



EQUITABLE POWER RELATIONS

We consult. We engage. We participate.



INCLUSION

We amplify the voices of the marginalized, the forgotten, and the underrepresented.



TRUSTWORTHINESS

We earn trust by being transparent, ethical, and reliable.

Core



Values



ACCOUNTABILITY

We walk our talk. We lead by example.



EMPOWERMENT

Change doesn't happen to people—it happens with them. We empower citizens and local organizations to lead, act, and shape their own futures.



MUTUAL RESPECT

We don't dictate—we co-create.

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**STAR GHANA
FOUNDATION**



PROMOTING

Active Citizenship and local philanthropy
for Inclusive Development



About Us

STAR-Ghana Foundation is a national centre for the promotion of active citizenship and philanthropy. It works towards the development of a vibrant, well-informed and assertive civil society able to contribute to sustainable national development and inclusive access to high quality public services for all citizens.



The Foundation's strategic approach focuses on supporting the creation and utilization of spaces for collective and coordinated citizens' engagement with local and national duty bearers as a means of promoting inclusion, transparency, accountability and responsiveness in governance and decision making at both local and national levels. (See more at www.star-ghana.org)

Gallery

Ghana Philanthropy Conference



Active Citizenship lecture



Ghana Civil Society Forum



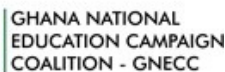
Thematic Area Project Activities



Funding Partners



Strategic Partners



Our Vision



A democratic, peaceful, prosperous, and just nation.

Our Mission



To mobilize, catalyze and support an informed, active, and engaged citizenry, as the bedrock for fostering good governance and inclusive development.

Our Theory of Change

Capacity Enhancement

STAR-Ghana will strengthen the skills, resources, and organizational strength of CSOs and citizen groups. By enhancing their capacities, these organizations can more effectively advocate for change, hold duty-bearers accountable, and address pressing social issues.

Catalytic Engagement and Actions

STAR-Ghana aims to catalyze active citizenship by connecting citizens and CSOs with policy discussions and governance frameworks. This engagement empowers citizens to participate meaningfully in development and accountability processes, from advocating for policy reforms to leading community-level initiatives. Support for engagement includes fostering collaborations, disseminating critical information, and using digital innovations to enhance citizen participation.

Safe and Inclusive Spaces

Creating and securing inclusive, safe spaces for citizen discourse is central to the Foundation's mission. We will work to strengthen existing governance platforms and establish new forums that allow diverse civil society voices to collaborate with government and private sector stakeholders. Safety includes actors being able to contribute without the fear or risk of reprisals of any form.

STAR-Ghana believes that active and empowered citizenship is essential for good governance, shared prosperity, and a just society. Active and empowered citizenship requires investment in enhancing the Capacity of civil society actors, the existence of safe and inclusive spaces for engaging with policymakers and institutions of governance, and deliberate support actions to catalyze the necessary engagements.

Outcomes

Strengthened Civil Society:

An informed and cohesive civil society with increased influence in policymaking and governance for the public good.

Democratic and Inclusive Governance:

Strengthened citizen influence in democratic and governance processes and increased transparency and responsiveness of government institutions.

Peace and Security:

Enhanced mechanisms and capacity for conflict resolution and security risk mitigation at community, district, regional and national levels

Right to Social Services:

Empowered communities able to influence service delivery and policy decisions.

Climate Change and Natural Resource Governance:

Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change Mitigation, and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Thematic Areas



Inclusive and Responsive Governance



Civil Society Strengthening



Peace and security



Natural Resource Governance and Climate Change



Rights to Services

Our Approach

We work with civil society to connect their interests with others and help to ensure all voices matter to decision makers, at local and national levels.



Convening
inclusive dialogues
and collaboration;



Catalysing active
citizenship, local
philanthropy and
collective action;



Coordinating and
supporting
strategic
partnerships;



Facilitating
continuous **learning**
to fuel wider scale
change. Sharing
lessons, challenges
and best practice is
at the heart of what
we do. Over the
next five years, we
will be building a
body of evidence
on what works.

**Resource
Mobilisation**

Programme
Theory of
Change



IF

- STAR Ghana Convenes, Catalyses, Coordinates and facilitates Learning by CS actors and citizens for collective action

AND

- Enhances capacity and facilitates engagement in governance processes across the five thematic areas

THEN

- CS actors and citizens will influence more accountable governance to deliver shared prosperity and a just society for citizens

What truly sets STAR-Ghana apart is its unwavering commitment to equity, inclusion, and empowerment. Its work is not top-down; it is grounded in the lived realities of communities, and it is built on:

- Equitable Power Relations – Championing bottom-up, locally led development approaches that challenge traditional hierarchies.
- Inclusion – Ensuring that marginalized voices, especially women and underserved regions, are heard and valued.
- Trustworthiness – Operating with integrity and transparency, making it a credible bridge-builder across sectors.
- Mutual Respect – Valuing the unique contributions of all actors and co-creating solutions together.
- Accountability – Practicing what it preaches by modeling ethical governance and transparency internally and externally.
- Empowerment – Encouraging citizen-driven action and building community agency to lead their own change.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR STORY IN 2024



137 CSO partners
engaged, working on **135**
projects in **340**
communities



146 state actors
engaged, including
Metropolitan, Municipal
and District Assemblies.



85,404 community
members (**46,370 female**;
35,000 youth; **1800**
persons
with disability) direct
'beneficiaries' of our
initiatives



1.2m citizens engaged
overall through our
projects across the
country



14 convenings at
national and local levels,
engaging **8000**
participants directly.



Approximately
GHS38m disbursed as
grants for projects and
other initiatives



45,000 engagements
with our social media
platforms

COMMUNICATIONS



REACH

10.6M



WEBSITE VISITS

55K



IMPRESSIONS

180K



ENGAGEMENTS

45K