

How non-financial support fuels locally led development



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THE FORD FOUNDATION WEAVING RESILIENCE PROJECT

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2022, the Ford Foundation launched the “Weaving Resilience” initiative, an \$80 million program which focuses on three critical areas: financial management, governance, and financial sustainability. To date, 43 organizations across South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Malawi have benefited from Humentum’s financial and governance expertise and support, with an additional 75 organizations set to join the initiative.



IMPACT SO FAR

- **Strengthened Governance:** Improved board effectiveness and comprehensive governance policies are driving organizational growth.
- **Enhanced Financial Skills:** Organizations are now better equipped with the financial acumen needed to manage resources efficiently.
- **Community of Practice:** Executive leaders are exchanging insights and strategies, creating a resilient network of organizations committed to advancing social justice.
- **Tailored Consultancy Support:** Each NGO receives personalized consultancy to address their unique challenges and develop actionable plans.



The project really gave us a chance to strengthen the loopholes which were there, to have a comprehensive financial manual that we can use in terms of managing finances, the reference document that now and again we can go back to look through it.



JOHN NYIRENDA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
YOUTH WAVE MALAWI

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This process has given us vision and direction, the policies and procedures, for years to come. Defining sustainability has been really helpful. People talk about ‘how do you make nonprofits sustainable?’ In this process, I’ve looked at it as building reserves, community finance mixing, self-financing, or with grants and partners. A diversity of funding is more sustainable.

TARYN RAE
CEO
THE TOMORROW TRUST

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Designing the financing strategy was most helpful as it helped us in developing plans to meet our financial goals and implementation of long-term objectives. Also, being given the push to work as a team to develop our own plan and policies.

NQOBILE NKIWANE
SENIOR PROGRAMMES OFFICER
FAWEZI

AT A SNAPSHOT

\$80M
initiative value



43

organizations supported
(and counting)



4

countries involved
(South Africa, Zimbabwe,
Zambia, Malawi)



75+

organizations
onboarding soon



LOOKING AHEAD

With two years remaining in the “Weaving Resilience” initiative, Humentum and the Ford Foundation continue to focus on strengthening governance systems, financial management, and organizational resilience. The ongoing collaboration will help organizations in the Global South shift to being locally led.

For more details on how Humentum can collaborate with you on non-financial support for lasting impact in the global development sector, please [contact us](#).

