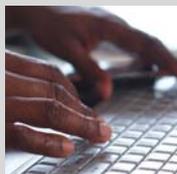


CARE - Going one step (or many) beyond 'giving' means intense interest and knowing where and how charitable contributions are used and the impact they have on individuals and communities



screening process. Once an agreement has been reached about the desired and necessary course of action, our clients can select a consultant of their choice with TSDP offering quality assurance.

it's good to talk

The TSDP promotes the use of dialogues as a crucial platform for sharing information, good practices and challenges experienced by organisations within a sector. These dialogues are also opportunities to discuss inter-organisational collaboration, particularly in the context of dwindling donor funding. Both within and among different dialogues we see opportunities for connecting the dots in this broad arena we call development.



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TSDP GOAL Targeted communities and constituencies in South Africa capable, confident and sufficiently resourced to determine and manage their own development that improves the quality of life and the realization of their human rights.



the landscape

The development sector in South Africa remains one of the most varied, dynamic and contested sectors. Civil society organisations (CSOs) grapple with an ever-changing political and social landscape. They marry various development approaches in an effort to facilitate a version of development that is sustainable and community-driven. International donor funding to CSOs has reduced in recent years and while this has been detrimental to some organisations within the sector, the energy that continues to accompany the work of CSOs is proven not easily dulled. Civil society organisations often need support to articulate their continued relevance to donors and their constituencies. With the reduced availability of financial resources CSOs are obligated to be results-oriented and mindful of the impact of their work.



who we are

The Technical Support and Dialogue Platform (TSDP), a project of SGS Consulting, is an innovative facility that offers technical support to CSOs in an effort to ensure they become sustainable, relevant and impactful. Instead of approaching the issue of technical support in a myopic way, we work with CSOs to identify needs and subsequent interventions that are located within the social, political and economic realities of our country. Our work falls into two major themes: Community Philanthropy and Access to Social Justice for the Poor.



who we work with

Our clients include community foundations and indigenous grant-makers, community-based advice offices, NGOs working in areas of poverty alleviation and community development and academic institutions working within our two focus areas. TSDP supports assets-oriented and people-centred approaches to development.



how we work

We ask the tough questions

In our initial diagnostic meetings we often ask tough and sometimes unpopular questions. We believe this can provide fresh perspectives to deeply entrenched organisational challenges. While respecting an organisation's version and understanding of their needs, we often delve beneath and beyond the problem at hand. In this way it is likely that new and subtle issues may emerge as discussions and processes unfold. TSDP will support its clients through bold and innovative interventions once the root of challenges surface. We are in a relationship for the long haul. Our services are entirely demand-driven.

consultant database

We have developed a database of consultants with varying degrees of expertise and who have undergone an extensive



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