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Deploy and Nurturing Gallery (DNG)

REPORT ON PARTICIPATION OF CSOs WEEK 23 – 27 OCTOBER 2023, AICC ARUSHA, TANZANIA



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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

The Deploy and Nurturing Gallery (DNG) is grassroots, local and national Non-government Organization based in Arusha, Tanzania. On, 16th October 2023 complete its three years of existence and operation in Tanzania under NGO registration number 00NGO/R/14-18 same date back in 2020.

This was the first time to get a chance to participate the CSO week from 23 to 27th October, 2023 in AICC Arusha, region. The executive director, represent the organization after get a support from TANGO, whereby TANGO offer a competitive application to growing organization which have limited budget below 50,000,000 TZS. The DNG applied for the opportunity and success after in-depth analysis done by TANGO.



Our Meaning...??!

DEPLOY
An act of mobilizing Community members strategically and making them ready to face the community's most pressing challenges on their own.

NURTURING
To help, to develop, to support the marginalized to overcome community-pressing challenges on their own by utilizing existing opportunities.

GALLERY
Refers to a room or a place (resource center) where deployment and nurturing take place.

On behalf of the DNG, I would like to convey our thanks to management of TANGO, to see our effort to the Tanzanian communities even if at a small scale, but the recognize it and decided to support us, by gives exposure, learning and networking opportunity with other CSOs under the them ***Tech x Society, Then, Now, and Beyond.***

Hereby, present a brief report from concern CSO week; -

What I have learned

CSO Week was a great opportunity to learn from and network with other civil society organizations in Tanzania. This was particularly interested in the sessions on the transformative power of technology and society. I learned about a number of innovative ways that CSOs are using technology to improve their work and reach a wider audience.

What are the challenges

I realize that one of the biggest challenges facing CSOs in Tanzania is the lack of resources. Many CSOs are underfunded and have difficulty accessing the technology and training they need to be effective. Another challenge is the complex and ever-changing regulatory environment. CSOs must navigate a complex web of laws and regulations, which can be time-consuming and costly.

This also happened to us, for instance, we as DNG design some timesheet and activity report system which allow staff to report their daily activities, also a waste monitoring system which enable users to monitor waster services etc. But we are still strugglingly with resource mobilize especial financial and expertise in order to make those ideas in a really practical.

What are my recommendations

I recommend that the government and other donors provide more support to CSOs in Tanzania. This could include providing financial assistance, technical training, and access to technology. The government should also work to simplify the regulatory environment for CSOs, like one system that can monitor CSOs across the ministry instead of have many governments system which are not communicate or link to each other i.e., **NIS** under register, and **WADAU PORTAL** under PO RALG, TRA, LGAs and etc.

What knowledge will I use in improving the work in my organization

I plan to use the knowledge I gained at CSO Week to improve the work of my organization in the following ways:

1. I will use a networking that I manage to create to support our ideas stated above.
2. I will explore ways to use technology to improve our communication and outreach efforts.
3. I will develop training programs for our staff on how to use technology more effectively.
4. I will advocate for government policies that support CSOs.

Recommendations to the organizers of CSO Week

I would like to recommend that the organizers of CSO Week consider the following:

- TANGO if have this support program sustainable, please reconsider to offer at least two participants from growing organization so as make them miss breakout sessions, which are conducted at the same time.
- Include more representatives from who are responsible with making decision at the national level or parliament assembly i.e. chairperson of CSOs.

Overall, I found CSO Week to be a valuable and informative event. I would encourage other CSOs to participate in the future.

Sincerely,

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