

**GLOBAL SOCIAL  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
NETWORK**

# MAPPING REPORT

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING EARLY STAGE  
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS IN AFRICA

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## About this mapping

This mapping is one of the outputs of a project led by the Global Social Entrepreneurship Network to improve the effectiveness and reach of organisations supporting early stage social entrepreneurs in Africa.

Feedback gathered from GSEN members working in Africa and other stakeholders in the first half of 2016, suggested that there was a strong need to better connect organisations supporting social entrepreneurs in Africa, to one-another and to the global impact ecosystem. Therefore, as part of this project, GSEN organised a two-day Learning Workshop in Ghana, in October 2016, hosted by GSEN member Reach for Change. The Learning Workshop is followed by the GSEN annual event in South Africa in March 2017.

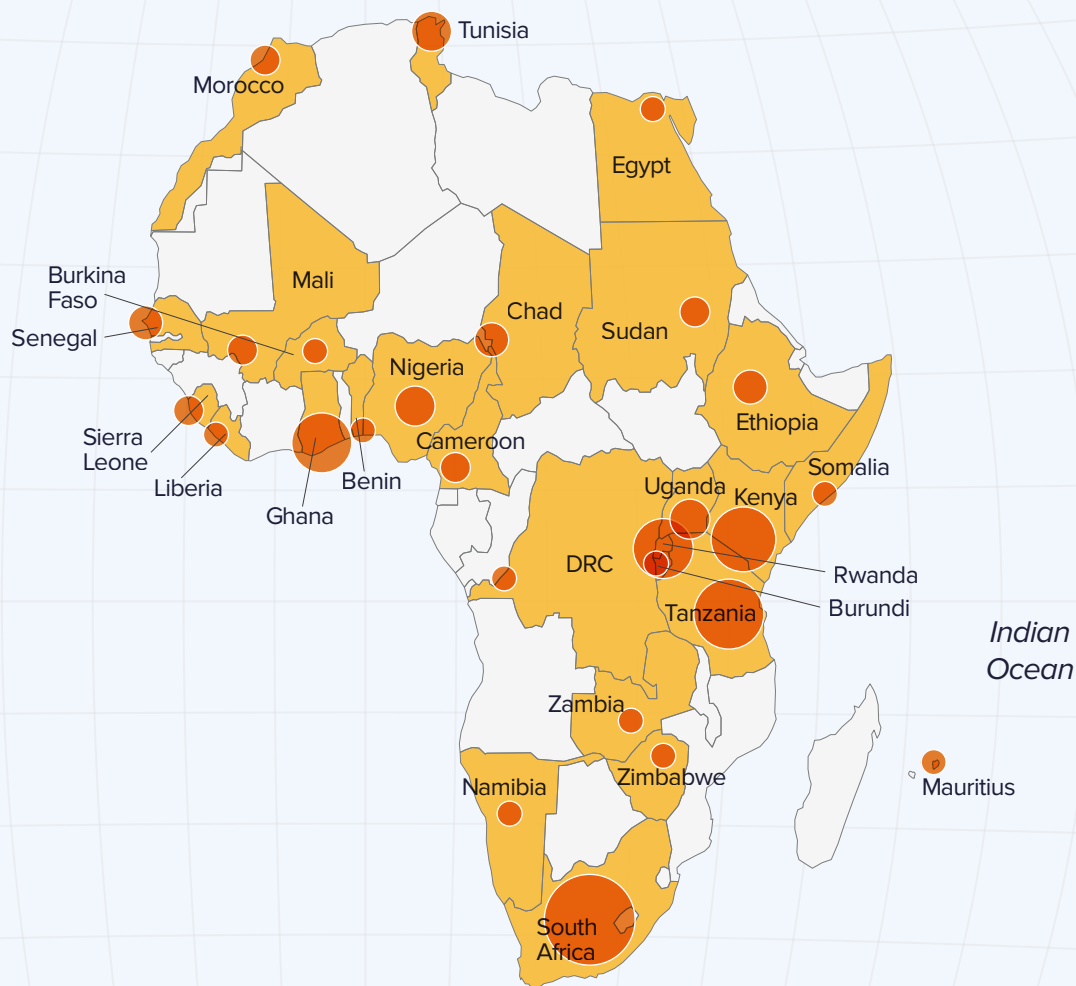
The purpose of The Learning Workshop in Ghana was to increase connectivity and knowledge sharing between practitioners supporting social entrepreneurs. GSEN members working in Africa helped create the list of participants to be invited to the workshop by identifying the organisations providing support to early stage social entrepreneurs in Africa, especially those offering a combination of financial and non-financial support to new early stage social ventures. As a result, 49 organisations were invited to participate. 21 participants eventually took part, from 16 countries across Africa.

The Learning Workshop, a first of its kind was a success:

- 100% of participants were satisfied or very satisfied
- 100% would recommend this workshop to colleagues
- 93% made useful connections whom they will follow up with (most participants were meeting for the first time)
- 93% felt the themes were well selected and relevant for their work

This mapping is by no means extensive and there are more organisations in Africa providing great support to early stage social entrepreneurs. This is therefore only a contribution to strengthening the impact ecosystem in Africa and a first step towards an extensive mapping. GSEN and GSEN members in Africa are keen to explore collaborations to take this work further.

Find out more at: [www.gsen.global](http://www.gsen.global)



<b>BENIN</b>	La Fabrique
<b>BURKINA FASO</b>	La Fabrique
<b>BURUNDI</b>	Spark
<b>CAMEROON</b>	Hemle, Zixtech
<b>CHAD</b>	DES Consulting, La Fabrique, Reach for Change
<b>DRC</b>	Reach for Change
<b>EGYPT</b>	Ice Cairo
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>	Ice Addis, Partnership for Change, Reach for Change
<b>GHANA</b>	Growth Mosaic, Impact Hub Africa, Innohub, Reach for Change, SEED, ServLed, Spark, WISE
<b>KENYA</b>	AkiraChix, Amani Institute, ANDE, Growth Africa, Intellectap, Lions of Science, Mwangaza Trust, SEED, Spark*, Startup Wave, Transformational Business Network
<b>LIBERIA</b>	Spark
<b>MALI</b>	Impact Hub Africa, Spark
<b>MAURITIUS</b>	SEED
<b>MOROCCO</b>	MCISE, Spark
<b>NAMIBIA</b>	SEED
<b>NIGERIA</b>	ANDE, Ashoka, Co-Creation Hub, Solar Sister

<b>RWANDA</b>	African Entrepreneur Collective, The African Innovation Prize, Impact Hub Africa, Inkomoko, Reach for Change, Spark, Yunus Social Business
<b>SENEGAL</b>	Danone Communities, La Fabrique, Reach for Change
<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>	Impact Hub Africa, NOSEDeP
<b>SOMALIA</b>	Spark
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	Allan Gray Orbis Foundation, ANDE, Bertha Centre, Business Activator, ESquared, The GIBS Network for Social Entrepreneurs, Impact Hub Africa, LifeCo, Red Bull Amaphiko, R Labs, SAB Foundation, SEED, Social Enterprise Academy, Spark*
<b>SUDAN</b>	Impact Hub Africa, Spark
<b>TANZANIA</b>	Anza, Apps & Girls, Buni Innovation Hub, DOT Tanzania, Kinu, Reach for Change, Solar Sister, TAREBI, TASEF, TWENDE
<b>TUNISIA</b>	Enpact, Spark, TCSE, Yunus Social Business
<b>UGANDA</b>	SEED, SINA, Solar Sister, Yunus Social Business
<b>ZAMBIA</b>	Bongohive
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	Impact Hub Africa
<b>CROSS-CONTINENT</b>	Ampion, Empowering people. Network
<b>ONLINE</b>	Lionesses of Africa

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## A



### African Entrepreneur Collective

A non-profit collection of incubators to support entrepreneurs in African countries.

[www.africanentrepreneurcollective.org](http://www.africanentrepreneurcollective.org)

📍 Rwanda



### The African Innovation Prize

A UK based non-profit organization founded by Cambridge University Graduates to spur student innovation and entrepreneurship in Africa.

[www.africaninnovationprize.org](http://www.africaninnovationprize.org)

📍 Rwanda



### AkiraChix

A not for profit organisation that aims to inspire and develop a successful force of women in technology who will change Africa's future.

[www.akirachix.com](http://www.akirachix.com)

📍 Nairobi



### Allan Gray Orbis Foundation

The Foundation provides full financial support to pursue secondary or tertiary studies at selected schools or universities. These opportunities, known as the Allan Gray Scholarship and Fellowship, explore entrepreneurial mindset development building on the base of a solid academic platform.

[www.allangrayorbis.org](http://www.allangrayorbis.org)

📍 Southern Africa



### Amani Institute

Amani Institute develops professionals who create social impact.

[www.amaniinstitute.org](http://www.amaniinstitute.org)

📍 Kenya



### Ampion

Ampion is an impact based organisation which enables young entrepreneurs to launch businesses in Africa and create new jobs. They offer a 7-day innovation programme, an Incubator Programme, mentoring and advisory services with a specific focus on using technology for innovation.

[www.ampion.org](http://www.ampion.org)

📍 Africa

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### A - B



#### The Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE)

ANDE brings together members supporting small and growing businesses.

[www.andeglobal.org/?page=EastAfrica](http://www.andeglobal.org/?page=EastAfrica)

📍 East Africa Chapter (Kenya)

[www.andeglobal.org/?page=SouthAfrica](http://www.andeglobal.org/?page=SouthAfrica)

📍 South Africa Chapter (South Africa)

[www.andeglobal.org/?page=WestAfrica](http://www.andeglobal.org/?page=WestAfrica)

📍 West Africa Chapter (Nigeria)



#### Anza

Anza supports high potential social entrepreneurs in Tanzania. Their services assist social entrepreneurs to strengthen operations, increase profitability and scale their social impact.

[www.anza.co.com](http://www.anza.co.com)

📍 Tanzania

### Apps & Girls

#### Apps & Girls

Aims to bridge the gender gap in ICT in Tanzania. By establishing coding clubs in schools and through workshops, exhibitions, hackathons, bootcamps and competitions, Apps & Girls inspires and empowers girls aged 10 - 18 to pursue computing and to develop innovations.

[www.appsandgirls.com](http://www.appsandgirls.com)

📍 Tanzania



#### Ashoka

Ashoka identifies and invests in leading social entrepreneurs – individuals with innovative and practical solutions for solving social problems.

[www.ashoka.org](http://www.ashoka.org)

📍 Nigeria



#### The Bertha Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The first academic centre in Africa dedicated to advancing social innovation and entrepreneurship.

[www.gsb.uct.ac.za/s.asp?p=389](http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/s.asp?p=389)

📍 South Africa



#### Bongohive

Zambia's innovation and technology hub for startup businesses.

[www.bongohive.co.zm](http://www.bongohive.co.zm)

📍 Zambia

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### B - D



#### Buni Innovation Hub

Buni discovers, nurtures and mentors youths with innovative technological solutions to problems facing Tanzania.

[buni.or.tz](http://buni.or.tz)

📍 Tanzania

#### BUSINESS ACTIVATOR



#### Business Activator

Business Activator aims to be the Western Cape's best business partner for entrepreneurs from under-resourced backgrounds, enabling them to realise their full potential and profoundly improve lives, communities and economies.

[www.businessactivator.org](http://www.businessactivator.org)

📍 South Africa



#### Co-Creation Hub

Co-Creation Hub is a social innovation centre dedicated to accelerating the application of social capital and technology for economic prosperity.

[www.cchubnigeria.com](http://www.cchubnigeria.com)

📍 Nigeria



#### Danone Communities

Danone Communities brings funds and expertise to social enterprises addressing issues around malnutrition and access to safe drinking water. They invest from 100K€ to 1M€ as minority shareholder. They also provide technical and managerial expertise.

[danonecommunities.com](http://danonecommunities.com)

📍 Senegal, other countries under investigation



#### DES Consulting

A modelling and support firm for social enterprises in Chad. It is fully supported by Reach for Change and aims at promoting social entrepreneurship through its work, research and partnerships.

[www.desconsulting.org](http://www.desconsulting.org)

📍 Chad



#### Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT) Tanzania

DOT transforms young people into leaders of change as they facilitate business, technology and entrepreneurial learning experiences to people in their own communities.

[tanzania.dotrust.org](http://tanzania.dotrust.org)

📍 Tanzania

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### E - G



#### Enpact

Enpact supports responsible entrepreneurs by offering a sophisticated mentoring programme plus co-working space with access to support and resources.

[www.enpact.org](http://www.enpact.org)

📍 Tunisia



#### ESquared

ESquared provides funding and support to businesses and socially entrepreneurial ventures that are likely to have a high impact in alleviating poverty and/or joblessness in South Africa.

[www.esquared.org.za](http://www.esquared.org.za)

📍 South Africa

empowering people. Network  
Technologies for basic needs

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The “empowering people. Network – Technologies for Basic Needs” aims to make promising low-tech solutions accessible and further their successful implementation on the basis of sustainable entrepreneurship models.

[www.empowering-people-network.siemens-stiftung.org](http://www.empowering-people-network.siemens-stiftung.org)

📍 Africa

Gordon Institute  
of Business Science  
University of Pretoria

#### GIBS

The GIBS Network for Social Entrepreneurs runs short and long courses plus events to equip social entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs with the business skills they need to build powerful and sustainable businesses.

[www.gibs.co.za/nse](http://www.gibs.co.za/nse)

📍 South Africa



#### Growth Africa

Growth Africa focus on growing successful enterprises in Africa through business acceleration, strategic advice and access to investments. They are dedicated to advancing Africa through the growth of impacting startups and businesses delivering sustainable jobs and economic progress across the continent.

[www.growthafrica.com](http://www.growthafrica.com)

📍 Kenya

GROWTHMOSAIC  patient human capital

#### Growth Mosaic

Growth Mosaic prepares small and growing businesses in Africa to access and manage growth investment.

[www.growthmosaic.com](http://www.growthmosaic.com)

📍 Ghana

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### H - I



#### Hemle

Hemle supports young social entrepreneurs through training and business mentoring.

<http://bit.ly/2gxqRov>

📍 Cameroon



#### Ice Addis

A collaborative work environment which facilitates creative projects and events and which provides professional support and consultancy to young entrepreneurs.

[www.iceaddis.com](http://www.iceaddis.com)

📍 Ethiopia



#### Ice Cairo

A social enterprise and part of the international icehubs network, that started with iceaddis in Ethiopia and icebauhaus in Germany. Icecairo is a community-powered green-tech innovation hub.

[www.icecairo.com](http://www.icecairo.com)

📍 Egypt



#### Impact Hub Africa

A regional structure and part of the Global Impact Hub network, focused on helping local entrepreneurs open local impact hubs across Africa.

[africa.impacthub.net](http://africa.impacthub.net)

📍 Ghana, Mali, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Sudan, South Africa, Rwanda



#### Inkomoko

Inkomoko supports high potential businesses in Rwanda. Their services empower entrepreneurs to strengthen their business operations and increase their sales and profitability.

[www.inkomoko.com](http://www.inkomoko.com)

📍 Rwanda



#### Innohub

A business accelerator and impact investment platform which helps SMEs with high growth and high impact potential to become investment ready, sustainable and scalable in order to achieve profitability and social impact.

[www.innohub.com.gh](http://www.innohub.com.gh)

📍 Ghana



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### I - L



#### Intellectap

A pioneer in providing innovative business solutions that help build and scale profitable and sustainable enterprises dedicated to social and economic change.

[www.intellectap.com](http://www.intellectap.com)

📍 Kenya



#### The King Baudouin Foundation

Is a Brussels-based public benefit foundation. Its mission is to contribute to a better society. In Africa, with the means from 30 philanthropy funds, it supports a limited number of public benefit activities by individuals and organisations from local civil societies.

[www.kbs-frb.be](http://www.kbs-frb.be)

[www.africa-kbf.org](http://www.africa-kbf.org)

📍 Donor-driven: all regions and countries  
Focus: Burundi and DR Congo



#### Kinu Innovation & Co-creation Space

Is a social enterprise with the mission of concentrating, growing and accelerating the Tanzanian tech and social landscape. The Kinu hub is an open space for Tanzania's tech community to foster a culture of collaboration, spark innovation and augment capacity building.

[www.kinu.co.tz](http://www.kinu.co.tz)

📍 Tanzania



#### La Fabrique

La Fabrique is a social business incubator dedicated to projects with high impact potential and offers a unique coaching model of co-construction and working in partnership.

[www.lafabrique-bf.com](http://www.lafabrique-bf.com)

📍 Burkina Faso, Benin, Senegal, Chad



#### LifeCo

LifeCo UnLtd South Africa develops a humanised, purpose-centred individual who is a critical thinker and practitioner. Dialogue, debate, practical and capital are LifeUnLtd's process accelerators. They also find, fund and support impact entrepreneurs.

[www.lcu-sa.com](http://www.lcu-sa.com)

📍 South Africa

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### L - P



#### Lionesses of Africa

Supports women entrepreneurs across Africa via an online community which connects, inspires and exchanges knowledge and experience.

[www.lionessesofafrica.com](http://www.lionessesofafrica.com)

📍 Online



#### Lions of Science

Lions of Science awards yearly Kenyan college and university students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) for their creative and innovative early-stage project and research proposals.

[www.lionsofscience.org](http://www.lionsofscience.org)

📍 Kenya



#### Moroccan Center for Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship (MCISE)

A not-for-profit dedicated to finding entrepreneurial and innovative solutions to every social challenge in Morocco.

[www.mcise.org](http://www.mcise.org)

📍 Morocco



#### Mwangaza Trust

The Mwangaza Trust economic empowerment programme awards seed funding and support to communities to establish sustainable enterprises.

<http://mwangazatrust.org>

📍 Kenya



#### Network of Social Entrepreneurship Development Partners (NOSEDeP)

Focuses its work on identifying and bringing together social enterprises to build capacities, empower them and link them to viable markets locally and globally.

[www.nosedepsierraleone.org](http://www.nosedepsierraleone.org)

📍 Sierra Leone



#### Partnership for Change (PfC)

A Norwegian NGO with development programs in Ethiopia and Myanmar. PfC works towards supporting and sustaining women health organisations and businesses that empower vulnerable young girls and women in Ethiopia.

[www.pfchange.org](http://www.pfchange.org)

📍 Ethiopia

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### R - S



#### Reach for Change Africa

Helps local social entrepreneurs develop innovations that create a better world for children. They run incubator and accelerator programs to provide the tools needed to entrepreneurs to develop and strengthen their social businesses.

[africa.reachforchange.org/en/](http://africa.reachforchange.org/en/)

📍 DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Chad, Rwanda



#### Red Bull Amaphiko

Red Bull Amaphiko is a collaborative online platform for social entrepreneurs who want to change their corner of the world.

[www.amaphiko.redbull.com/en](http://www.amaphiko.redbull.com/en)

📍 South Africa



#### Reconstructed Living Labs (R Labs)

offers skills and training, community development, social and disruptive innovation, mobile and internet solutions, social enterprise incubation, impact investing and social franchising.

[www.rlabs.org](http://www.rlabs.org)

📍 South Africa



#### SAB Foundation

The SAB Foundation contributes to the development of a culture of entrepreneurship by supporting the growth of a critical mass of small and medium enterprises (SMEs); developing entrepreneurial role models; and stimulating and rewarding innovation.

[www.sab.co.za/the-sab-story/sab-foundation](http://www.sab.co.za/the-sab-story/sab-foundation)

📍 South Africa



#### SEED

SEED supports the growth of SMEs that deliver social, environmental and economic returns in developing countries, or countries with emerging economies, so contributing to local sustainable development.

[www.seed.uno](http://www.seed.uno)

📍 Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Uganda



#### ServLed

ServLed Africa is a startup accelerator dedicated to helping African entrepreneurs build sustainable and profitable businesses.

[www.servled.com](http://www.servled.com)

📍 Ghana

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#### The Social Innovation Academy (SINA)

SINA is turning around life stories of suffering into positive catalysts of social change. Its unique learning environment empowers youth to become job creators by nurturing innovative project ideas into social enterprises.

[www.socialinnovationacademy.org](http://www.socialinnovationacademy.org)

📍 Uganda



#### Social Enterprise Academy

Social Enterprise Academy offers practical learning and development for organisations with a social mission.

[www.socialenterprise.academy/za/](http://www.socialenterprise.academy/za/)

📍 South Africa



#### Solar Sister

Solar Sister eradicates energy poverty by empowering women with economic opportunity. They create sustainable businesses, powered by smart investment in women social entrepreneurs.

[www.solarsister.org](http://www.solarsister.org)

📍 Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria



#### Spark

Spark develops higher education and entrepreneurship to empower young, ambitious people to lead their conflict affected societies into prosperity.

[www.spark-online.org](http://www.spark-online.org)

📍 Burundi, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Morocco, Rwanda, South Sudan, Somalia, Tunisia



#### Spark\*

Spark\* runs an accelerator programme for local impact entrepreneurs, and offers ongoing training and support for participants, as well as connections to experts and professionals to help businesses grow.

[www.sparkinternational.org](http://www.sparkinternational.org)

📍 Kenya, South Africa



#### Startup Wave

Startup Wave is a virtual incubation platform. As a collaborative platform, it aims to 'democratize incubation', and is a one-stop service, providing a blend of virtual and in-person support to take start-up enterprises from idea to investment stage.

[www.startupwave.co](http://www.startupwave.co)

📍 Kenya

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### T



#### Tanzania Renewable Energy Business Incubator (TAREBI)

[www.tarebi.org](http://www.tarebi.org)

📍 Tanzania

Provides assistance and resources for developers of renewable energy technologies. Entrepreneurs are mentored to help establish successful enterprises to bring their technologies to market.



#### Tanzania Social Enterprise Forum (TASEF)

[www.facebook.com/tasef.org](https://www.facebook.com/tasef.org)

📍 Tanzania

A forum for discussion, advocacy, advice and training for social entrepreneurship. They offer face-to-face training events and broadcast opportunities to help social entrepreneurs strengthen and grow.



#### The Transformational Business Network

[www.tbnetwork.org](http://www.tbnetwork.org)

📍 Kenya

The Transformational Business Network is a global network of investors and entrepreneurs working to catalyse purpose-driven entrepreneurs, build impactful businesses and unlock investments in emerging and frontier markets.



#### Tunisian Center for Social Entrepreneurship

[www.tnsocent.org](http://www.tnsocent.org)

📍 Tunisia

Inspires and stimulates social entrepreneurship in Tunisia, using collaborative learning and mentoring to unblock growth challenges, maximise social impact and launch or relaunch social enterprises into the market.



#### TWENDE

[www.twende-tanzania.org](http://www.twende-tanzania.org)

📍 Tanzania

A social innovation centre that empowers people to design and make physical technologies that improve lives, are affordable and solve community challenges.

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### W - Z



#### Women in Social Enterprise (WISE)

WISE provides grants, loans and mentoring to organisations and entrepreneurs working to economically empower impoverished women and improve girls' access to health and education.

[www.wisewomenafrica.org](http://www.wisewomenafrica.org)

📍 Ghana



#### Yunus Social Business

Yunus Social Business is a fund for social businesses. Co-Founded by Peace Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, we finance and support exceptional entrepreneurs tackling crucial issues in areas like healthcare, education, safe water or clean energy.

[www.yunussb.com](http://www.yunussb.com)

📍 Uganda, Tunisia, Rwanda



#### Zixtech

Zixtech has a range of capacity development programmes, runs training for social entrepreneurs and is embarking on setting up a social enterprise incubator.

[www.zixtechorganization.org](http://www.zixtechorganization.org)

📍 Cameroon



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## About the Global Social Entrepreneurship Network (GSEN)

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GSEN is the go-to network for organisations supporting early stage social entrepreneurs (incubators, accelerators, etc.). Our vision is that social entrepreneurs can access great support, no matter where they live.

Every year, GSEN members support thousands of social entrepreneurs across the 6 continents to create sustainable social change in their communities. GSEN brings these support organisations together to enable them to improve the support available to social entrepreneurs around the world. GSEN creates a community of practitioners who share know-how, best practices and innovations, building the foundations for a more robust social entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Find out more at: [www.gsen.global](http://www.gsen.global)



## About The Robert Bosch Stiftung

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**The Robert Bosch Stiftung** is one of Europe's largest foundations associated with a private company. In its charitable work, it addresses social issues at an early stage and develops exemplary solutions. To this purpose, it develops and implements its own projects. Additionally, it supports third-party initiatives that have similar goals. The Robert Bosch Stiftung is active in the areas of health, science, society, education, and international relations.

Moreover, in the coming years, the Foundation will increasingly direct its activities on three focus areas:

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- Social Cohesion in Germany and Europe
- Sustainable Living Spaces

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