through four grantees with the sponsorship of the Open Society Foundations (OSF) to the tune of USD 100,000.00. The project was in response to the increased securitised nature of the enforcement of public health emergency measures implemented during the COVID 19 pandemic, leading to increased human rights violations by the security forces in Africa. The project was implemented in four countries – Nigeria (West Africa), Kenya (East Africa), DRC (Central Africa) and Zimbabwe (Southern Africa).

Four partners were engaged through an open call for applications to implement the project: namely African Centre for Strategy and Leadership (Centre LSD) - Nigeria, Civil Society Network (CSO Network) - Kenya, Youth Platform for the Development of Africa (YPDA) – Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights) – Zimbabwe.
**Milestones**

- Over 10,000 people reached through multi-stakeholder consultative initiatives/forums who then shared perspectives on the impact of the lockdown measures on vulnerable groups in four countries in four regions of Africa.

- 8,640 people engaged in DRC, including 3000 in Kinshasa, 2000 in Kongo-Central, 2000 in Haut Katanga, 800 North Kivu, 420 in Kasai Central, and 420 in Maniema.

- Through a consultative rapid assessment 350 respondents assessed the effects of the securitized lockdown measures on women in Kisumu County, Kenya. Safe platforms provided through two consultative forums facilitated engagement between women and National Gender and Equality Commission in Kenya, and women and journalists on the impact of security measures on women: also serving as training ground for monitoring further violations and setting up of women safety platforms in Kisumu County, Kenya.

- Key stakeholders such as the security sector, government, Ministry of Police Affairs, the media, and civil society were reached by the project in Nigeria.

- Consultative forums reached 57 vulnerable people from Gokwe, Kwekwe, Karoi and Magunje in Zimbabwe.

- Stakeholders such as the police, members of parliament and human rights institutions became accountable to citizens participating in engagements with citizens and took time to hear civil society positions.

- The outcomes of citizen consultations in Nigeria were submitted to the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights and incorporated into the advisory note developed by the National Human Rights Commission in Nigeria on human rights during emergencies.

- Evidence gathered during the project was used as part of civil society inputs in the parliamentary consultative hearings on the Complaints Mechanisms Bill targeting the security sector in Zimbabwe.

- Five written research products published plus a documentary to different stakeholders increasing evidence, knowledge, and publicity of the negative impact of securitized measures to contain COVID-19 in societies in Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Kenya, and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for empirical scrutiny of the securitized lockdown measures and their implementation and engagement with duty bearers on policy reform.
AU@20 Symposium

TrustAfrica in collaboration with the Institute for Pan African Thought and Leadership at the University of Johannesburg and CODESRIA, co-convened a symposium to mark the African Union's 20th anniversary. The symposium was held at the University of Johannesburg on 2 – 4 November under the theme: The AU@20 – Progress, Problems and Prospects towards Agenda 2063. The symposium reviewed the achievements made by the AU, but also the challenges facing it, including those of implementing the very good charters, protocols and common positions, as well as the financing of its programs.

African Youth Initiative

Our program footprint continues to expand as we secure new partnerships and renew old ones. Further to the Reclaim Sustainability initiative and the African Civil Society Support Initiative both of which came on board in the last couple of years, we can report positive news that we are at an advanced stage in finalizing a major partnership with focused on enhancing youth voices and participation in shaping the continent's future. The initiative will involve working with youth in 10 African countries and a massive youth engagement and convening process to enable African youths to express themselves on their aspirations and anxieties with regards to secure futures. We are currently in a co-creation phase and expect the project to kick off in the next programming year.
Equitable Development

During this period, TrustAfrica implemented four main initiatives under the Equitable Development program, namely – 1) Inclusive Sustainable Supply Chains and Trade - Reclaim Sustainability! 2) Illicit Financial Flows 3) the African Civil Society Support Fund and 4) the African Feminist and Macroeconomics Academy (AFMA).

Reclaim Sustainability! Program: Power of Voices - Making Supply Chains & Trade More Sustainable

The Reclaim Sustainability! Program (RS!) seeks to contribute to inclusive and sustainable supply chains and trade in which the interests, voices and rights of producers, workers and civil society are represented and heard in decision-making to ensure sustainable natural resources governance, fair value distribution, decent working conditions and sustainable consumption. The program is implemented in partnership with Solidaridad Network, FairFood (NL) and Business Watch Indonesia and funded by the Dutch Government. The Programme is working in 5 commodities, 9 countries across the 3 regions wherein TrustAfrica has convened national dialogue platforms and regional dialogues in the cocoa, tea, cotton & textiles sector with actors including policy makers, small scale farmers, women’s rights groups, journalists, private sector associations and others in Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Mozambique, Cote D'Ivoire and Sierra Leone.
## Milestones

- Building the capacity and network of CSOs, journalists and small-scale farmers in Sierra Leone
- Policy influencing and advocacy in Cote D'Ivoire around cocoa and palm oil
- Created policy briefs and basic information material on the Land Act 2020 in Ghana for traditional leaders and farmers
- Built the national dialogue (MSP) committees in the tea sector in Malawi and Mozambique
- Supported commodity workers' union to develop collective bargaining skills in Malawi and Mozambique tea sector.
- Facilitating public awareness campaigns on child labor, gender justice and NRG across the commodities.
Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs)

The overarching goal of TrustAfrica’s initiative to curb IFFs from Africa is to build an effective, informed, and concerted advocacy movement across Africa for accountable economic governance and to stem the tide of illicit financial flows from the continent.

African Journalists and Media Professionals Training Workshop on IFFs

TrustAfrica organized an African Journalists and Media Professionals Training Workshop on IFFs, held in Dakar, Senegal on 23 – 24 June 2022. The workshop convened participants from major media houses across the continent including allAfrica.com; AP; etc. The workshop covered topics that included conceptualizing IFFs from an African perspective, global and continental responses, the Common African Position on Asset Recovery, reporting on IFFs, role of the media, and case studies from selected African countries.

The workshop was followed by a public forum and engagement with civil society organizations to build support for the campaign to curb IFFs. Participants in the workshop decided to form an African Journalists Alliance against Illicit Financial Flows (AJAIF), which has elected a provisional coordinating committee and plans to increase reporting on IFFS from Africa.

Earlier in the year, TrustAfrica co-organized and participated in advocacy meetings around the January 2022 AU Heads of State summit in Addis Ababa. Engagements included meetings with UNECA, AU, CoDA as well as a side meeting attended by national, regional and international organizations where TrustAfrica presented the Keynote titled “Financing Africa’s Development in a Crisis – Trade, Investment, Debt and IFFs in Africa”.

Additionally, TrustAfrica has participated in and advanced the IFFs advocacy agenda at key forums bringing together civil society organizations and policymakers including – AU Heads of State Summit; SADC People’s Summit; Alternative Mining Indaba; Alternative World Water Forum; among other forums.
StopTheBleeding Campaign

TrustAfrica is co-founder of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign and led in mobilizing leading pan African institutions to collaborate around the campaign. Today the STB campaign is now the central platform for operationalizing collaboration and joint programming across 7 pan African organizations namely AFRODAD, TJN-A, FEMNET, NAWI, ITUC-A and TrustAfrica. As a leading member of the STB-Consortium, our activities have included organizing the relaunching of StopTheBleeding Campaign during the 2021 Alternative Mining Indaba as well as the West-Africa Multi-Stakeholder Convening on Tax, IFFs and the Extractive Sector where TrustAfrica presented on Multi-Stakeholder Platforms as an innovation for expanding collaboration between governments, private sector, civil society, multilateral agencies and other actors to address the challenge of IFFs in the extractive sector.

Under the Stop the Bleeding Campaign, TrustAfrica developed two policy briefs on “The State of Mineral Resources Governance in SADC and in East Africa. This was work being carried forward from full research reports that had been commissioned by AFRODAD, one of the consortium members. The purpose of the studies was to give a clear picture of mineral resource governance across the continent in terms of how the context, various initiatives, institutions, and different actors are shaping mineral resource governance in Africa and whether this is stopping the bleeding of resources from the African continent. The studies also sought to identify various trends, policy shifts, challenges as well as push the narrative for the need to improve mineral resource governance in Africa.

The target is for the findings of the studies to assist policymakers in the crafting of tailor-made strategies to address challenges emanating from the current context of mineral resource governance. The evidence gathered shall also be utilized by CSOs who work in the extractive sector on mineral resource governance in EAC, ECOWAS and SADC to compel governments to improve the mineral resource governance architecture. The policy briefs will be channelled on online platforms, the website, and social media site. We aim to take advantage of upcoming conferences as well to disseminate physical copies of the policy briefs.

An African Debt Campaign to 'Stop the Bleeding' - The Stop the Bleeding Consortium was awarded a US3 million grant by the Open Society Foundations on the Global Debt Campaign: “Debt Relief and Financing Economic Recovery in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries. The project will cover Pan-Africa Region (AU, AfDB, AUDA-NEPAD, UNECA, ACHPR); Sub-Regions (CEMAC, EAC, ECOWAS, SADC) and 10 African focus countries. The coordinating committee met in Nairobi on the 20-21 of March 2022 to finalize on the working modalities and an inception workshop was held in April 2022.

Additionally, as part of the Stop the Bleeding Campaign – TrustAfrica has produced a series of accessible popular education materials in the form of one pager flyers linking IFFs to relatable socio-economic issues, namely IFFs and Access to Education; IFFs and Access to Healthcare; IFFs and Access to Clean Energy; and IFFs and Access to Water.
Illicit Financial Flows and Young Women

TrustAfrica is working in partnership with Economic Justice for Women Project (EJWP) on a project titled “Strengthening young women’s voice and agency in advocating for tax justice and ending illicit financial flows in the extractive sector”. EJWP commissioned and produced a research paper on “The nexus between Illicit Financial Flows in the extractives sector in Zimbabwe & young women”. The research paper was launched on the 14th of December 2021 together with a documentary titled “Living on top of Wealth. The research confirmed, based on the lived realities shared by brave young women that indeed they bear the brunt of impacts of IFFs. The study then share approaches/recommendation on how young women can contribute to tackling IFFs and tax justice in Zimbabwe's mining sector and become a basis for ongoing advocacy efforts. An documentary has been produced from the study featuring voices from affected young women.

Africa Civil Society Support Initiative (ACSI)

The African Civil Society Support Initiative, a 3.5 year and USD 3.5 million initiative TrustAfrica started with the support of BMGF Global Policy Advocacy team invited Concept Notes from potential partners in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nigeria. The Africa Civil Society Support Initiative is a proactive support mechanism and networking platform for CSOs to increase institutional resiliency and sustain important advocacy campaigns in health and development policy and financial inclusion. This initiative seeks to provide core operational support funding for civil society organisations demonstrating a good record of accomplishment, especially in relation to policy advocacy and in elevating women's voices on health and development concerns in Africa.

The ACSI Fund has issued 7 grants to CSOs working in gender justice and health policy in Nigeria, Kenya, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia through a very competitive process and totalling US$ 659,000. Grantees have received their grants and have begun working on the same.
Operations, Human Resources and Institutional Development

Operational Support to Programs

As our program footprint grows, we are also strengthening the operational side to back up our programming and allow us to sustain the current growth trajectory. This entails strengthening our operations systems and processes to make them more efficient and responsive to enable us to better serve our constituencies and keep up with reporting obligations to our partners.

During the reporting period, we held an all-staff retreat which developed strong recommendations around the following key objectives:
* To review our strategy, half-way through the period it covers, considering the new context.
* To review our operations processes with a view to improving efficiencies.
* To review our grantmaking procedures with a view towards greater agility and participatory frameworks.
* To assess and strategize on how to better measure and communicate our impact
* To strengthen team spirit and collaboration across the institution as well as attract and retain the best talent.
* To review and examine ways of improving our resource mobilization strategies.

Midway through our current strategic plan, the review noted significant progress in implementing the strategic aims set out under our 3 program areas, namely – Equitable Development; Democracy and Governance; and African Philanthropy.

Human Resources

With the launch of new programs, we are also growing our human resources. We have recruited several new program officers, associates and consultants to support ongoing work. We have also recruited a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer to strengthen our tracking and measuring of results. The recruitment of a new Operations Director is underway.

Senior Fellows Programme

TrustAfrica is happy to report the launch of a Senior Fellows Programme.

The TrustAfrica Shaping the Future Fellowship is a funded short-term opportunity embedded within TrustAfrica’s work program to give space for reflection and knowledge production on key themes related to the future we want for Africa. It is structured into three categories.
- 3 months – TrustAfrica provides a small grant; with the expectation of a brief write up sharing key insights on the particular area of reflection.
- 6 months – TrustAfrica provides a medium-sized grant; with the expectation of a more elaborate write up sharing key insights on the particular area of reflection.
- 12 months – TrustAfrica provides a substantive grant; with the expectation of in-depth research and write-up on the particular area, including the possibility of a book.

For more information on the Fellowship email info@trustafrica.org.
**SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

- *The world at a turning point: Will philanthropy rise to the task of the moment*
- *Our Giving: African Philanthropy and the Narrative Divides*
- *Philanthropic Privilege and Constituency Agency*
- *Working Towards a West African Philanthropy Support Ecosystem*
- *Read all the articles and blogs about the Pan-African and Feminist Philanthropies initiative in Alliance Magazine*

**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

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