REFLECTIONS ON TRUST. RISK. AND DUE DILIGENCE

A PANEL DISCUSSION HELD BY THE STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION



TRUST

WE TRUST OUR PARTNERS AND WANT TO EARN THEIR TRUST

IT'S ABOUT

- MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY
- Supporting community—LED organizations (CLOs) TO PURSUE THEIR OWN PRIORITIES
- OFFERING FLEXIBILITY TO ADAPT AS NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE



WITHOUT TRUST IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE IMPACT.



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NOT JUST FINANCIAL RISK. WHAT ABOUT RISK TO IMPACT?



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ARE WORKING

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COLLECTIVE CHANGE."

AT AWDF WE TALK ABOUT RISK HOLISTICALLY.

EXCESSIVE MONITORING AND REPORTING

WASTE OF TIME. FUNDING, ENERGY

SUSTAINABILITY

THERE IS A REAL RISK TO NOT SHIFTING THE POWER TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE SOLUTIONS. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS TO CLOS ALLOW THEM TO: INVEST IN THEIR OWN SYSTEMS FOR **ORGANIZATIONAL**

ADAPT THEIR PROGRAMS WHEN NEEDED

> DEVELOP SYSTEMS OTHER FUNDING

ANTICOLONIAL FUNDING

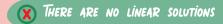
FUNDERS ARE:

- · CONSTANTLY LEARNING AND REFLECTING
- PARTNERS NOT BOSSES
- PUTTING COMMUNITY VOICES AT THE FOREFRONT

NEEDS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES

- FUNDING COMMUNITIES PRIORITIES
- Accountable to communities

CLOS DEAL WITH COMPLEX ISSUES:



THEY NEED FLEXIBILITY AND CORE SUPPORT

FUNDERS PUT ORGANIZATIONS IN 4 BOX THAT DOES NOT ALLOW THEM TO ADAPT. CLOS ARE ABOUT CHANGING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE. - ANELE



TRUST COMMUNITY-LED ORGANIZATIONS.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:



ARE STRENGHTENED WITH CORE FUNDING

ARE NOT PROJECTS THAT COME AND GO

DUE DILIGENCE

SHOULD BE:

- Guided by A DEEP TRUST FOR CLOS
- ABOUT IDENTIFYING THE TYPES OF SUPPORT THAT ARE NEEDED
- Rooted in mutual accountability
- PRIMARILY ABOUT ELIMINATING ORGANIZATIONS FROM CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING

SHOULD NOT BE:

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CLOS ALONE: FUNDERS CAN EASE THE BURDEN BY DOING THEIR OWN HOMEWORK

THE JOY OF THE WORK IS REALLY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE DOING TO ACHIEVE

CHANGE ON THE FIELD

OUR MONITORING AND EVALUATION INCLUDES LEARNING. CELEBRATING WINS. AND PROVIDING SUPPORT BEYOND FİNANCİAL.



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