

## Our unique value proposition in this respect are :

A Social Change fund manager, with clear and transparent fund management processes and experience managing funds for bilateral donors (FCDO, USAID, DANIDA, the EU, among others) and private foundations (Comic Relief, Botnar Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation among others).

Our systems, processes and overall effectiveness have been assessed by our funders through annual audits, due diligence assessments and annual and end of programme reviews and evaluations. We have consistently received high ratings in these assessments and audits.

We have a proven track record of delivering responsive support to diverse civil society organisations and state actors, from community-based organisations and less-formally organized social movements to think tanks and national CSOs on the civic side and Parliament of Ghana and local assemblies on the state actors' side. For each category of grantees, we have tailored fund management arrangements to suit their needs. Since 2020, we have supported 251 CBOs, Think Tanks and state actors with funding.

# STAR-GHANA FOUNDATION FUND MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY

## Who we Are

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.



As a Ghanaian-based organisation, STAR-Ghana Foundation is well-positioned to understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing the country. By leveraging its local knowledge and expertise, STAR-Ghana Foundation is able to provide tailored fund management solutions that meet the specific needs of its stakeholders.

The over 16 years of support to state and non-state actors provides the Foundation with a network of relationships, credibility and convening power that is distinctive and unmatched among civil society fund managers in Ghana.

As one of the biggest civil society fund managers and fiscal hosts in Ghana (by volume of funds and number of grant partners), STAR-Ghana Foundation brings unparalleled experiences and competencies to any fund management relationship.

We combine a strong board, experienced staff, robust systems and processes, results orientation, high levels of trust and credibility within the development community in Ghana, a willingness to innovate and a strong commitment to inclusive and sustainable development into a package that will meet the requirements of diverse donors and funders.

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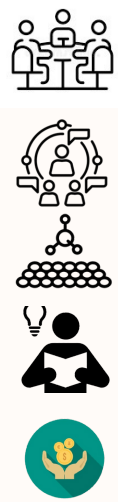
# Fund management expertise

STAR-Ghana Foundation's vision and mission are rooted in the belief that an engaged, knowledgeable citizenry is a critical national asset for democratic development, and that sustainable change comes from strengthening local voices and mobilizing communities around shared goals. The Foundation is unique as a civil society organization.

Its distinctiveness is rooted in its methods and ways of working. It does not work alone in pursuing solutions; rather, the Foundation targets collective actions and promotes citizens' involvement through the 3CL & Resource Mobilization approach.

## Our Approach

- ✓ Convening
- ✓ Coordinating
- ✓ Catalysing
- ✓ Learning
- ✓ Resource Mobilisation



Its value proposition is to foster an enabling environment for citizen participation and civil society collaboration to tackle governance challenges.

STAR-Ghana has served as a fund manager and performed fiscal hosting functions since November 2010 when it was set up as a pooled donor-fund mechanism to channel funding and provide technical assistance to civil society organisations Funded by FCDO, USAID, DANIDA and the EU.

### The STAR-Ghana programme, as it was then called, provided over

**\$70m of grants and technical assistance between 2010 and 2020, reaching over 270 CSOs during that period**



In 2018, STAR-Ghana Foundation was established as an independent locally owned and managed entity to build on the results and lessons of the STAR-Ghana programme towards strengthening local civil society and increasing the effectiveness of citizens' actions to address the systemic drivers of inequality and poverty.

This includes continuing to provide fiscal hosting and financial intermediary services to CSOs, particularly organisations of excluded and disadvantaged social groups and less formally organised CSOs.



**2018–2025**

The Foundation has to date managed over **\$10m** in grants, reaching over **251 CSOs**, approximately **30%** of these being small, closer to the ground citizens' organisations.

As a Fund Manager, STAR-Ghana Foundation has the following unique strengths and competencies that position it as a partner of choice for organisations seeking an intermediary agency to manage grant and technical support funding to citizens-led organizations and their interventions on social justice, locally led development and climate resilience.

