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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS



We are still growing institutionally. It's exciting to see a team of very young colleagues carry out important work and present at both national and international platforms. The big idea at SIVIO Institute (SI) has always been to grow talent. We recruit from some of the most diverse fields that are seemingly unrelated to the work that we do. Our long-term sustainability is based on adopting a social enterprise-like posture (I am still hesitant to claim that we are a social enterprise) where we reduce total reliance on donor dependency, manage to monetise some of our products without alienating those interested in our work and deliver excellent work efficiently. We spent most of the year focused on creating efficiency within the office. I can proudly claim that we now run a paperless office thus achieving small

cash savings and reducing our carbon footprint. Where possible we have selected to hold our meetings, especially trainings, virtually as part of an effort to reduce the cost of training. Our training figures (see main report) are modest, but we have learnt something. There are people looking for low-cost methods of capacity building and they are willing to go through the materials at their own pace using digital platforms. The learnings made will contribute to the refinement of the training approach. It is a unique niche area that we have sort of carved for ourselves in Zimbabwe and across the region. Our challenge, going forward, is to refresh our content.

There is a saying to the effect that opportunities come wrapped in challenges. We entered 2023 in the middle of a cloud of uncertainty. The Upper House (Senate) of Zimbabwe passed the PVO Bill in December 2022 and what remained was for the President to sign the bill into law. If the Bill had been signed into law, we would have automatically become illegal in Zimbabwe. These are the kind of threats that entities like ours face, not only in Zimbabwe, but across the continent. The laws are changed suddenly without adequate democratic consultation. Thankfully, in this instance the President did not sign the bill into law. Working for a non-profit in contexts of constrained freedoms is challenging. We had to think of a Plan B and

Plan C. The challenges we experienced in Zimbabwe provided an opportunity for us to rethink our regionalisation strategy. In our board approved strategy, we had outlined several steps that we would take to become regional and most of the measures were about expanding into neighboring countries, but using Zimbabwe as a base. We have since changed from that stance. We have opened a regional office in Johannesburg and plan to open two more country offices in Malawi and Zambia before the end of 2024, thanks to the challenges posed by having presence in only one country. Talk about turning a crisis moment into an opportunity.

While all that was happening, we had to prepare for the harmonised elections in Zimbabwe. Our focus has always been to track how political party agendas align with citizen expectations. We took a step backwards and asked ourselves how we can influence the agendas of political parties? We invited a special group of people to help identify the public issues that the political parties should focus on. Those discussions led to a special issue of our flagship journal, [the African Journal Of Inclusive Societies Volume 2](#). Furthermore, we consolidated the data from our five (5) annual Citizens Perceptions and Expectations (CPE) surveys carried out since 2018 to demonstrate the levels of satisfaction with the performance of government. Beyond measuring levels of citizens' satisfaction, the CPE survey data findings also solicit for citizens' advice on what government should prioritise.

Surprisingly the interests of citizens have remained the same. Citizens want their government to focus on: (i) creating employment, (ii) stabilising prices of goods, (iii) dealing with corruption and (iv) improving health delivery capacity. We are alive to the fact that there are many other ways of consuming information beyond the print form. Our elections work included the use of various forms of media ranging from TV/YouTube, social media, and radio. Some of our interventions had a reach of more than 16,000 within a week of launch. Our after elections work has mostly focused on setting up a second iteration of www.zimcitizenswatch.org where we are tracking government's performance in real-time. Towards the end of the year, we launched three (3) advocacy policy labs comprising of ordinary citizens. These labs are focused on developing policy responses to the three (3) top problems/priorities raised by citizens in the CPE surveys.

Our regional footprint continued to grow. In the year under review, we launched several research reports and technology platforms mostly focused on an improved understanding of the ongoing restrictions in the public space. National level conversations at times fail to see trends taking place across the region. When we broadened our horizon, we noticed that the SADC region faces similar public space constraints and challenges. We are in an era of democratic backsliding and authoritarian consolidation characterised by new laws

and policies that seek to confine the public space. The measures do not only challenge NGO freedoms, but they also constrain the media and funding flows. It's not by accident that NGOs (focused on advocacy, governance, and human rights), private media and philanthropy are under attack. These three sets of actors have been at the forefront of defending the public space, various freedoms (expression and association) and raising the bar on accountability. The attacks on these actors have been subtle but very effective in silencing independent voices. Zimbabwe may have not passed the PVO Bill into an Act but achieved the same desired result - the silencing of radical NGO voices. On a final note, we successfully launched our signature initiative of the year, www.africagiving.org. It may have taken us more than ten (10) months from

design to launch but it was worth all the effort. For the first time an individual based within any African country or in the diaspora can now donate to an organisation or cause of their choice at the touch of a button. We have so far listed over ninety (90) organisations but are looking forward to listing many more in 2024. Our goal is to contribute towards improving the sustainability of organisations working at the frontline of change. There is a growing African middle class with capacity to contribute significantly towards the sustainability of these organisations and contribute towards the continent's transformation.

In Solidarity,
Tendai Murisa

1.0 INTRODUCTION

It has been exactly six (6) years since we opened our doors and begun operations. With an initial focus on Zimbabwe, we have since 2021 expanded into the region and established a number of collaborative platforms in pursuit of an inclusive society for all in Africa. However, it has not been smooth sailing, we have had to work in environments characterised by uncertainties to do with the laws, the funding and complex challenges which others have referred to as ‘wicked problems’.

The annual report provides a detailed overview of the activities that we carried out in 2023. The activities carried out are discussed in a setting of a challenged environment where the right to operate (and at times the right to exist) is continuously under threat. The report’s structure is based on the tools that we use across all program centres. Our program is organised into three program centres as per Figure 1 below.

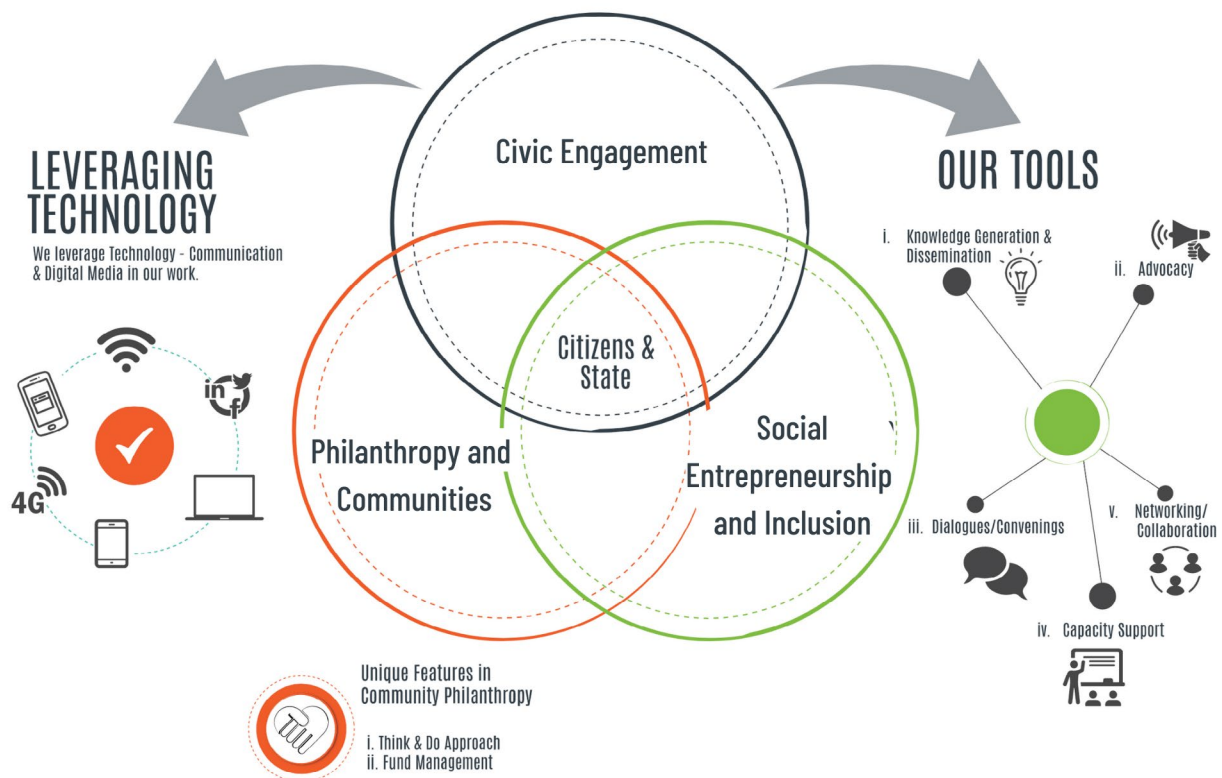


Figure 1: The SIVIO Approach

In the different centres, we seek to respond to the questions posed in our strategy which focus on:

- Inadequate performance of the existing political system,
- Increasing poverty and inequality,
- Limited coherence of policies across sectors,
- Ineffectual participation in public processes by non-state actors,
- Increased dependence on external resources and limited leveraging of local resources.

The report integrates material aspects of the organisation's program work with all compliance issues of the year 2023. It assesses the progress made against our aspirations for the year. We illustrate the ways in which we are making progress vis-a-vis the benchmarks set in our strategic plan towards expanding our work across Africa.

There has been a notable increase in the number of Africa-focused initiatives in the year under review, culminating with the establishment of a platform for individual giving. [The Africa Giving](#) platform may become a disruptor and game changer in many ways especially when most non-profits are currently struggling to secure adequate funding.

2.0 OPERATING CONTEXT AND ENVIRONMENT



The post-COVID-19 period plus concerns about increasing money laundering and funding of terrorism have since 2021 led to the development of laws and policies that constrain the freedoms of civil society organisations. The trend continued in 2023. The civic space across Africa is under threat. There have been brazen attempts to silence advocates for human rights and journalists. In countries such as eSwatini and Mozambique, we saw what seems to be state-sponsored moves to silence discontent. There is a notable increase in state-sponsored violence against opposition actors and media practitioners especially during elections. In Mozambique, we saw an increase in violence during the period of the local authority elections.

Besides, the violence there is a growing trend to question the credibility of elections. Almost all the elections held in 2023 have been challenged as either unfree or unfair. There were contestations of electoral outcomes of the Nigerian, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwean presidential elections. The electoral challenge in Nigeria is still ongoing. The coup in the aftermath of the elections in Gabon in August 2023 (the 10th in West Africa, Central Africa, and the Sahel region since 2020) continues to bring to the fore questions about whether electoral democracy has failed the continent. Furthermore, restrictions to civic space increase during politically sensitive periods like elections.

The unstable civic space and election landscape have resulted in most youths on the continent losing faith in democracy. Afrobarometer, a pollster, found that the share who prefer democracy to any other form of government has fallen from 75% in 2012 to 66%. Furthermore, an alarming 53% said a coup would be legitimate if civilian leaders abused their power, which they often do. In South Africa, which has one of the world's most liberal constitutions, 72% say that if a non-elected leader could cut crime and boost housing and jobs, they would be willing to forgo elections.

Despite the challenges noted above we have seen a remarkable growth of the accountability movement. There is a growing number of organisations that are leveraging technology to track government performance (especially budgets), track sector performance (agriculture, health, and education etc), and the changes in the civic space. The availability of digital technology and the internet have contributed towards the ease of reporting on human rights abuses.

Ongoing economic challenges, characterised by global hyperinflation, lower than average prices of raw commodities (mostly produced in Africa) have affected the nascent but growing landscape of giving. Meanwhile, the failures of governments to deliver, especially social goods, have led to an increasing dependence on non-profits that are poorly funded. The shifts in global politics (and interests) have negatively affected the flow of funds from traditional sources. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine is a great example. Several European Union nations and the United States have diverted a significant share of the international development funding to provide support in Ukraine. Furthermore, new causes have recently gained prominence at the expense of traditional support sectors.

As already noted, non-profits face restrictions from the regulatory and financial environment in the form of policies that control or limit the easy movement of funds internally or across borders. Although the restrictions, such as the recommendations from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), have the advantage of curbing money laundering or illicit financial flows, they also affect effective transactions towards nonprofit activities.

These changes present us with opportunities for intervention. The changes in the civic space reinforced our decision to broaden our scope of work to promote citizen agency, so that citizens are at the forefront of ensuring a more open civic space (agora) and counter increasing authoritarian governments and military regimes that are passing laws that inhibit freedom of association, expression and police civil society organisations' operations.

Economically the potential impact of social entrepreneurship is growing especially with the use of technology as it intersects with education, health care, clean energy, and financial inclusion. Some of the greatest challenges of social enterprises are the lack of funding, lack of support for growth and scale and lack of visibility to potential collaborators. In the middle of all this financial inclusion is growing as more governments aim to adopt technology to promote inclusion. However, many communities remain without access to energy, technology, and education. All these have a strong bearing on the potential for gains in financial inclusion in Africa.

Despite the impediments to philanthropy through legal restrictions, individual giving in Africa is increasing, alongside the technology to facilitate it. However, the flow of this type of philanthropy towards non-profits is not yet commensurate with the status of other continents giving room to have an impact in this space.

3.0 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Table 1 outlines the key program accomplishments in 2023. The work is aligned to the problems SI seeks to address namely:

1. Inadequate performance of existing political systems,
2. Inadequate models of development,
3. Limited local participation in national and continental processes

Table 1: Program Accomplishments - SI January to December 2023

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Knowledge Generation (Publications)	6	5	16	12	13	20 2 journals 15 reports 3 articles
Dialogues/Convenings	2	2	13	12	7	23 9 online 1 gala(Africa Giving) 13 participated
Trainings/Capacity Building	0	1	5	4	4	11 4 online 3 inperson 4 labs
ITPs	5	2	5	1	4	5
#of Regional Projects/ Initiatives	0	1	2	1	3	4
Website Performance (#of visits)	3,480	3,200	5,300	6,428	4,758	10,016
Social Media Performance (Twitter)–#of followers	813	1,208	1,441	1,878	2,088	2,260
Social Media Performance (LinkedIn)–#of connections	-	-	-	311	304	302
Social Media Performance (Facebook)–#of followers	271	510	726	1,867	2,328	2,436
Social Media Performance (Twitter)–Impressions	332,746	323,653	291,614	343,800	168,484	155,890
Social Media Performance (LinkedIn)–Pageviews	-	-	-	1,061	631	966
Social Media Performance (Facebook)–Reach	237	59,211	29,897	9,428	8,998	15,915
Staff compliment	5	11	12	12	15	14

Source: SIVIO Institute

3.1 Research and Knowledge Generation

A total of 20 publications were produced as indicated in Annex 1. There was a total of 764 downloads/views of all the publications however the most widely read publication is the report on [Understanding Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC](#) followed by Volume 2 of the [African Journal of Inclusive Societies](#). Our work has been cited 14 times in various local, regional and international platforms. The most cited knowledge product was the [2023 Barometer Report](#) which resulted in an interview and article referencing this work in the Financial Times UK¹.

Our [2023 Citizens' Perceptions and Expectations Survey Report](#) released early in the year, showed the continued disconnect between citizens and the government of Zimbabwe. The observations from the report are that the government scored poorly with 48% of respondents saying they were unhappy with the overall performance of local government whilst 56% were not happy with the performance of central government.

Our [barometer report](#) contrasted President ED Mnangagwa's first five-year term as either 5 years of progress or five years of stagnation. The score of 56% for this government received mixed reviews from our audiences' echoing sentiments that although progress has been made, it is not 'felt' by the man on the street in Zimbabwe. The election in August was held under a period of strong economic distress echoing the polarising nature of the report which shows strong progress in infrastructure development and agriculture but little or no progress in social service delivery.

We published two (2) volumes of the [African Journal of Inclusive Societies \(AJIS\)](#). AJIS [Volume 2](#) was published in February and was a special edition on Zimbabwe. It looked specifically at the election and attempted to promote discussions regarding the link between elections and inclusive democracy through a look at customary tenure, financial inclusion, citizen solidarity, politics and inclusion of citizens in local government processes. [AJIS Volume 3](#) was published on 4 December 2023. The focus of Volume 3 was [Humanities and the Democracy Project in Africa: Challenges and Prospects](#). The articles in Volume 3 drew experiences from The Gambia, Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, focusing on the elements of democracy through examining feminism in the digital space with a specific focus on social media, the use of language as a vehicle for public inclusion, the power of semantics in the creating of political identity and strategy, the influence of culture on democratic processes and the power of expression in addressing democratic rights.

¹ <https://www.ft.com/content/6db84250-391b-48e4-a7f3-8a1ee3e42985>

We wrote extensively on the pre-election process and Zimbabwe's readiness to hold the harmonised election which subsequently took place in August 2023. We worked with Professor Adebayo Olukoshi to do an election brief on [some of the key considerations ahead of the elections](#). The brief raised issues that citizens needed to know and expect from key figures in the election process such as the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC), security forces, election observers and others. The brief also highlighted the role of security forces, the media, civil society, and other players in monitoring efforts pre- and post-election. We went on to assess [Zimbabwe's readiness to hold free, fair and ethical elections](#) from a legal perspective by looking at the progress or lack thereof that has been made in aligning Zimbabwe's electoral laws with the constitution and the impact outstanding issues may have had on the process.

In terms of regional-focused work, we conducted research to understand the legal framework of philanthropy across 10 SADC countries. The work focused on understanding the legal frameworks that either prohibit or support philanthropy through an assessment of laws and policies in place with a bearing on philanthropy. The study also sought to understand the perceptions of the practitioners in the space to provide a triangulation of objective analysis of the laws and the perceptions of the effects of the regulatory frameworks in practice. An overall report to provide an overview of the legal frameworks in the region was developed together with nine country reports. The reports are housed on the [SADC Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) developed to track the status of the legal environment for the region.

Our assessment of the civic space through the [African AGORA](#) concluded that the space is shrinking with 8 out of the 11 countries in our study scoring poorly on ease of registration of non-profits. We noted that Zimbabwe and Zambia have low scores for laws affecting fundraising whilst Angola and Zimbabwe struggle the most to move money across the region. We observed that 8 out of 10 countries (except South Africa and Namibia) are experiencing a reduction in freedom of expression – see [African Agora Watch](#). This shows that largely the civic space is shrinking across the region. The SI Team produced 8 podcasts which were a continuation of the What If series started by the Executive Director. Four (4) of the episodes have been uploaded onto the podcast channels namely [Google podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#). The series reimagines democracy, the economy and community with citizens at the centre. Our research portfolio is summarised by Centre in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Products Produced By Centre in 2023

Centre	Policy Brief	Research Report	Journals/ Journal Article	Book Chapter	Blog/News Article	Magazine/ Newsletter	Podcasts
Civic Engagement	2	3	AJIS Vol 2 & 3 (2)		3(2 articles; 1 blog)		
Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion			1				
Philanthropy & Communities		10		1	2 (blogs)		
Other – SIVIO focused						4	8



Civic Engagement

*CPE report

1. NewZWire
2. The Independent
3. Zimbabwe Mail
4. Heinrich Boll Stiftung
5. Bulawayo24

*Barometer Report

1. The Independent
2. Newsday
3. NewsdzeZimbabwe
4. Pindula
5. NewZWire
6. Financial Times (UK)

*African Citizens Watch

1. Civic Tech Innovation Network (podcast)



Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion

***Reimagining survival under COVID-19: A micro-business perspective of navigating constant disruption in Zimbabwe** in the Journal of the International Council for Small Business

*Cited 1: *International Journal of Market Research*

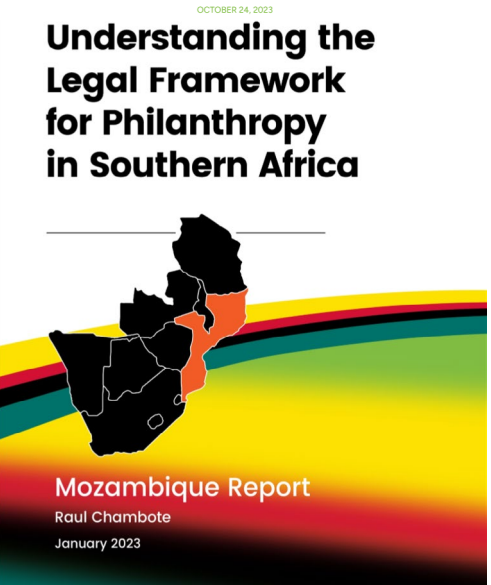
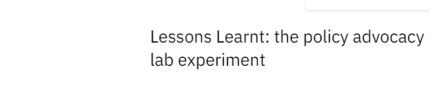
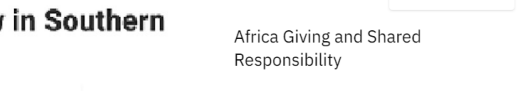
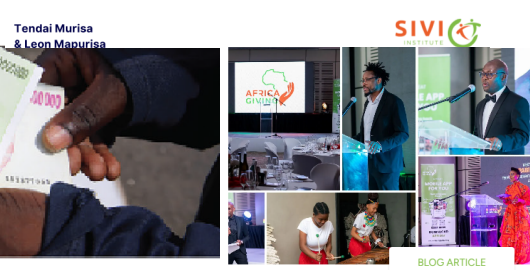
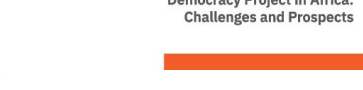
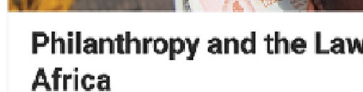
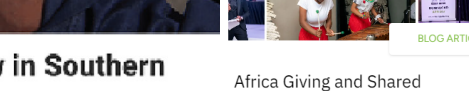
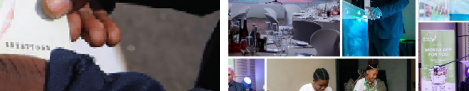
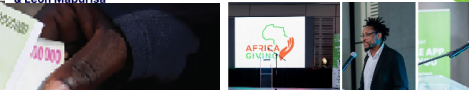
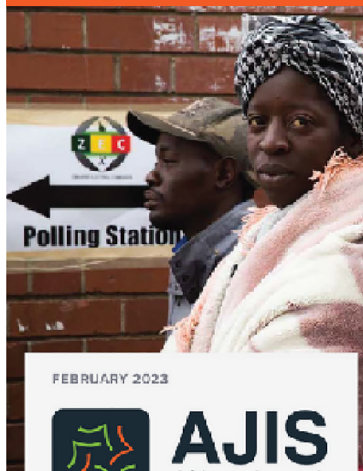
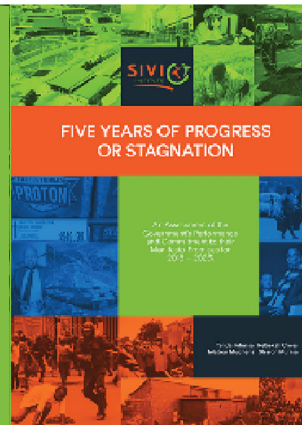
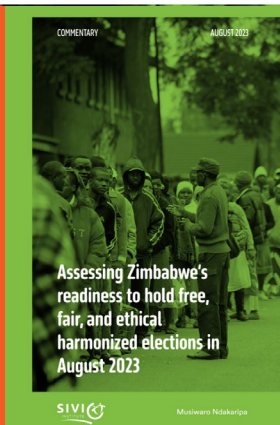


Philanthropy & Communities

***African Philanthropy: Evolution, Practice and Change**

*Cited by the Liberation Alliance Africa

Figure 2: Who is citing our work?



3.2 Training

3.2.1 SIVIO Schools Online Training

In 2023, we had 97 students enrolled across our four (4) online courses. At the time of reporting, 50 participants had completed their courses. The courses offered in 2023 are derived from the work done by our three centres and are as follows:

- Introduction to Civic Engagement,
- School of Sustainable Civil Society Organizations/Non-Profits,
- Introduction to Principles of Entrepreneurship,
- Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship.

We added the course on Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship in October 2023.

This was an introductory course for participants who wished to be part of the Social Entrepreneurship Lab. A total of 30 participants enrolled for the introductory course and 14 completed it. The 14 participants proceeded to become part of the Social Entrepreneurship Lab.

Table 3: Training Conducted by Centre in 2023

Centre	Course Title	Enrolment	Completed	Participating Countries
Civic Engagement	Introduction to Civic Engagement	25	11	Botswana (1) Zimbabwe (10)
Philanthropy & Communities	School of Sustainable CSOs/Non-Profits	17	10	Zimbabwe (10)
Social Entrepreneurship & Inclusion	Introduction to the Principles of Entrepreneurship	25	15	South Africa (1) Botswana (3) Kenya (1) Zimbabwe (10)
	Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship	30	14	Zimbabwe

3.2.2 Policy Advocacy Labs

From September to December, the Centre for Civic Engagement started and ran three (3) online Policy Advocacy Labs with an initial focus on Zimbabwe. The Policy Advocacy Labs are part of a response to issues raised in the Citizens Perceptions and Expectations (CPE) survey. Over the five (5) years of administering the CPE survey, citizens consistently identified the need to create jobs, ensure stable prices of basic commodities, address corruption and resolve public health as the top priorities. We have to date established advocacy labs on employment creation, stabilising prices and addressing corruption. All the Labs were run online and had a total of 65 participants drawn from across Zimbabwe and in the diaspora. The table below provides details of the issues each Lab is looking at:

Table 4: Policy Advocacy Labs

Lab Issue/Theme	No. of Participants
Unemployment	30
Corruption	24
Price Stabilisation	11
Total	65

By December, participants had completed the first four (4) stages of the six (6) step process with a focus on undertaking coherent and comprehensive policy analysis and commentary. The final stages of the Labs will involve participants developing a policy advocacy campaign and this will be done in January 2024. At the end of the process, participants will have gained skills and knowledge to develop and deploy an advocacy campaign and be able to train others on policy analysis and advocacy.

3.2.3. Social Entrepreneurship Lab

The Social Entrepreneurship Lab was launched in October in response to a need to build a culture of citizen participation in creating solutions for identified community problems. This model of participation although nascent has the potential to not only address social problems but engage the ordinary citizens to champion development in their own space. Participants were required to identify problems in their communities that they wanted to solve as the starting point of their participation in the Lab. Social problems identified by participants were classified into seven (7) thematic areas listed in the table below.

Table 5: Social Entrepreneurship Lab Areas of Focus

Theme area	Number of Participants
Enterprise support services	1
Agriculture	4
Energy	3
Transportation	1
Sanitary wear	1
Environment	2
Education	2
Total	14

Through the modules, each participant was given an opportunity to fine-tune their enterprise idea. The Lab covered the following modules:

- Social enterprise essentials
- Social opportunity assessment and social enterprise business models
- Social enterprise strategy roadmap
- Going to market and scaling/ impact
- Governance and compliance

At the culmination of the lab, our objective is for all the participants to have a viable enterprise idea that is refined, fundable and scalable. To aid in this process the last week of the lab will have practical guidance on the process and options for registration, a rigorous pitching process and assistance with online visibility.

3.2.4. Capacity Building

We participated in a 2-day workshop hosted by Afrobarometer for civil society organisation partners in Southern Africa held from the 27th to the 28th of November

at the Future Africa Campus at the University of Pretoria in Johannesburg. The workshop introduced and encouraged the use of their Online Data Analysis (ODA) tool as a means to understand the state of democratic values and beliefs across the continent.

3.3 Integrated Technology Platforms

We launched five (5) new Integrated Technology Platforms (ITPs) in 2023 which are described below:

1. [AJIS Website](#) (**February 2023**): an independent site to house the volumes of the African Journal of Inclusive Societies
2. [Africa Giving](#) (**March 2023**): an easy way for individuals across the world to find African organisations to donate to. The platform includes a website (www.africagiving.org) and two mobile applications in the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.
3. [Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) (**March 2023**): a platform that ranks ten SADC countries based on the assessment of their legal frameworks for philanthropy.
4. [Mining Revenue Monitoring Index](#) (**May 2023**): tracks revenue, profits, taxes and CSR of mining companies in Zimbabwe which mine 4 minerals namely gold, diamond, platinum and chrome.
5. [Elections Watch Zim](#) (**June 2023**): monitors the activities of candidates running for president, their rallies, their manifestos, and any violence associated with their campaigns.

These five (5) new platforms add to a wide portfolio of technology platforms that SIVIO Institute maintains with the primary platforms being the [African Citizenship Index](#), [African Citizens Watch](#) and [African Agora](#) (Centre for Civic Engagement), [Philanthropy Lab](#), [Africa Giving](#) and [Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) (Centre for Philanthropy and Communities); and finally the [Financial Inclusion Index](#) (Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion). Each of the platforms addresses one of the problem areas noted in the SIVIO Institute Strategy and the figure below provides the breakdown.

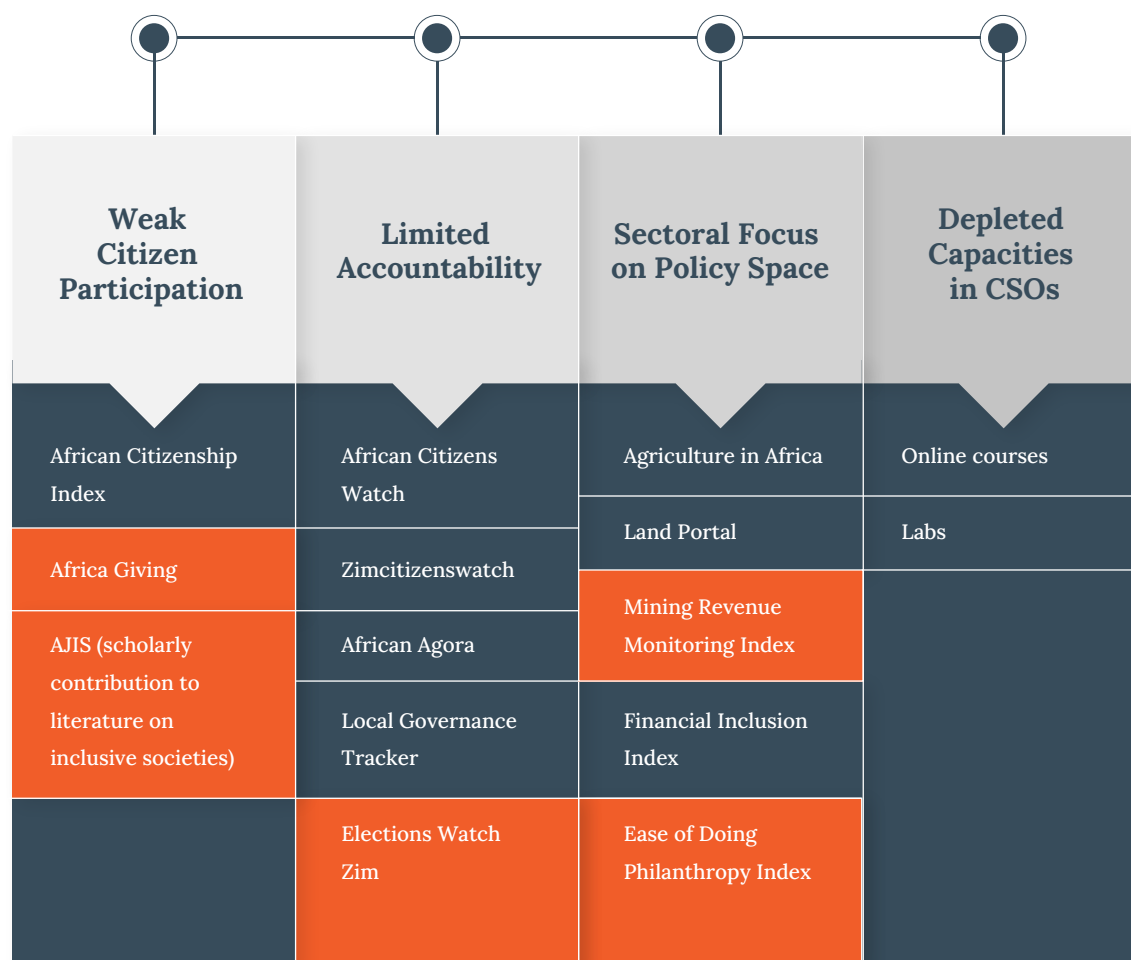


Figure 3: List of Integrated Technology Platforms Developed (Orange represents new platforms)

In all of our work, we seek to leverage technology. All our trainings are accessible online and are self-paced. The four (4) Labs which kicked off in the fourth quarter of 2023, were held virtually with participants coming from all over the world. We utilised the Google Workspace for collaborative work.

The performance of the new and old ITPS is indicated in Table 6. The platforms that were deployed this year have performed well and have had a wide reach with the three (3) regional platforms (AJIS, EDPI & AG) having over 700 users and over 200 users exploring the Zimbabwe-focused platforms (MRMI & EWZ). If properly nurtured the [Africa Giving](#) platform has the potential to be our unicorn in the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities. The response of the academic community regarding the [Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) and website has been very strong and encouraging. We are also encouraged by the users engaging with the [African Journal of Inclusive Societies](#) as we recently published the 3rd volume.

Table 6: Performance of Integrated Technology Platforms in 2023 (Jan-Dec)

Platform	Users 2023 (2022)	Sessions 2023 (2022)	Ave session length 2023 (2022)	Top countries (Users)
SIVIO Institute Website	5'735 (4'755)	10'016 (9'833)	1m 12s (1m 20s)	1. Zim 2. US 3. SA
African Citizens Watch	859 (665)	1'531 (1'303)	1m 01s (1m 09s)	1. China 2. US 3. Zim
ZimCitizensWatch	2'942 (1'659)	3'891 (2'926)	0m 48s (5m 12s)	1. Zim 2. US 3. SA
African Agora	407 (156)	599 (397)	0m 18s (4m 04s)	1. US 2. China 3. Zim
African Citizenship Index	833 (755)	960 (1'043)	0m 12s (0m 19s)	1. China 2. US 3. Russia
Online School	418 (447)	845 (1'313)	3m 16s (1m 26s)	1. Zim 2. Bots 3. South Africa
SIVIO Institute Financial Inclusion Index (SI-FI Index)	90 (75)	195 (100)	0m 14s (0m 30s)	1. Zim 2. Bots 3. Kenya
Entrepreneurship Lab	902 (628)	1'103 (715)	0m 44s (1m 01s)	1. Zim 2. India 3. Philippines
Philanthropy Lab	4'388 (4'167)	5'708 (5'276)	1m 09s (1m 04s)	1. Zim 2. SA 3. UK
Agriculture in Africa	-	752 views (603 views)	-	-
Land Portal	208 (219)	287 (312)	0m 10s (0m 13s)	1. Zim 2. SA 3. US
Local Government Tracker	195 (191)	245 (262)	0m 23s (0m 21s)	1. US 2. China 3. Zim
COVID-19 Tracker	376 (471)	392 (505)	0m 35s (0m 21s)	1. China 2. Zim 3. US

Platform	Users 2023 (2022)	Sessions 2023 (2022)	Ave session length 2023 (2022)	Top countries (Users)
MRMI	266	306	0m 19s	1. China 2. US 3. Zim
AJIS	923	1'429	0m 31s	1. US 2. Zim 3. China
Africa Giving	1'323	2'637	1m 03s	1. Zim 2. US 3. SA
Ease of Doing Philanthropy	732	1,569	0m 28s	1. US 2. SA 3. Zim
Elections Watch Zim	261	719	0m 48s	1. Zim 2. US 3. SA

Source: Google Analytics for SIVIO Institute

3.4 Communications and Social media

A key strategic pillar for the success of our visibility is to maximise and improve our communication streams and social media presence. This year, we prioritised our mailing list as well as followings on X (Twitter), Facebook and LinkedIn.

Table 7, shows the overall level of followers and engagement since the creation of the various social media platforms. Our largest single audience is now on X (Twitter) which has overtaken Facebook. On these platforms, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa are the main audience sources.

Table 7: Communications, Reach and Engagement of SIVIO Institute

	Mailchimp	X (Twitter)	Facebook	LinkedIn	YouTube
Following	1'965 subscribers	2'260 followers	2'041 page-likes 2'436 followers	874 page-followers 302 connections	62 subscribers
Representation	Top locations: Zimbabwe Netherlands	No Data	Top countries Zimbabwe South Africa UK	Top locations South Africa Zimbabwe Kenya	Top countries Zimbabwe Zambia
Reach	No Data	156K impressions	15.9K reach impressions	28.3K impressions	696 views 7.5K impressions
Engagements	On average, 26% are often engaged, 43.5% Opens 8.8% Clicks	3'260 engagements 3.3% engagement rate	1.3K engagements	1'146 engagements 7% engagement rate	2:13 view duration 25.9 hrs watch time 3.8% click-through rate

Table 8: Social Media Statistics

Social Media Platforms			
Platform	Followers (End of 2021)	Followers (End of 2022)	Followers (As of 31 Dec 2023)
Facebook	1 867	2 328 (25% ↑)	2 436 (5% ↑)
Twitter	1 878	2 088 (11% ↑)	2 260 (8% ↑)
LinkedIn Account	311	304 (-2% ↓)	302 (-1% ↓)
LinkedIn Page	-	567	874 (54% ↑)
YouTube	17	44 (159% ↑)	62 (41% ↑)

3.5 Dialogues and Convenings

3.5.1 Dialogues we hosted

To date, we have participated in thirteen (13) dialogues and convened ten (10). Of the ten (10) dialogues that we convened, one was held to launch the [SADC Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) on the 13th of June and another one to unpack the Barometer report held on the 13th of August. The index launch was attended by a cross-section of participants from across the region including the former SADC Secretariat Director of Infrastructure and Services who gave his reflections on resource mobilisation from the secretariat's lens. A total of 43 individuals attended the event. [The Barometer report](#) shared insights from the [Zimcitizenswatch](#) tracker for the 5-year performance of the Zimbabwean government.

As part of our Elections Watch Zim initiative and to support our campaign for a free, fair and ethical election we hosted 6 online dialogues together with Heart and Soul TV. The dialogues ran from July to August 2023 and looked at key issues in the run-up to the elections that we viewed as important to deliver a credible election. The dialogues looked at the following issues:

- [The significance of the 2023 elections](#)
- [Women's participation in the elections](#)
- [Youth participation in the elections](#)
- [What citizens want to see from the elections?](#)
- [Ensuring peace in the run up to and after the 2023 elections](#)
- [Outstanding electoral reforms](#)

The dialogues were streamed on Facebook and YouTube. The recordings had 12,946 views on Facebook and 9,715 views on YouTube.

On the 24th of November, we hosted the Africa Giving Gala Dinner and Awards at the Leonardo in Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa in partnership with CMG International Media Group to launch Africa Giving. The Gala recognised 10 honourees for the philanthropic work that they have championed.

3.5.2 Dialogues we participated in

We participated in a Climate Change and Natural Resource Governance in Southern Africa Partners Dialogue organised by the Southern Africa Trust in February. The meeting was an opportunity for all the grantees from the SADC region undertaking work under this theme to meet and share their experiences in the implementation of their project activities and identify areas for cross-organisational and cross-country learning and collaborations.

On the 30th of March, we participated in the CAPSI Research Spotlight series where the Executive Director presented his paper on High-Net-Worth Philanthropists: Case of Three Selected Countries (Mauritius, South Africa and Zimbabwe).

In June we participated in a convening organised by CAPSI on Civic Space in Africa – The Role of Philanthropy where we presented on “Challenges to Citizens’ Collective Action” and shared insights based on our work in the Centres for Civic Engagement and Philanthropy and Communities on how these challenges could be addressed.

In August, the Executive Director participated in a seminar series hosted by the University of Johannesburg (UJ) under the theme ‘Democratic Transitions in Healthcare and Land Distribution’. He presented a paper that looked at ‘The link between democracy and customary land rights in Zimbabwe’ where he unpacked the important links between land tenure and democracy and how it has impacted political processes and decision-making. We also were invited by the Zimbabwe Economics Society to present on our methodology and findings in our [2023 Barometer report](#).

Through our WINGS membership, we have participated in four (4) WINGS Enabling Environment Working group meetings. One was a hybrid meeting held in May which focused on how the group could move forward together for collective advocacy for a more enabling environment. The last meeting was a face-to-face meeting held during the 2023 WINGS Forum in Nairobi on the 4th of October 2023. The last meeting discussed the milestones WINGS had made in getting its voice heard on global platforms such as the United Nations General Assembly and how WINGS could provide support to the group to amplify advocacy for an enabling environment for philanthropy.

We attended three philanthropy convenings hosted by the East African Philanthropy Network (EAPN), the Centre on African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) and the Worldwide Initiative for Grantmakers Support (WINGS). We joined other philanthropy practitioners from various parts of the continent at the 8th East African Philanthropy Network Conference held in Zanzibar. The theme of the conference was Systems Transformation: Catalysing Collective Action, where our Executive Director presented during the opening plenary session which looked at “Driving Collective Action for Philanthropy: A System Wide Approach to Transformation”. He was also part of the panel that looked at “Re-engineering Supportive Policy, Legal and Institutional Frameworks” where he presented on the legal constraints to giving in Southern Africa and more broadly philanthropy and the law in Africa.

On the 31st of July, we attended the 2nd African Philanthropy Academic Conference in Dakar where both the Executive Director and the Coordinator for the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities presented papers. From the 2nd to the 4th of August, we attended the 4th African Philanthropy Conference held in Saly, Senegal. Both convenings were organised by CAPSI and their supporting partners Trust Africa, the African Philanthropy Forum and the African Philanthropy Network (APN). We collaborated with other colleagues on different sessions namely the “Regulatory Frameworks in Philanthropy” and “Innovative Technology for Philanthropy” sessions. The theme for the conference was Philanthropy at an Inflection Point framed around four areas People, Power, Practice and Policy. We also joined philanthropy practitioners from across the globe at the 2023 WINGS Forum in Nairobi Kenya from the 3rd to the 5th of October 2023. The theme of the conference was “Transforming Philanthropy Transforming the World” which was framed under three discussion areas namely “Enable Change”, “Walk the Talk” and “Create the Future”. Our Executive Director presented in a breakaway session under “Enable Change” where he spoke about the game-changing power of data in creating an enabling environment for philanthropy in Africa based on the research work that has been done at SIVIO. The coordinator for the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities collaborated with colleagues from CivSource and the Group of Institutes, Foundations and Companies (GIFE) on a session on decolonising philanthropy. We also used the convenings as an opportunity to network and share with organisations and practitioners about the Africa Giving initiative.

In September, we participated in the MozFest House Kenya as an awardee through our ongoing study on Financial Inclusion in Zambia, Kenya and Malawi. The festival mapped out the intersection of society and innovation with artificial intelligence and access to the internet. The Institute of Pan African Thought and Conversation (IPACT) invited us to attend the Women Impact, Innovation and Sustainability in Africa Conference which highlighted the role of inclusion, gender and livelihoods on

women's impact as well as the drivers and impediments to women's progress on the continent.

From the 5th to the 7th of December, we participated in the global #Shiftthepower Summit, held in Bogota, Columbia. The summit brings together changemakers and trailblazers from around the world and from across different parts of the international development, philanthropy and civil society systems with a focus on understanding and crafting ways for communities to take charge of their own development.

Figure 4: Dialogues

Convened and
Participated In, 2023



Convenings Hosted

- *Launch of the Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index in SADC
- *Authors unpacking the ZCW barometer report
- *Launch of the ElectionsWatchZim Tracker
- *6 ElectionsWatchZim Online Dialogues
- *Africa Giving Gala Dinner and Awards



Convenings Participated

- *Climate Change and Natural Resource Governance in Southern Africa Partners Dialogue
- *CAPSI Research Spotlight
- *Civic Space in Africa - The Role of Philanthropy
- *WINGS Enabling Environment Working group meeting
- *WINGSForum
- *East African Philanthropy Network Conference
- *African Philanthropy Academic Conference
- *African Philanthropy Conference
- *Zimbabwe Economic Society Virtual Meeting - Benchmarking Implementation of ZANU PF's 2018 Electoral Promises: 2018 - 2023
- *MozFest House Kenya
- *Women Impact, Innovation and Sustainability in Africa Conference (IPACT)
- *UJ Sociology, Anthropology and Development Studies Seminar Series
- *Shiftthepower conference in Bogota, Columbia



3.6 Networking

We renewed our memberships with APN and WINGS. The WINGS membership enabled the Coordinator for the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities to access a scholarship to attend the 2023 WINGS forum. We participated in several activities hosted by both networks which have helped enhance the visibility of the work that we do globally and across the continent. We participated in the APN virtual Members Roundtable in March. The roundtable was an opportunity for all members to outline their priority areas or work for 2023 and start to identify areas of support and potential collaboration between members. Another APN members meeting was held in Zanzibar in June 2023 to discuss the network's strategy.

We collaborated with Civic Tech Innovation Network and the Charter Africa Project (who supported the expansion of our policy tracking to Zambia and Malawi and the development of our African Citizens Watch Policy Tracker) to produce a podcast on [Enhancing Government Effectiveness and Accountability through Leveraging Technology](#). In the podcast, we shared how technology could be leveraged to help fulfil the vision of a citizen-led democracy and increase citizen participation. The podcast was published on 31 March 2023.

The Programs Manager and Coordinator for the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities joined the Women in African Philanthropy Initiative through CAPSI. The Coordinator for the Centre for Philanthropy and Communities was also selected to be part of the Global Fund for Community Foundations 2023 cohort of [#ShiftthePower Fellows](#). #ShiftThePower is a global network of activists, practitioners and allies exploring alternative systems that harness the power of communities and advance equity, dignity and justice.

Globally, the Executive Director continued to lead work around enhancing civil society with the [Kettering Foundation](#) (KF). In 2023, he helped develop their 3-year strategy for the KF global alumni network and facilitated a series of online discussion and sharing sessions. The strategy seeks to strengthen the network and inputs it makes towards the advancement of more open civic space through a range of activities such as peer-to-peer dialogues, masterclasses, experience sharing, knowledge production and learning. In addition, the Programs Manager is part of the global cohort of the Kettering Foundation International Fellowship for 2023. The fellowship is made up of a series of meetings, mentorships, and additional experiences to improve skills in supporting inclusive democracy. Together with the Executive Director, the Programs Manager attended two rounds of meetings in the United States. Under the Kettering Foundation fellowship the Programs Manager has been working on a project which seeks to help residents' associations in Zimbabwe strengthen their internal democratic practices.

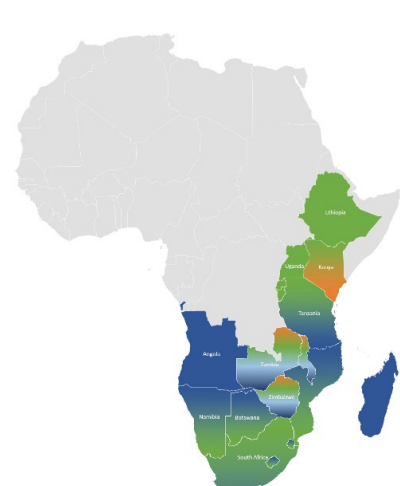
3.7 Regionalization and Expansion into the Continent

In 2023, we had 4 regional projects across the three centres:

1. [African Citizens Watch](#) (Zambia, Malawi)
2. Expansion of the [Financial Inclusion of MSMEs](#) study (Kenya, Malawi, Zambia)
3. [Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) (SADC; East African expansion underway)
4. [Africa Giving](#) (90 organisations from 16 countries- Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Eswatini, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Nigeria, Cameroon, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, DR Congo)

SI Regional Footprint, as of December 2023

Table 9: SI Regional Footprint as of December 2023



Project	Key
African Citizens Watch	Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe (3)
Financial Inclusion	Kenya, Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe (4)
Ease of Doing Philanthropy	Botswana, Burundi, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe (15)
African Agora	Angola, Botswana, ESwatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe (12)

The Financial Inclusion Study of Micro, Small and Medium (MSMEs) was deployed in August 2023 and is nearing completion in Zambia and Malawi and Kenya. The outputs of this project will include country reports and an expansion of the Financial Inclusion Index (SI-FIndex) to compare Nairobi (Kenya); Lilongwe (Malawi); Lusaka (Zambia) and Harare (Zimbabwe) using data from 2021.

The [Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index](#) for SADC was launched on the 13th of June 2023, and we are currently expanding the study to East Africa with an assessment of legal frameworks being conducted in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

ITP Usage

Our ITPs allow the dissemination and use of our knowledge products across the continent. The SIVIO Institute website has the widest continental reach, followed by Africa Giving and the Philanthropy Lab.

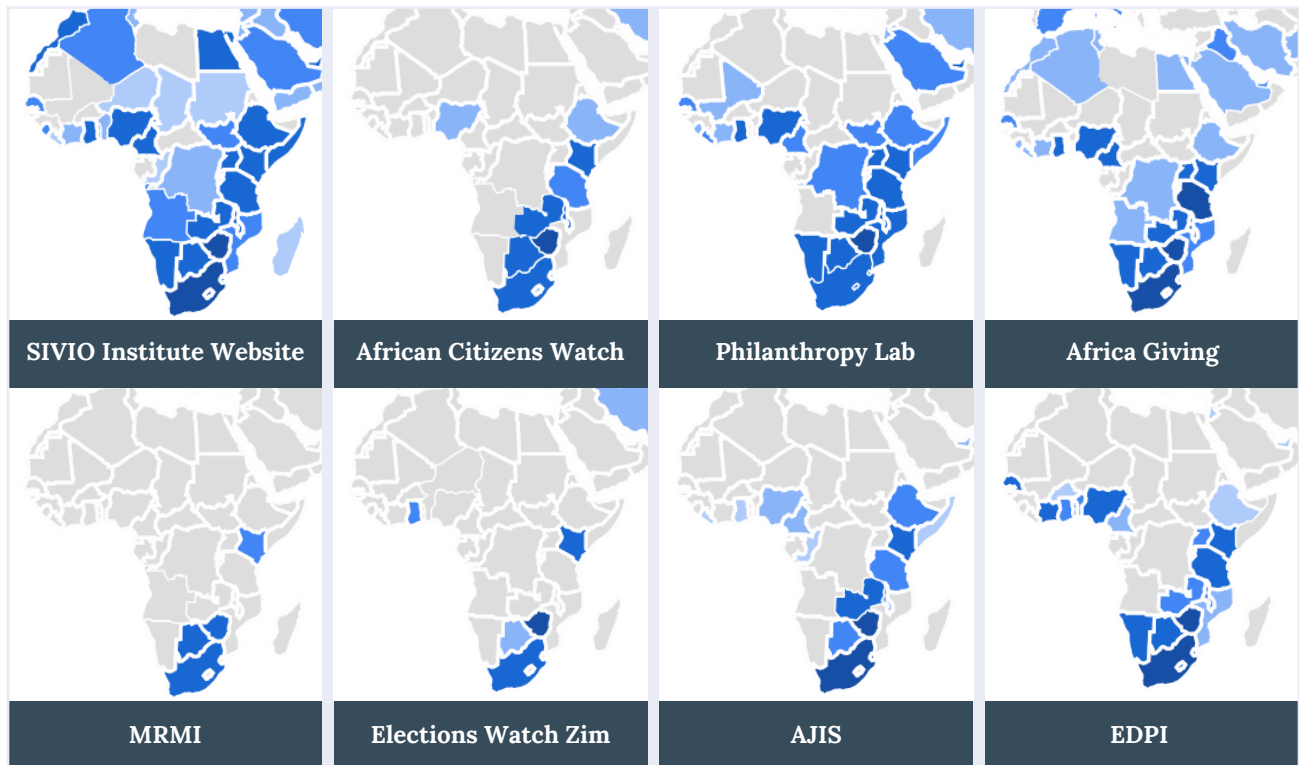


Figure 5: Continental Reach of ITPs

Africa Giving Impact

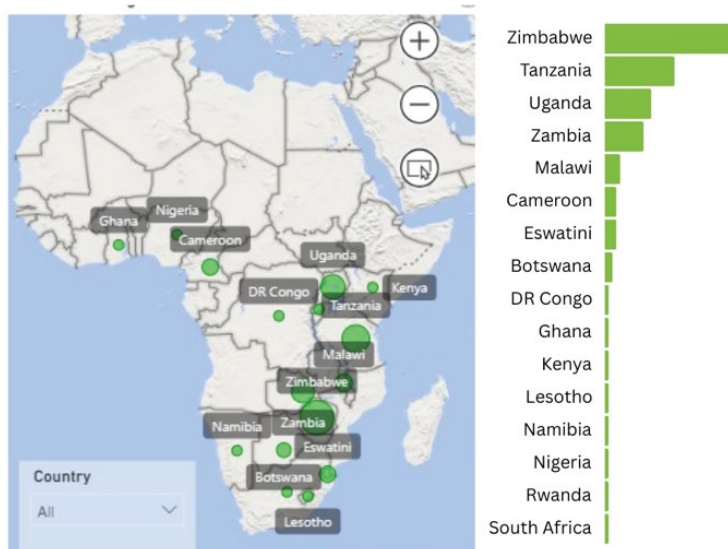
[Africa Giving](#) is a new and growing project for 2023 with the aim to grow individual support and giving for non-profits across the continent. Our largest organisational footprint is in Zimbabwe but through partnerships, we have begun to expand the reach into the region with organisations based in Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia showing greater interest in joining the platform. We have raised money through the platform itself and through the Africa Giving Gala Dinner and Awards. The Gala Dinner and Awards provided a stage for the official launch of the platform, and we envision the expansion of giving through the online platform.

Organisations Listed

93
organisations

16
countries

2.78
compliance score



Amounts Raised

US\$ 403 given through the platform

US\$4,514 raised through Africa Giving Gala Dinner & Awards

US\$4,917



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Figure 6: Reach of Africa Giving to Date

4.0 PERFORMANCE REVIEW SINCE THE NEW STRATEGY

Since the adoption of a new strategy in 2021 we have made significant progress to become a regional facing organisation. Annex 2 demonstrates the spread of regional projects undertaken to date which in total cover up to 19 African countries including Angola, Cameroon, Botswana, Burundi, eSwatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. These projects include our ITPs (trackers, and indices), surveys and respective reports and the African Journal of Inclusive Societies. We have additionally produced a total of 28 knowledge products that are cross-cutting in nature and can influence public processes in a number of African governments.

The African Journal of Inclusive Societies (AJIS) is regional-facing and features articles from Cameroon, The Gambia, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Malawi. Regarding our platforms, four (4) are regional facing including [Africa Citizens Watch](#), [Africa Giving](#), [Ease of Doing Philanthropy](#) and the [African Agora Platform](#). Four (4) of our trainings are online and regional facing. They are open to applicants from across the continent/globe. Annex 2 demonstrates the spread and influence of all our projects to date.

In addition to this, our website has a footprint in 135 countries with the top 5 consisting of 63.7% of all users from Zimbabwe (24%), the United States (20%), South Africa (8%), China (7.5%), Kenya (4%) as previously illustrated in Figure 3. This demonstrates the wide reach and influence of SI's work and its relevance to African and global audiences.

Our networks have strengthened and now include APN, WINGS, Civic Tech, Charter Africa Project, CAPSI and the Institute of Pan African Thought and Conversation (IPACT- University of Johannesburg). In the last two years, we have made deliberate efforts to grow and strengthen these connections.



5.0 INSTITUTIONAL PERFORMANCE

At the end of 2023, we managed to achieve the following:

- Obtained a clean 2022 financial audit,
- Held four board meetings,
- We secured the Ford Foundation BUILD Grant,
- Retained five (5) funding partners and increased our funding base by securing two (2) new funding partners,
- Strengthened our regional footprint by registering in South Africa and securing a virtual office space,
- Two staff members took part in Fellowship programs with the Global Fund for Community Foundations and the Kettering Foundation,
- Implemented a Gratuity fund for all staff members whereby 10% of an employee's gross salary is reserved to be paid to the employee upon their time of exit from the organisation,

As of December 2023, our gender composition across the Board and staff is as outlined below.

Table 10: Organisational Composition

Description	Male	Female	Total
Board Members	5	3	8
Staff Members	4	12	16

6.0 CONCLUSION

In 2023 we consolidated the work we had set out to do in our 2021 strategy. Not only did we achieve a significant regional footprint making inroads into a total of 19 African countries, but we achieved a digital footprint into 135 countries around the world. Our target was to become not just a Zimbabwe focused, but Africa focused Think Tank. We achieved this target by leaps and bounds. Where we had aimed to just go regional, we succeeded in growing audiences in several countries outside Africa signifying the importance of the conversations we are having not just for Africa but for citizens across the globe.

Several elections were held on the continent and we took advantage of the unique opportunities as a Think Tank to influence a citizen-centered narrative on democracy. We did this through several election focused conversations when many African countries were running crucial presidential and parliamentary elections. We have seen the desire of young voters to engage with elections and election related processes but similarly in 2023 as in many other years, we saw the impact of a poor citizen centric system on the democracy process.

Our desire in 2023 was also to consolidate the work we had begun since 2018 lining up our strategic goals. This saw us creating a swath of integrated technology products that raise the profile of citizen's access to information allowing them to make informed decisions about their current and proposed governments. Significantly in 2023 we witnessed the impact of technology on its ability to create robust and user-friendly accountability systems allowing us to grow our influence into countries like the United States and China. This impact has strengthened our resolve to push for a stronger focus on technology and its potential for creating an informed citizenry.

As African economies morphed after COVID-19, we also saw the need for a changed focus in our efforts to create inclusive economies. We pivoted our focus of training wealth startup founders to focus on social enterprises that have a potentially stronger impact on African development goals, communities, and cultures.

Since our inception we have grappled with the state of philanthropy in Africa. Not only did we map the state of philanthropy and associated legal frameworks on a large scale giving us strategic insight into the role the citizens and their governments can play to improve the state of philanthropy in Africa, but we took our work forward to

actually solve the problem. After identifying the gaps in fundraising, a need for support and poor legal frameworks, we saw a unique opportunity to do something about the gaps, culminating in the development of the Africa Giving Platform. Its development has increased our potential to make a unique contribution to the major fundraising challenges for non-profits in Africa. This project has the potential for continent wide impact, and it will be a big focus for us in 2024.

Our desire is to build on the consolidated gains in 2023 working alongside strategic partners like the FORD Foundation enabling us to identify areas of strength, ensuring stronger influence in those areas in 2024. This may mean redesigning our centers of work, redesigning our integrated technology products, and reshaping the SIVIO team itself. Although challenging, 2024 promises to be an exciting year of growth and more consolidation of our quest for an inclusive society.

7.0 ANNEXURE

Annex 1: Publications: Jan – Dec 2023

Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC	Multiple Authors	Jan-June	419 Downloads
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Malawi Report – Jan 2023		Edward Leman	10 March
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – eSwatini Report – Jan 2023		Qand’elihle G. Simelane, PhD	10 March
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Zimbabwe Report – Jan 2023		Shelly Satuku	10 March
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Botswana Report – Jan 2023		Makaloba Makaloba	21 March
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Namibia Report – Jan 2023		Aaron Buckley	23 March
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Zambia Report – Jan 2023		Nsama Mwandama Chileshe	3 April
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC –Tanzania Report – Jan 2023		Elias Xavier	12 April
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Mozambique Report – Jan 2023		Raul Chambote	19 May
Understanding the Legal Frameworks for Philanthropy in SADC – Lesotho Report – Jan 2023		Mankhatho Selepe & Shelly Satuku	8 June
Examining Legal Constraints to Giving in Southern Africa		Tendai Murisa & Shelly Satuku	25 May
Philanthropy and Law in Southern Africa		Tendai Murisa & Shelly Satuku	29 June WINGS
AJIS Vol 2: special edition on Zimbabwe	Various authors (articles listed below)	Feb 2023	153 Downloads
Zimbabwe’s 2023 Elections: Linking Elections, Democracy and Inclusive Development		J. Muzondidya	Feb 2023
An Analysis of the Existing Form of Governance Politics in Zimbabwe and Proposals for a New Kind of Policymaking		E. Musunungure & H. Zvoushe	Feb 2023
Political Inclusion in Local Governance Processes in Zimbabwe: A Contextual Analysis		D. Sivalo	Feb 2023
Exploring the Tenure-Democracy Nexus on Customary Land Right Holders		T. Murisa	Feb 2023

<u>Financial Inclusion in Zimbabwe: Re-imagining Prospects for Inclusive Stakeholder Involvement and National Development</u>		T. Chikweche, B. Chaora & R. Cross	Feb 2023
<u>New Citizen Forms of Solidarity in Zimbabwe's Crisis-Stricken Context</u>		E. Jowah & B. Moyo	Feb 2023
<u>Citizens Perceptions and Expectations Survey Report 2023</u>	Eddah Jowah	29 May 2023	96 Downloads
<u>Debunking five key myths about Zimbabwe's upcoming elections</u>		Tendai Murisa	23 June NewZWire
<u>Africa Agora Watch</u>	Tendai Murisa & Leon Mapurisa	18 July 2023	32 Downloads
<u>Five Years of Progress of Stagnation</u>	Tendai Murisa, Rebekah Cross, Sharon Murisa & Matron Muchena	1 August 2023	125 downloads
Elections Watch Zim commentaries	External authors below	18 August 2023	60 Downloads
<u>Assessing Zimbabwe's Readiness to Hold Free, Fair, and Ethical Harmonised Elections in August 2023</u>		Musiwaro Ndakaripa	18 August
<u>Zimbabwe Votes: Some Key Considerations for the 2023 Elections</u>		Adebayo O. Olukoshi	18 August
<u>AJIS Volume 3</u>	Various authors (articles listed below)	4 December	77 Downloads
<u>Foreword - Making the Connection between the Humanities and Democracy</u>		Tendai Murisa	Dec 2023
<u>Introduction-What's humanities got to do with it? Locating the node between humanities and democracy in Africa</u>		Pauline Mateveke Kazembe	Dec 2023
<u>African feminist activism and democracy: Social media publics and Zimbabwean women in politics online</u>		Rosemary Chikafa-Chipiro	Dec 2023
<u>Alternative democracy? Crisis, discourse and versions of democracy in Zimbabwean politics in the post-2000 context</u>		Tsiidzai Matsika	Dec 2023
<u>Language as a bridge: Exploring the role of Kiswahili in fostering inclusion</u>		Aaron Mukandabvute	Dec 2023
<u>Exploring the influence of culture on democratic norms and practices: A case study of electoral campaign and voting processes in The Gambia</u>		Kudakwashe Bandama	Dec 2023
<u>Creative arts and social engagement in contemporary Kenya</u>		Brian Otieno	Dec 2023

Annex 2: Analysis of Performance by Strategy Commitment/Aspiration

Area	Indicator of Progress	Actual Progress Made
Regionalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadening of existing initiatives to have a regional focus Raise resources to build upon experiments carried out in Zimbabwe Establish a network of Research Associates working in Thematic Working Groups Expanding the focus of ITPs Establish a Regional School (Entrepreneurship, Policy, and Philanthropy) Broadening of Board to reflect African expansion. Registration and virtual office in another African country. 	<p>Research/Knowledge Generation</p> <p>4 Regionally Focused Projects/Initiatives</p> <p><i>Civic Engagement (2):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - African Agora – Tracking the quality of civic space in 12 SADC Countries - African Citizens Watch Policy Tracker – 3 Countries (Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe) <p><i>Philanthropy and Communities (1)</i></p> <p>The Ease of Doing Philanthropy Index – developed under the <i>Understanding and Enhancing the Legal Framework for Philanthropy</i> – covering 10 SADC Countries</p> <p>Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion</p> <p>Expansion of the <i>Financial Inclusion Study</i> to 3 countries (<i>Kenya, Malawi and Zambia</i>)</p> <p>Dialogues/Convenings (Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with the University of Johannesburg (IPACT) for the Women, Gender, and Financial Inclusion Conference (8th to the 9th of September 2022). • Collaborated with the University of Johannesburg (IPACT) for the Women Impact, Innovation and Sustainability in Africa Conference in September 2023 <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) online training courses for an African audience. The courses are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Introduction to Civic Engagement ◦ School for Sustainable Civil Society Organisations ◦ Introduction to Principles of Entrepreneurship

		<p>Knowledge Products</p> <p>We published the 3rd volume of African Journal for Inclusive Societies under the theme - Humanities and the Democracy Project in Africa: Challenges and Prospects. The contributors were drawn from Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Integrated Technology Platforms</p> <p>Four (4) regional platforms created and launched</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.africancitizenswatch.org – tracking implementation of policy actions in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe • www.africanagora.org – monitoring civic space in across 12 SADC Countries • www.africanphilanthropy.org – looking at the ease of doing philanthropy in 10 SADC Countries • www.africagiving.org – an online giving platform with 74 African NGOs registered <p>Registration and opening of virtual office in Johannesburg, South Africa</p>
<p>Knowledge Production</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cutting knowledge products that influence public processes 	<p>Centre for Civic Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Research reports in 2022 • 3 Research reports in 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 5 Years of Progress or Stagnation ◦ African Agora Watch ◦ Citizens Perceptions and Expectations 2023 Survey Report • 1 Policy Brief in 2022 • 2 Policy Briefs in 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Zimbabwe Votes – Some Key Considerations for the 2023 Elections ◦ Assessing Zimbabwe's Readiness to Hold Free, Fair and Ethical Elections • 1 Policy Insight in 2022 • 2 Books in 2022 • 1 Journal volume in 2022 • 2 Journal volumes in 2023

- 2 News Articles/Opinion Pieces
 - Debunking five key myths about Zimbabwe's upcoming elections (NewZWire)
 - What do Zimbabweans Want (Zimbabwe Independent)
- 1 Blog Article in 2023

Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Financial Inclusion

- 1 Research Report in 2022
- 1 Journal article in 2023

Centre for Philanthropy and Communities

- 1 Research Report in 2022
- 10 Research Reports in 2023
 - Examining Legal Constraints to Giving in Southern Africa
 - 9 country reports on Understanding the Legal Framework for Philanthropy in Southern Africa
- 1 Directory in 2022
- 1 Book in 2022
- 1 Blog Article in 2023
 - Philanthropy and Law in Southern Africa (WINGS)

