



## Philanthropy Observatory and Innovation Hub

The Philanthropy Observatory and Innovation Hub (P-Hub) is a Coalition of APN members in Tanzania is being established to observatory and innovate usage of the information to steer dialogue and amplify voices of actors towards enabling environment for the philanthropy to be recognized as a strategy for community led and national development. The P-Hub was established with the financial support from WINGS under the Lift Up Philanthropy (LUP) Fund.

The P-Hub provides a framework and structure within which its members can cultivate and experiment how to operationalize APN mission through its 2024-2028 Strategy. APN set a bold mission to reclaim and elevate the power of African philanthropy practices. The P-Hub will support its members and other CSAs actors to promote the philanthropy by creating favorable conditions which promote the power of community philanthropy as a sustainable strategy for national development by (i) increasing the awareness of the government on the importance of facilitating donations to CSAs and to adopt laws and regulations that enable domestic philanthropic giving; and, (ii) increasing awareness of individual and institutional donors on the potential of giving as a driver for social and systems change and increase donations to CSAs that drive community-led development and promote social justice.

Amidst the limited and diluted usage of concepts of community and domestic philanthropy in national development, APN wants to bring it back to its original intent with a genuine shift of power dynamics to transform the community development system, through collective ways of working and workable solutions. The P-Hub is the spaces where we experiment with and operationalize concepts of African philanthropy practices.

Guided by principles of systems thinking, power building, inclusivity, reflection, accountability, and local drive, the P-Hub will work establishing common ground among stakeholders to promote effective partnerships and collaborations. By fostering trust and communication between actors from the civil society, private sector and the government, the P-Hub intends to increase collaboration and shared decision-making. This initiative will empower local leaders and organisations to promote philanthropy's potential and drive the localisation agenda in their own communities. Civil society leaders will build connections with various stakeholders to advance shared agendas and resources.

The P-Hub focuses around four pillars, as described:

### **Pillar 1: Articulating Shared Agenda**

This pillar acts as the foundation of P-Hub. It focuses on establishing and maintaining APN's co- strength and legitimacy as a global movement by drawing from the strength and legitimacy of its members and localised CSAs that are inclusive and continue to mature over time. This starts with creating a safe space for members and local allies. In these safe spaces, P-Hub members can collectively reflect, articulate, and organise themselves before engaging with the targeted system.

### **Pillar 2: Building Bridges**

This pillar builds on the previous one, drawing from our collective agenda and constituency voice to more effectively engage with a system around the shared agenda(s) that recognises the inherent value and expertise of local CSAs. Drawing on the legitimacy and strength of each context, P-Hub will be better able to drive the kind of trust, understanding, and collaboration required for local civil society organisations to meaningfully influence

other stakeholders. At the core, is aimed at positioning local actors as primary decision-makers. It is about sectoral change; the goal is not to fundraise for any given organisation or program, but to drive incremental, cultural, and transformational change based on the legitimacy and force of P-Hub collective agenda and voice.

### Pillar 3: Co-create Solutions

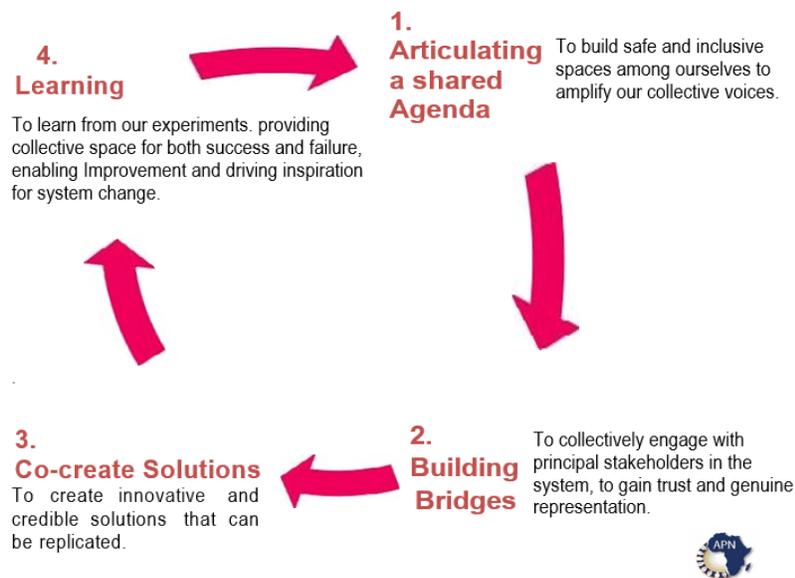
P-Hub at country level and APN as a whole, aims to demonstrate that thriving community and domestic philanthropy is possible -and has a potential to build CSOs resilience to contribute to the national development. To overcome long-standing obstacles and make transformational change a reality, the P-Hub will contribute to, co-design, test, and/or advocate for practical financial or non-financial solutions that align with the country context, APN policies and priorities. In APN's experience, financial and non-financial solutions complement one another; they are distinct but both are equally important:

- a. Financial solutions are mechanisms which align with APN's strategy which seeks to address the challenges and criticisms surrounding the development financing models, providing solutions designed and driven by community and national actors.
- b. Non-financial solutions are typically public policies and commitments made by governments and donors to help advance community led and national development. These include official documents, declarations, or laws outlining formal commitments typically made by governance bodies (agencies, parliaments, governments, boards, etc.) in which APN members played or must play an active role to make them responsive. Non-financial solutions are aimed to operationalise the goals laid out in those policies/laws, requiring ongoing internal and external dialogue among multiple actors, drawing on feedback and lessons learned.

### Pillar 4: Learning

This Pillar is one designed to enhance the effectiveness of all other pillars. Learning as an activity and as a culture should be omnipresent, enhancing the effectiveness of our efforts to build and amplify voices (Pillar 1), to build bridges (Pillar 2) and to enhance solutions (Pillar 3). In achieving this research and mapping efforts, events and reflection sessions to prioritise or design) are all connected to learning.

Figure 1, below present the summary of the P-Hub model.



### P-Hub Governance:

Remaining faithful to its commitment to community led development the P-Hub is governed by a Hub Leadership Assembly (GLA) composed of 2 leaders within each country where members are based and P-Hub has been established. The Assembly/ Committee periodically meets to review and approve strategic or operational decisions and act as a sounding board.

Currently APN has Tanzania P-Hub, it will be establishing another hub in Zambia before end of 2025; with a potential to expansion to many other countries across the continent.