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Dear Susan,

Lately in the offices of TrustAfrica, we have been sharing a lot of outrage around the issues of tax shelters and money laundering. You’ve seen the video documentaries of how African resources are extracted and illegally taken out of the continent. A recent report from the African Development Bank and Global Financial Integrity states that between the years of 1980-2009, Africa lost $1.4 trillion dollars from illicit financial flows! Think about how much could be done from a development perspective if even one-twentieth of that amount were to go into education, health or economic growth and investment. TrustAfrica is currently launching a project on Illicit Financial Flows that addresses some of these issues and more. With funding from the Ford Foundation, we are eager to begin gathering and sharing information, through a centralized knowledge hub, convenings, research and advocacy. Our plan is to augment the discussion that has already begun in office corridors, around dinner tables, or even during G8 summits. You'll find more information on this latest initiative on our Website. But in the meantime, we hope that by engaging civil society to work with other stakeholders and demand increased transparency and accountability, improved governance and stronger laws, to name just a few, Africans can begin to recover some of the resources that are rightfully theirs.

EXAMINING AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY FROM WITHIN

Two new reports which hope to elevate the ongoing discussion about the nature of African Philanthropy have just been released. "Sizing the Field: Frameworks for a New Narrative of African Philanthropy" suggests that existing ways of thinking about philanthropy may not take into account ways of giving that take place on the African continent. It provides an objective framework to look more closely at giving and receiving. The report defines several categorical types of giving and further explores examples and characteristics for these categories. There is great potential and much work that needs to be done to deepen this field of research. This report forms one of the basic building blocks necessary to begin to understand and develop the African Philanthropy sector. It was published by the African Grantmakers Network.

animated discussion and deliberation of the many nuances of Social Justice Philanthropy. As mentioned in our last newsletter issues addressed range from how to define and understand social justice philanthropy in terms of movement building, to the nature of the risks taken; from examining issues of resource governance, to making hard choices about what money should or should not be accepted; from sharing experiences around civic action in enabling or oppressive environments, to how to manage power with various constituencies; and the disconnect between policy makers, donors and academia. Both documents are available here.

**EARLY LEARNING INNOVATIONS GRANTEES SHOW PROGRESS**

*Kenya visits demonstrate creative approaches to teaching underserved children*

The Early Learning Innovations project has been on the road. Between May 8 and May 18, several site visits were conducted in Kenya, one of the target countries for the project which hopes to improve the basic educational experiences of early learners in terms of literacy and numeracy.

The visit to grantees in the Coast region and the capitol included Madrasa Resource Center, Bible Translation and Literacy project, the Association of Reading of Kenya and the National Book Development Council of Kenya. Additionally, the project will be a part of the Pan-African Reading for All conference, to be held in Nairobi in August, which will provide an opportunity for East Africa grantees (from Kenya and Uganda) and West Africa grantees (from Senegal and Mali) to gather and exchange ideas and information about their projects.

**NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT GRANT ASSISTS LOCAL SCHOOL**

*Derkle 2B receives $10,000 US to fix damage caused by flooding*

On March 28, TrustAfrica awarded a $10,000 (5.07 million FCFA) grant to Derkle 2B, a school located in the Dieuppeul district of Dakar, Senegal as part of its Neighborhood Grants program. The grant, along with donations from the
City Hall of Dakar, City Hall of Dieuppeul and Joad Trading will assist in the school's efforts to repair its infrastructure, which was affected by the flooding in Dakar in 2012. The school will use the funds to help pay for work to fix the roof, floor, walls and electrical system of the building.

The donation was acknowledged during a ceremony presided by the Mayor of Dieuppeul, M. Salif MBAYE at the school. The ceremony included speeches from several dignitaries as well as theatrical performances and singing from the children of the school.

Due to the damage caused by the heavy rainfalls last year, Derkle 2B was one of the many schools who was unable to reopen its doors in October, 2102. Derkle 2B was chosen to receive the grant based on the recommendations of the City Hall of Dakar, which is in charge of helping find partners to repair schools damaged by floods around the city. The repairs will provide safer conditions for students to study.

**AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BEGINS NEW PHASE**

Grants awarded to networks of CSOs that will advocate for extension services

The Agricultural Development Program Phase Two is underway! The overarching goal of the project is to improve advocacy capacities within civil society. Phase One was focused on strengthening an active advocacy movement around provisions of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), particularly around ensuring governments devote a minimum of 10% of the national budget to agriculture. In Phase Two, networks of civil society organizations will focus their efforts on improving the extension function for smallholder agriculture at the national level.

Extension services are education programs offered by national governments to improve a wide range of farming practices. Currently most of the extension services tend to be highly exclusive and focused on households that are already advantaged.

After a recent Call for Proposals, which builds on the lessons learned during the first phase of the project, several organizations were selected to implement this critical phase of the work. The grantees and their target countries include: Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana (PFAG), and SEND-Ghana, Oxfam for West Africa; Jamaa Resource Initiatives (Kenya), National Network of Farmers Groups in Tanzania (Mtandao wa Vikundi vya Wakulima Tanzania), Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns for Food Rights Alliance (Uganda) for East Africa; and National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (NASFAM) for Southern Africa. Together these countries represent a combined population...
of approximately 210 million.

HIGHER EDUCATION CONVENING CALLS FOR NATIONAL PLAN
Dialogues in Accra emphasize the need for more leadership and accountability

TrustAfrica, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Ghana and the National Council for Tertiary Education organized a two-day dialogue May 8-9 in Accra on the theme "Repositioning Tertiary Education for National Development." Attended by over 150 participants, the dialogue was part of TrustAfrica’s Higher Education Reform project funded by the Carnegie Corporation, which seeks to broaden the discourse around higher education in Africa and ways to fulfill its potential.

During the meeting, policymakers and other stakeholders discussed critical issues facing the Higher Education sector in the country. In particular, the common theme was that due to the growth in access to higher education (including private sector participation and distance learning) and a lack of a comprehensive national plan, it proves difficult to provide graduates with targeted skills to fulfill the employment needs of the country. Additionally, research and innovation were cited as key ingredients for strengthening the sector. Currently there is a lesser number of science and technology graduates than humanities graduates. Professor Naana Jane Opoku-Agyemang, Ghana's Minister for Education, talked about the need to modernize Ghana's higher education sector. "Higher education needs to be transformed in [Ghana] because we want the traditional colleges and universities to remain relevant and to lead in the knowledge production for national development," she said. The Higher Education Reform project works in four focus countries including Tanzania and Uganda in East Africa and Ghana and Nigeria in West Africa.

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The Zimbabwe Alliance program has been working to strengthen its efforts around good governance and elections. For example, the program was instrumental in the development of a new Constitution by providing expert technical assistance. The Constitution was recently adopted and is widely recognized as a significant step in advancing democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe. The project is also supporting the Christian Action Trust and
Southern Africa Crisis Management Agency who have been training pastors and spiritual leaders on the electoral process and monitoring political violence. The target is to train 5,000 church leaders across Zimbabwe before elections start.

Other recent trainings include a youth activist training workshop, in partnership with the Magamba Network, a three-day leadership training workshop involving more than 50 activists from around the country, in partnership with the Kufunda Learning Village, and a media activism initiative, B.TheMedia, to encourage youth activists in new media tools and citizen journalist skills, also with Magamba. The media activism initiative recently launched the Kalabash youth Website, which can be accessed here to engage youth in politics, society and culture.

Finally, to bring international attention and help mobilize solidarity around the struggle for democracy in Zimbabwe, the Zim Alliance recently hosted an international human rights delegation led by Ms. Kerry Kennedy of the RFK Center, Alfre Woodard (American actress), Jorge Taiana (Former Foreign Minister of Argentina) and Scott and Christy Wallace of the Wallace Global Fund, among others. The program included meetings with civil society and government officials, as well as engaging with the arts and culture community of Zimbabwe.

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