

TFN Impact Report

Name of your Organisation:	Arukah Network (previously Community Health Global Network)
Name of the project TFN funded:	Leadership in Sierra Leone
Date Funded by TFN:	15 June 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>Our initial objective was to fund and deliver a Leadership Training programme to our Cluster in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Since the TFN pitch last year, Freetown suffered a fatal mudslide which put back efforts as many Cluster members and their organisations were (rightly) involved in the aftermath -- clearing up, providing relief, etc. However, Cluster members were keen to move forward -- they told us training would be encouraging and a welcome positive experience, so it was decided we would go ahead with the training. On request based on their recent experiences though, we tailored the training to focus on a few core themes -- community advocacy, and helping people lead from their 'why', their values and their strengths.</p> <p>We were also unexpectedly able to work with a well-known Sierra Leonean community leader and play writer who delivered a session on change and leadership through community storytelling. This was a very popular session, and we are planning follow up engagement and mentoring from him.</p> <p>Lahai who took part in the training said: "Since completing the course, my energy and enthusiasm has been very apparent amongst my colleagues. Connecting with the wonderful people at Arukah Network has been the shot in the arm I needed to keep pushing forward even when there have been difficulties and obstacles. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to attend the training, and thankful to the whole Arukah Network team."</p> <p>We have not been able to set up a formal coaching scheme yet, but we have put in place a mentoring scheme which is proving popular. We will deepen this to offer coaching.</p> <p>The TFN funding enabled us to pilot our training, but more than this, the success and encouragement has helped us to develop further training offerings. These, in conjunction with a membership scheme we are building (which includes mentoring, online videos and more) will help us to become more self-sufficient in our funding as we will offer them for a fee to organisations that are not part of our Clusters. This year, we have won more support from a BeyondMe PwC team who will be helping us to develop this income generation work.</p> <p>And so the support TFN impacted our work in a few ways: 1) it gave timely and tailored support to Freetown Cluster member organisations, 2) it has given ideas to the Cluster about how they</p>

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	develop and ripple out the model into other places in the country, and 3) it has helped to leverage momentum and pro bono support for Arukah Network that will ultimately generate income. This in turn will be reinvested into our Clusters and our training and other offerings.
What portion of the project did TFN fund?	75%
How many direct beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	25
How many indirect beneficiaries did the TFN funded project reach?	Over 250
Were you able to leverage further funding as a result of TFN support?	No
Did you receive any pro-bono support, volunteer offers or introductions as a result of the event?	Yes
If yes, please can you provide details of the support you received?	We had a few people interested at the event who were willing to offer volunteer support, and have had some mentoring from one particular person.
How important was TFN funding in helping you achieve your objectives?	We would have found it difficult to achieve our objectives without TFN funding
Since presenting at TFN, has your organisation undergone any other significant changes?	<p>We changed our name from 'Community Health Global Network' to Arukah Network. You can see the note we sent about this last year here -- https://mailchi.mp/8679f7c4cf02/our-name-is-changing -- and also read a bit more about us and how we work here -- https://www.arukahnetwork.org/manifesto</p> <p>We finished working with our previous BeyondMe volunteer team from EY, and now have a new team from PwC who will help us build and extend our offerings and capacity.</p>
Do you have any other comments or feedback on the experience of the TFN process?	We so valued the support that TFN members gave us -- thank you! As well as the finance, the encouragement and backing gave us confidence and energy to build on this and look to creating training that not only benefits our Clusters, but helps sustain our organisation too. The pre-pitch preparation was also very helpful, and has given us confidence for future pitches. The supportive and collaborative TFN model has been a game-changer for us -- THANK YOU.
Can you tell us any personal stories to highlight the value of	Daniel Turay, one of our cluster members in Freetown who leads the Ministry of Health community health work said this: "...while roads, electricity and infrastructure are important, I believe in investing in

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<p>the project?</p>	<p>the human person.”</p> <p>This is why our cluster model and the training we offer is so valuable – people say they feel listened to, and better able to amplify the work they are already doing to create locally-led long-term change.</p> <p>The leadership and communications training will have impact beyond cluster members and their organisations, as Daniel goes on to explain: “(local leaders like chiefs and youth leaders) are supposed to be overseeing the general good of their community but they cannot tell you their own functions! (I want) to train these people to know their roles and their responsibilities, and to be better leaders. So these are some of the things I want us as a cluster to focus on together.”</p> <p>Daniel subsequently went on to win and award for his community engagement work.</p> <p>The work we do is embedded in the wider ‘cluster; way of working. Adbein, one of the leaders of Freetown, says this: “this cluster model of development is exactly what SL needs right now. We should not reply on outsiders when we have the ideas and strengths ourselves. We just need to come together and use them.”</p>
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