

EMPOWERING CSOs IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC: LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE.

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The health and socio-economic impact of COVID-19 have been severe and prolonged, particularly on vulnerable groups that are hardest hit by the pandemic especially in health, educational and economic systems. Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) play a critical role in engaging citizens as a foundation for sustainable innovation to contain and mitigate the effects of the pandemic. They contribute to the immediate and medium-term efforts of the member countries (MCs) to prevent, contain and respond to negative impacts of COVID-19.

KEY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

- A) Define the role of the CSOs, Governments, donors and partners to be played by each actor and how it should be coordinated to ensure successful results on the ground.
- B) To share the main challenges faced by CSOs in implementing projects for the beneficiaries and lessons learnt to help other CSOs improve their performance and help MDBs improve their interactions with CSOs.
- C) Identify opportunities for stakeholders in post COVID-19 era, to increase possibility of cooperation.
- D) Share and Identify the innovative resource mobilization mechanisms available in the market and tested successfully by partners.
- E) How to improve the efficiency of the capacity development programs provided by different actors for the sustainability of the CSOs.

Moderator:

Muhammad Jameel Yusha'U, Lead Strategic Coordinator Muhammad Jameel Yusha'u is a Lead Strategic Coordinator in the CPO Directorate of the Islamic Development Bank. He was a Lead Crowd Engagement Specialist and Lead Communications Specialist at IsDB. Before joining IsDB in 2012, he was a Senior Lecturer in Media and Politics at Northumbria University, UK, formerly a Journalist with the BBC World Service, London; and was the Managing Editor of Africa Policy Journal at Harvard Kennedy School. He holds a PhD from the University of Sheffield, UK.



Opening:

Dr Mansur Muhtar, Vice President, Country Programs Complex, IsDB. Mr. Muhtar previously served as Executive Director on the Board of the World Bank Group (2011-2014) as well as Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Finance (2013-2014). He has served as Minister of Finance for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman of the National Economic Management team (2008-2010), as Executive Director, African Development Bank (2007-2008) and as Director-General of Nigeria's Debt Management Office (2003-2007).



Ms. Nena Stoiljkovic, IFRC's Under Secretary General for Global Relations and Humanitarian Diplomacy, has been working for over 30 years on global development issues such as climate change, gender, and fragile and conflict-affected situations including through her previous role of Vice President for Asia and Pacific for the International Finance Corporation (IFC). She helped shape the World Bank Group strategy, working with the International Development Association on a pioneering private sector window to catalyze greater private investment in low-income and conflict-affected countries. Ms Stoiljkovic began her mandate as IFRC as Under Secretary General for Global Relations, Humanitarian Diplomacy and Digitalization in October 2020



Panel Session:



Mr. Khemais El-Gazzah, Senior Advisor to the Director General of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development. holds a Master degree in Economics from the University of Tunisia., Prior joining ISFD, Mr. El-Gazzah was the Chief Operating Officer of the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) He had spent also several years with COTUNACE the Tunisian national ECA and taught classes in the Maghreb Financial Institute IFID and the University of Tunis. represents the IsDB in the Board of Directors of Takaful companies, chaired for two years (2013-2014) the Trade Credit Committee of the Berne Union, and was the founder of the AMAN UNION the OIC Association for ECAs

Abdimajid Moalin Abdullahi joined the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) in 2007. As head of the social development in Resilience and Social Development Department, he is currently overseeing fragility, resilience, civil society engagement, youth and women empowerment in IsDB member countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Europe. Abdimajid has led the development of the IsDB policies and strategies addressing fragility, building resilience, empowering civil society and reducing disaster risk. Abdimajid holds MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London, MA in Education and International Development from University College London and BSc in Development Economics from Middlesex University, UK. He has completed a leading economic growth program at Kennedy School of Harvard University.



Gerd Trogemann: Manager, UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, United Nations Development Programme. **Previously**, Gerd Trogemann has been the Deputy Director (2013- 2016) and acting Director (2016-2017) of UNDP's Regional Service Centre for Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In 2012-2013, he led the relocation of the former UNDP sub-regional office in Johannesburg, South Africa, to Addis Ababa. Prior to this, he served as Director a.i. (2011) and Deputy Director (2005-2010) for Resources Mobilization at UNDP headquarters in New York as well as with the UNV programme in Geneva and Bonn in various programme and management functions (1995-2004). Before joining the UN, he headed the office of the Spokesperson for Development Policy of the Liberal Parliamentary Group in the German Parliament (1992- 1994).



Sandra Ferrer, the Head of Program Implementation and Quality at Plan International Spain. She has 20 years of work experience in international business promotion, development, humanitarian aid and international relations. She has successfully managed international projects and teams in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. She holds and MSc in Middle East Politics by the University of London.



M. Alfatih Timur who is familiarly called Timmy (born in Bukittinggi, West Sumatra, 27 December 1991), CEO of the largest crowdfunding platform in Indonesia who are passionate about social entrepreneurship and the application of technology for social impact. Kitabisa is an online fundraising for social activities that stood since 2013 and transformed into largest crowdfunding platform in Indonesia.



CSO Testimony:

Yannick Du Pont: Founder and director of SPARK, he has been working in the field of higher (vocational) education & economic development in post-conflict countries since 1994. SPARK has programmes to support growth oriented SMEs and facilitate youth job creation in 17 fragile States in primarily East and West Africa, North Africa & Somalia and the Middle East. Yannick du Pont also serves on the Board of the Max van der Stoep Foundation (The Hague), Advisory Board of the Centre of Theory of Change (New York) and member of the DIHAD International Scientific Advisory Board (DISAB) at DIHAD (Dubai).



Mr. Elie Bagbila, Country Director Light for the World Burkina Faso: Elie is the Country Director of Light for the World Burkina Faso. He is a sociologist with extensive experience in Human Resource Management, management of Eye Care and community-based rehabilitation programs, and Training of Trainers. Prior to joining Light for the World in 2012, Elie worked at Caritas Burkina (OCADES Caritas Burkina).



Dr. Saleh Mubarak Bazeed, CEO of NAMA Foundation, A philanthropist and strategist as well as an analyst who embraces the principles of exemplary leaders, Dr. Saleh Mubarak Bazeed models behavior to inspire others. Someone who always thinks unconventionally and from a new perspective. He is also a contributor to social development and a change maker, especially for youth development. He believes that 'No One Should Be Left Out!'. Dr, Saleh Mubarak Bazeed enjoys his moment in charity works and volunteerism. Besides being a true believer in influencing positive change through social entrepreneurship and sustainable development initiative, he is also a friendly and supportive leader who always encouraged his team to learn and grow. He is an influencer in his best own ways that others will look up to.



Closing

Syed Husain Quadri leads the Islamic Development Bank's engagement in the areas of Climate Change, Fragility, Conflict and Violence, Gender Empowerment and Youth Development to support its 57 member countries. Previously he was the Ag. Director for Country Strategy and Cooperation where he was in-charge of Regional Integration, Investment Promotion, South-South Cooperation and Strategy Development. His current engagement includes the formulation of High-Level views and positions of the Bank on key development challenges, the development and implementation of financing strategies. In addition, he is also the Head of the Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund established between the Bank and UNICEF. Quadri also has a Bachelors from King's College London and a Masters from Imperial College London.

