

KENYA

Kenya Community Development Foundation

Current situation: Facts and figures from the 2010 CF-GSR survey

Number of community foundations at the end of 2009.	1
Number of community foundations established in 2008-2009.	None
Total sum of assets, including endowments, at the end of 2009.	US\$4,000,000.00
Total sum of grants made by community foundations in 2009	almost US\$500,000.00
Total sum of the income/donations in 2009.	US\$1.5 million
Percentage of population that has access to a community foundation.	Maybe 35%
Community foundation with the largest assets, including endowments, at the end of 2009, and the size of its assets.	Kenya Community Development Foundation, US\$4,000,000.00

Complete list of community foundations (with primary contact name and email address)

Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF)
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There have not been any new community foundations in recent years, applying the conventional meaning of a community foundation as we know it.

Community foundation staffing

KCDF has eighteen paid staff.

Legal environment

The legal environment in Kenya is not very favourable to community foundations. There are no laws that give incentives to giving by individuals, but there are some incentives for companies which are not yet in effect.

Key trends affecting community foundation development

Kenya does not have well-organized giving mechanisms in place or appreciated ways of doing it. A lot of education is needed. Well-endowed people are not much informed about different ways of giving back....there are issues of creating confidence among people to give to institutions. Sustainability - creating a good funding base for a community foundation to do their business is not easy, particularly through local fundraising targeting individuals.

Community foundation activity and impact

The KCDF brings the following changes to the community through its grantmaking and other programmes:

	Remarkably positive changes	Positive changes	Slightly positive changes	No changes	Some negative changes
citizens more involved in people-led development	√				
less poverty/more equal society			√		
improvement in the position of marginalised groups		√			
more responsive authorities				√	
increased awareness of environmental issues			√		
support to arts and culture activities		√			
more trust within the community			√		
greater transparency/accountability		√			
stronger linkages across different parts of the community			√		
increased charitable giving through the community foundation			√		

Comment: Community foundations are too few to bring changes that can be significantly felt at the moment.

Examples:

- A number of communities are now growing food with (the use) of better technology.
- A good number of young people are engaged positively in constructive activities in their communities.
- A good number of orphans receiving scholarships for education.
- Hundreds of Girls from disadvantaged families are now receiving mentorship and education support from professional women in employment (give back circle)

History of the community foundation¹

The Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) was set up in 1997. Founders were Kenyan development practitioners and scholars who were concerned about the issue of sustainability of community-based initiatives focusing on poverty reduction and social justice, as well as persistent donor dependency. Although a non-profit, it is registered under the Companies Act as a Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital (a non-profit company). KCDF is Kenya's only community foundation.

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¹ 2008 Community Foundation Global Status Report. Researched and written by Eleanor W. Sacks. Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support.