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The East-West Management Institute, Inc. (EWMI) has partnered with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), Uganda's Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), and Common Ground Consulting (CGC), to implement the five-year Civil Society Strengthening Activity (CSSA) in Uganda, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

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USAID/Uganda Civil Society Strengthening Activity

Goal

USAID/Uganda Civil Society Strengthening Activity (CSSA) supports the capacity strengthening of Ugandan civil society organizations (CSOs) to influence and contribute to improved development outcomes in four thematic areas: health, with particular attention paid to achieving Uganda's HIV/AIDS' reduction goals; education, youth, and child development; agriculture and food security; and democracy, rights, and governance.

Strengthen the advocacy capacity of CSOs to influence national and local development

EWMI supports national and regional advocacy umbrella CSOs and CSOs to become leaders in advocating for reforms in CSSA's thematic areas, enhance their capacity to engage citizens and other stakeholders, strengthen their advocacy and institutional capacity, and build organizational resilience.

Improve the organizational capacity of advocacy and service delivery oriented CSOs to sustainably fulfil their stated missions

Through flexible and tailored capacity development assistance and grants, EWMI assists advocacy CSOs, national and regional umbrella CSOs and national, regional, and district CSOs that engage in advocacy or deliver services in CSSA's thematic areas, and other CSOs that are supported also by other USAID/Uganda implementing partners.

Promote a more supporting enabling environment that sustains a vibrant civil society

EWMI provides grants and technical assistance support to CSOs and Government of Uganda institutions that leads to expanded alliances among multiple stakeholders to promote an enabling environment for civil society in Uganda; increased in-country resources and capacity of CSOs to navigate government requirements and restrictions; and Ugandan-led initiatives to improve the CSO enabling environment. EWMI supports also local partner CSOs to ensure increased levels of funding by the private sector and citizens.

EWMI's approach to implementing CSSA emphasizes local ownership of CSSA's interventions and initiatives, building the capacity of CSOs and investing in their sustainability; as well as utilizing Uganda's local expertise and resources. CSSA is committed to gender equality and social inclusion, while CSSA's Giving Rise to Ugandan Indigenous Direction and Experience (GUIDE) Program invests in the leadership of women, youth, and CSOs outside Kampala.