

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Orchid Project
Name of the project TFN funded:	Knowledge Sharing Workshop
Date Funded by TFN:	30/01/2017
Were you able to undertake your project as planned?	Yes
Can you describe and/or demonstrate the specific impact that TFN funding has had against your initial objectives?	<p>Core to Orchid Project's strategic objective of ending the practice of female genital cutting is to create space nationally and internationally for organisations to share best practice and learning. Knowledge Sharing Workshops (KSW) are a key element of this, bringing together grassroots organisations for 4 days, using UNICEF's 6 Elements of Abandonment of FGC as the framework for the space. Critical to the success of any KSW is to ensure participating organisations are supported to a) embed learning into their own organisations moving forward and b) continue connecting and supporting other grassroots organisations.</p> <p>The average cost for workshop is £12,000 - including costs associated with content development, participants logistical support and post-workshop follow up. The Funding Network's grant of £3,749.33 contributed significantly to Orchid Project's Tanzanian KSW in September 2017. This workshop brought together 14 participants from 7 organisations focused on ending female genital cutting from Tanzania and Kenya for 4 days.</p> <p>TFN's funding directly covered the training of facilitators, enabling the creation of an interactive, engaging and participatory workshop space that employs group activities and discussion to maximise learning amongst the group. In addition, TFN's support also funded post-workshop network building activities, including supporting follow up exchanges and workshops between participating grassroots organisations. Both of these elements are integral to the success of our KSWs, and therefore key to spreading the abandonment of FGC.</p>
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	31%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	14
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	400
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	Yes

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<p>If yes, how much were you able to raise?</p>	<p>Following on from TFN's funding In January 2017, we have been able to further develop our KSWs, and completed one further workshop in Kenya in November 2017. We plan to hold another workshop in March 2018, with two more additional KSWs in the pipeline for later this year. Funding to support these KSWs has come from a combination of trusts and foundations and major donors.</p>
<p>Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?</p>	<p>We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding</p>
<p>Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of the project?</p>	<p>Critical to the success of the Knowledge Sharing Programme is the low-cost-no-cost exchange, where participating organisations are supported to identify one way in which they can continue to share learning within the network. The purpose of the activity is to ensure each organisation plays a leadership role in supporting and growing the newly established network.</p> <p>One strong example of a low-cost-no-cost activity from the Tanzania workshop saw UFADEA, an organisation made up of medical professionals from the Kuria region of Kenya, conduct a team day with Mimuti staff from Lolionda sharing knowledge on the medical implications of FGC. Mimuti, in exchange, were able to share knowledge on how the practice can end in their local context.</p> <p>The Knowledge Sharing Workshops focus on promoting open and non-judgemental dialogue between communities that practice FGC and those organisations working to end the practice. This allows communities themselves to identify their needs and aspirations. Often this open approach is a key learning for participants with one participant from the Tanzanian workshop, Honorata Raymond Nasuwa (NAFGEM) stating: 'In our community, we often use a top down approach, whereas visioning makes participants familiar, they own the process, it gives them time to open up and make decisions.'</p>