

INFLUENCING UNBOUND ; RIGHTSHOLDERS TAKING LEAD



BY VOICE



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LINK & LEARN
BY VOICE

KNOWLEDGE
EXCHANGE

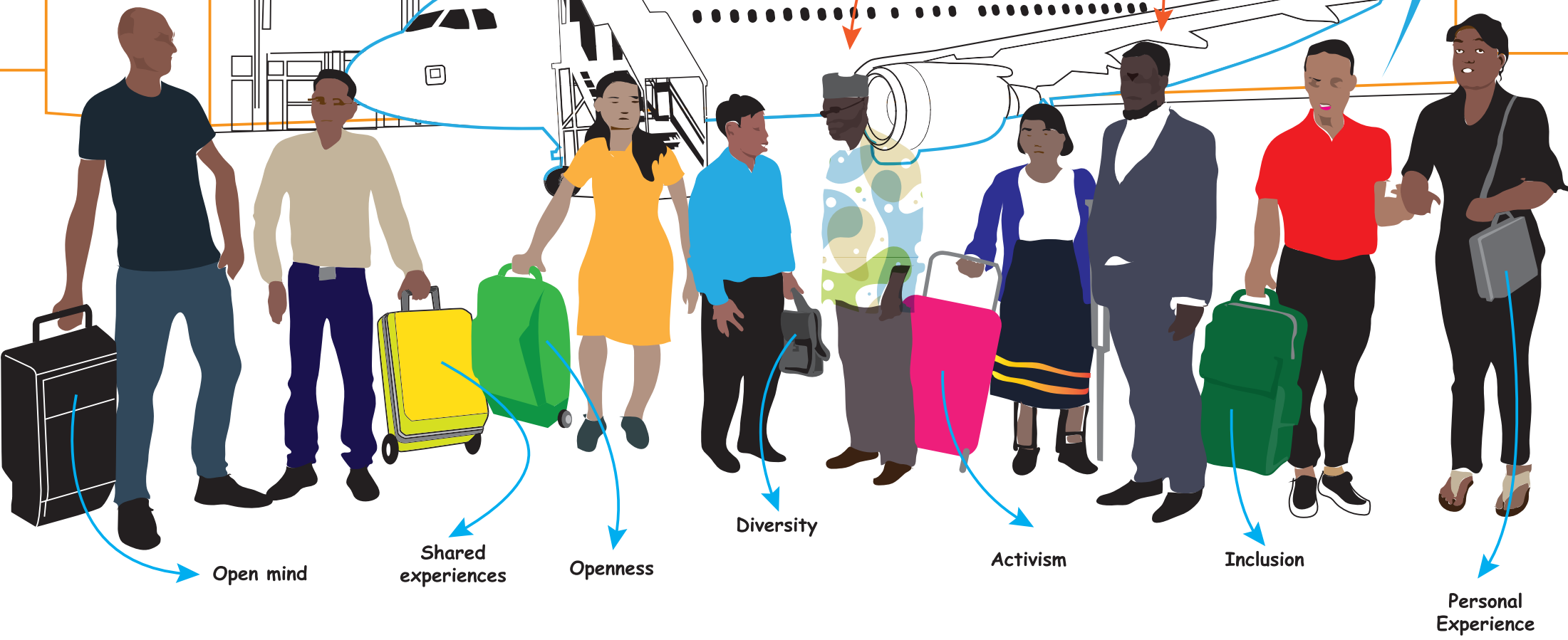


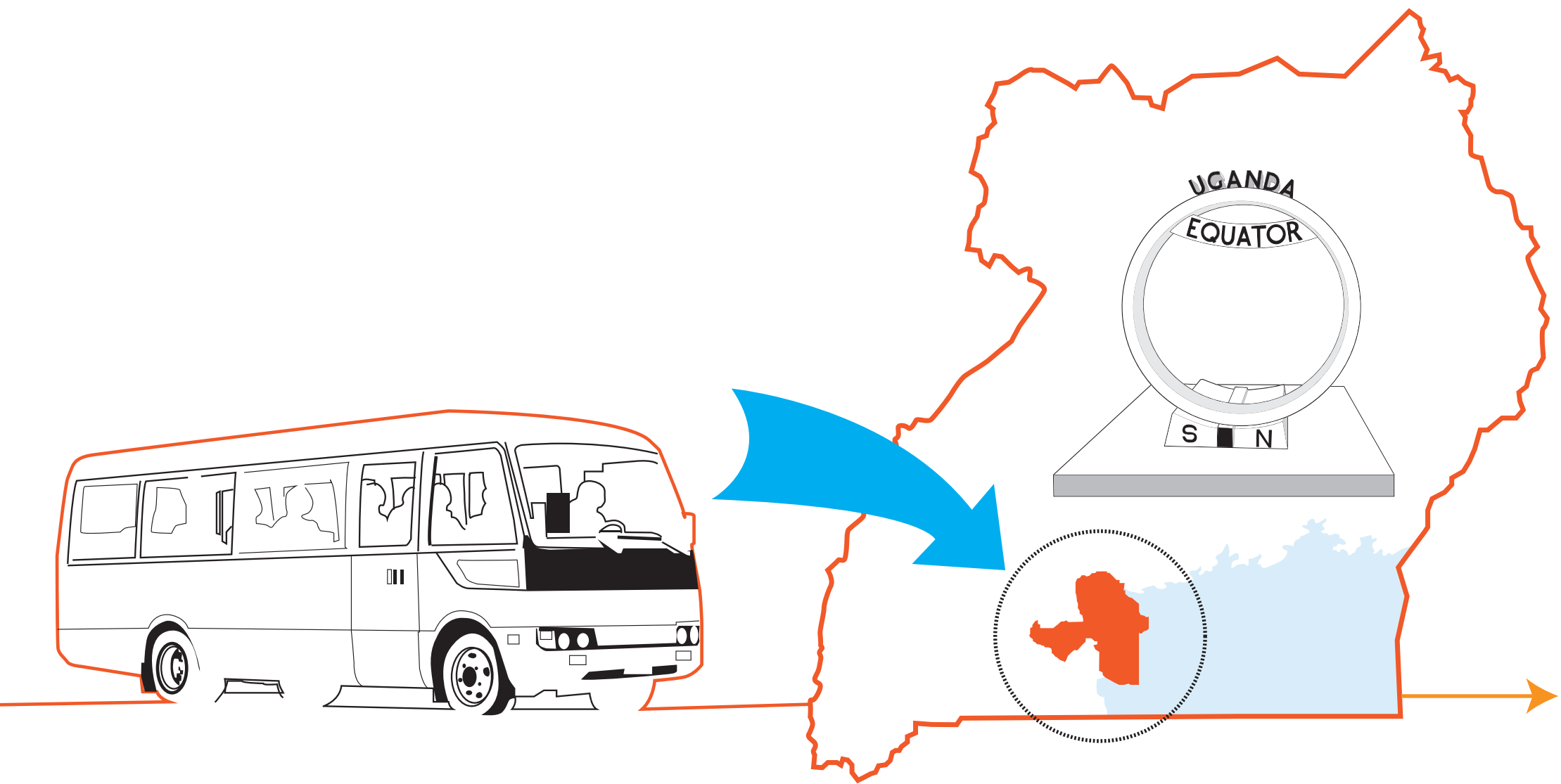


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For some of us , the journey began at Entebbe Airport . Each of us carried a pack of goodies ...

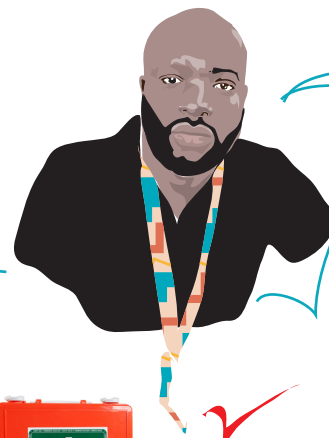
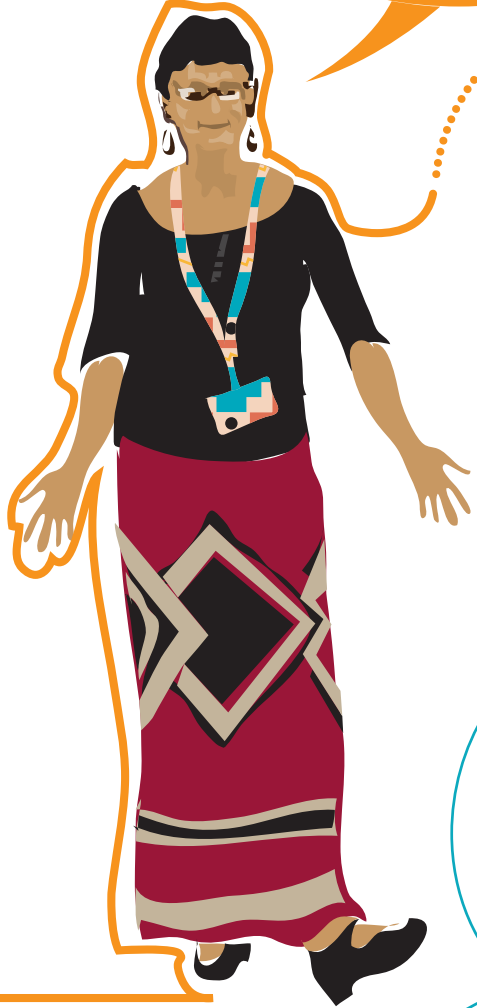
Experience Expertise





ONWARD TO MASAKA ... !

WELCOME !



SECURITY ✓

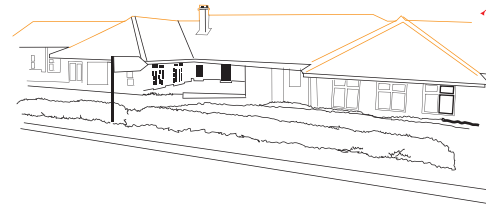
MEDICINE BOX



AMBULANCE



SPECIAL CASES can be handled by Masaka Hospital .



DO NOT ENGAGE IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS ! ✗

CARRY YOUR PASSPORT ON YOU AT ALL TIMES ! ✓



ALL NECESSARY OUTLETS TO EXCHANGE CURRENCY AVAILABLE !





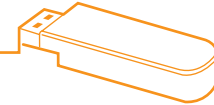
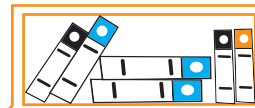
● **APOLOGIES !** on Netherland Ambassador not being able attend .

● **UGANDA BEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD , ENJOY IT !** ✓

● **MASAKA , A HISTORICAL TOWN .** Flattened in 1979 , the spirit of RE-BUILDING in this town today carries into our THEME .

● **THREE KEY THINGS ABOUT KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT :**

1 .  Document .



2 .  Case - studies are critical .

3 .  Experience sharing .



● We need to move from TRANSACTIONAL to TRANSFORMATIONAL partnerships .



Empowering .

Educative .

Improve us ALL .

● **ACCOUNTABILITY !**   Do not ABUSE project and avoid WASTE ! .

● **BE TRUTHFUL , BE VULNERABLE !**



WELCOME !

MANAGE TIME ! (((img alt="alarm clock icon")

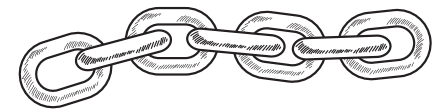
SHARE !



LEARN FROM EACH OTHER !

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS !

LINKING !



- Safe spaces
- VOICE community
- Community spaces
- Everyone carries experiences



LEARNING !



SELF - LED INFLUENCE !

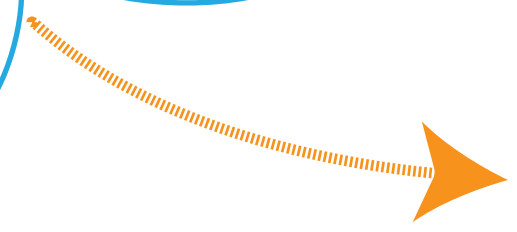
- Skills within you
- Empowerment
- Participation
- Authenticity

KARIBUNI !



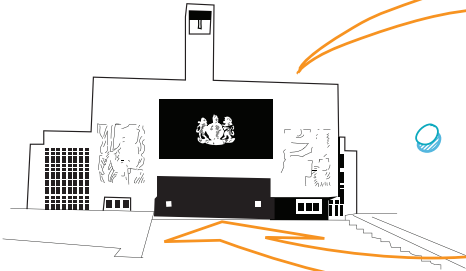
MARGINALISATION !

Has it grown or decreased ?



CHANGING SPACES !

● Social Media has bridged gaps over creed , nationality , geography .



● Political ACCESS and ENGAGEMENT has grown . Policies are in place , but ...

IMPLEMENTATION ?

WE

PROBED

for deeper insights on what are the



BARRIERS

to our SPACE for

for engagement as grantees and rights - holders .

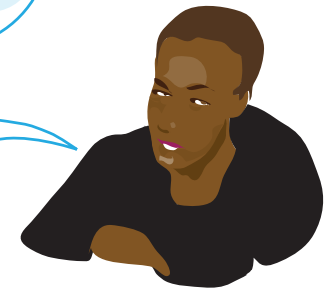
- How do we create LASTING change ?

Participants shared insights on previous linking and learning workshops they had been part of :

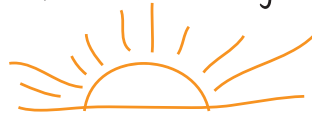


- Unconferencing was a new and interesting workshop method .
- Experienced visible empowerment . Eg. Brenda and her rise in politics .

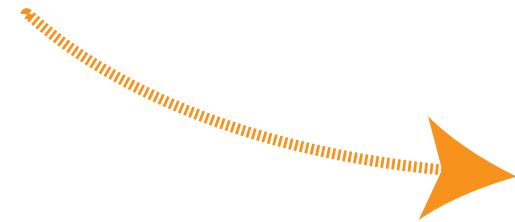
- Enjoyed connecting .
- Innovation labs .
- Marginalisation of the elderly and how it is being tackled in Kenya . .



- Indigenous women rising . How they PERSIST in the struggle .
The story of Margaret from Karamoja .



AS LONG AS THE SUN RISES , HOPE IS ALIVE !



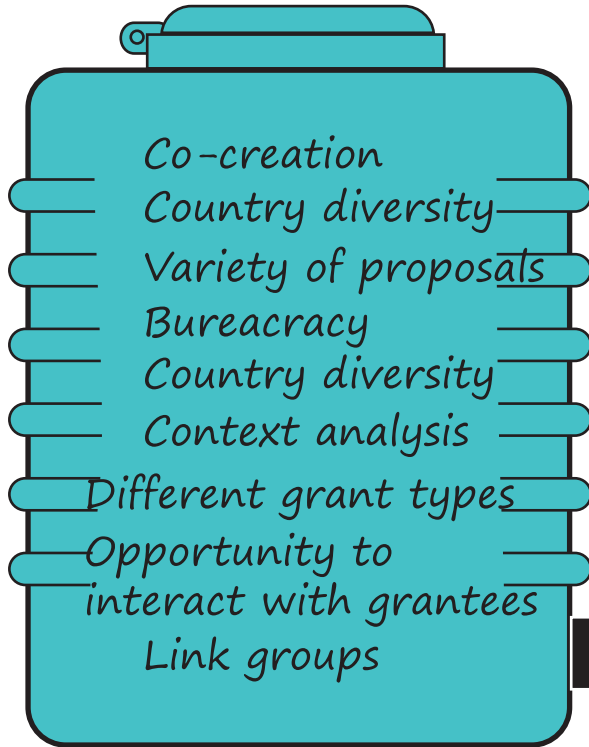
We got into groups to discuss:



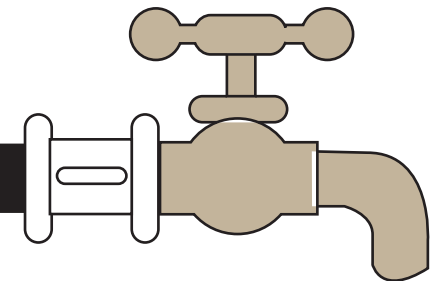
What is unclear about grant-making at VOICE ?

HOW TO FIX THIS ?

- VOICE to get more agile and responsive to FEEDBACK
- VOICE to improve COMMUNICATION
- ACCOUNTABILITY requires deligence and DOCUMENTATION . It is a JOINT struggle
- VOICE and Grantees to co-create more



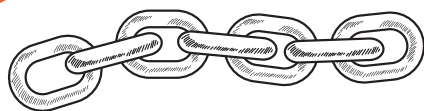
GRANTER



RECIEVERS



Linking and Learning possibilities at VOICE ?

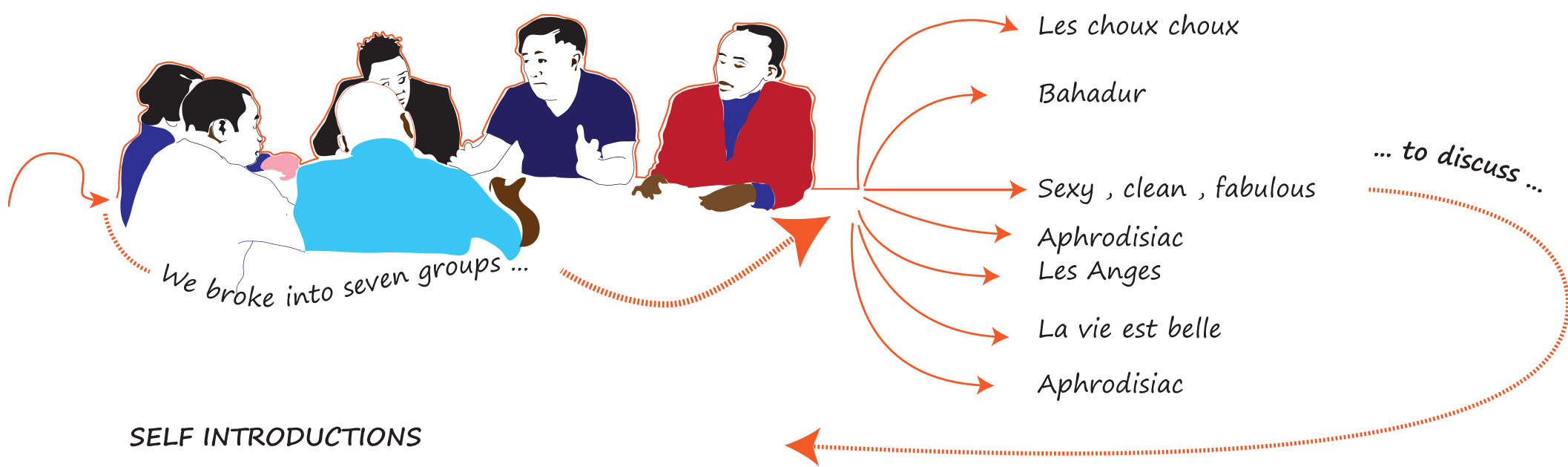


- Safe spaces for sharing
- Linking with government agencies
- Learning collaboratives alike exchange visits
- Translation and distribution of IECs
- Capacity building for grantees . Workshops , trainings
- Rightsholders speaking for themselves



- Share organisational plans with local leaders
- Skills lab , food for thought and learning sessions
- VOICE partners document activities . Utilise ICT .
- Quaterly reflection meetings with stakeholders
- Capacity building for grantees . Workshops , trainings
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SELF INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 What is your name
- 2 Organisation you belong to ?
- 3 What are you about ?
- 4 What would your ideal world look like ?
- 5 If you were an animal , what would you be ?

EMERGING ISSUES FROM THIS INTERRACTION

 There are new ways connecting and linking ie : social media .



However , be careful when using social media . The danger of BACKLASH or OVER-REACTION is great .

 Give groups time and space to articulate their issues directly .



Indigenous communities may not be familiar with the technologies we use . You may have to fall back to conventional methods sometimes .

Move grants to villages . Do not over “ urbanise ” .

Limited time to submit proposals may limit community involvement .

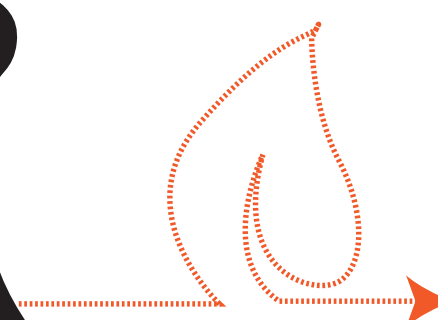
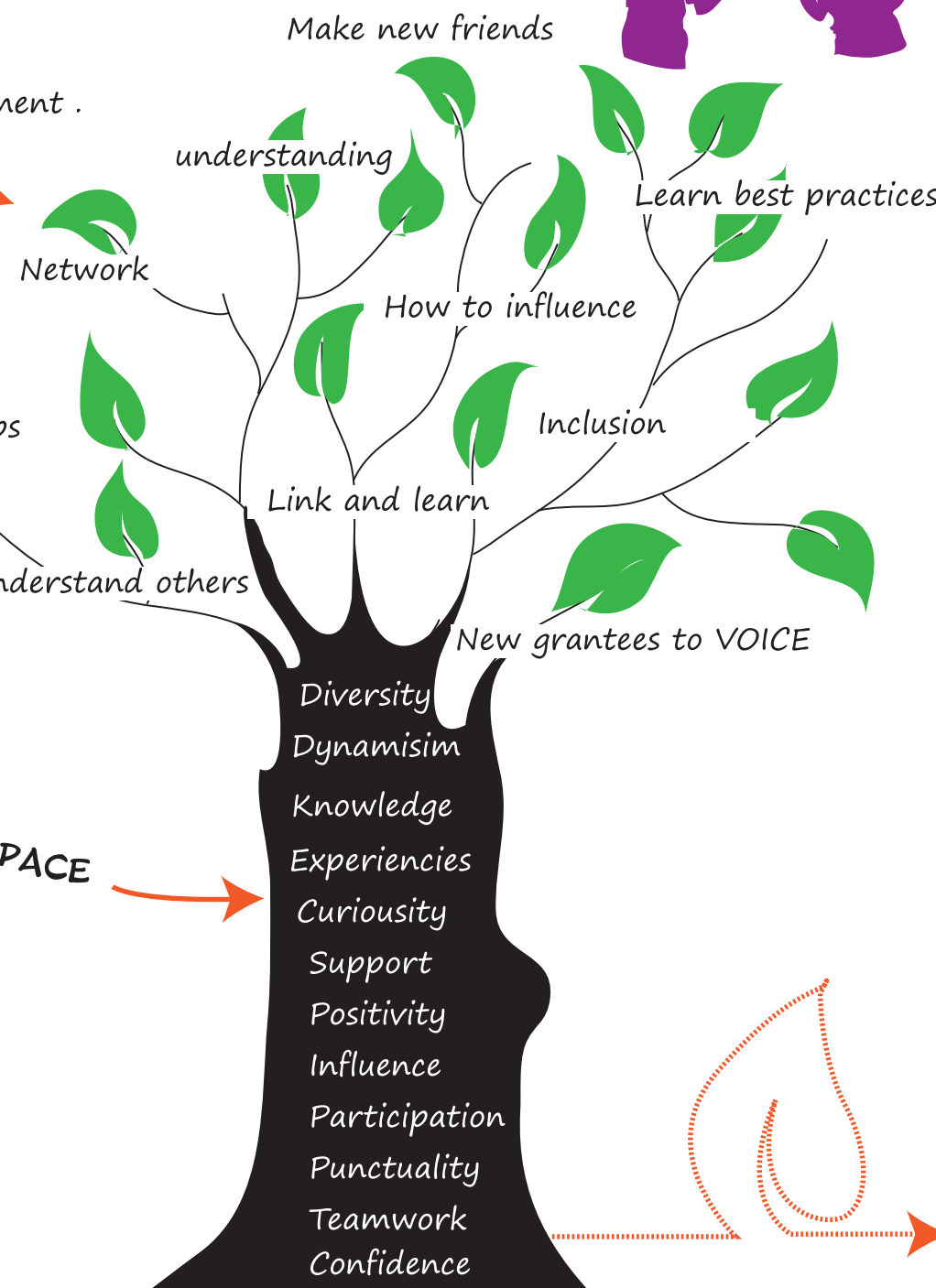


OUR EXPECTATIONS

WHAT WE DO NOT BRING HERE



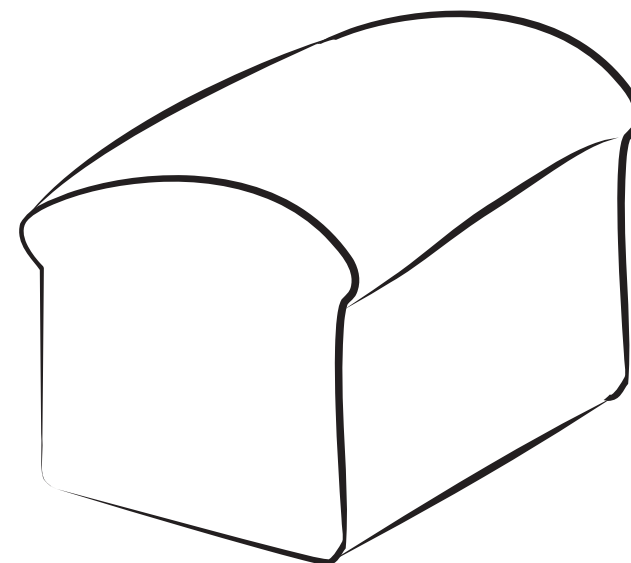
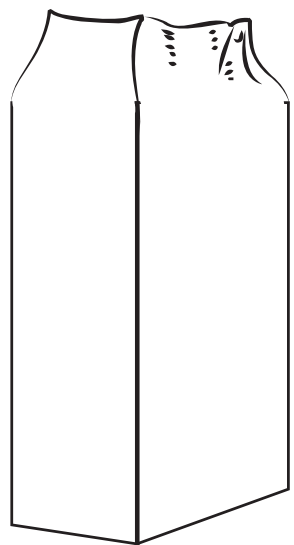
WHAT WE BRING TO THIS SPACE



EXPLORING SELF-LED INFLUENCING



- If we are marginalised , who is DRIVING our agenda ?
- Our challenges are not that different . How do we build INTERSECTIONS ?
- Advocacy should not be just making new policies , but IMPLEMENTATION !



STRATEGIES

- Diverse approaches
- Multi-sectoral approaches
- International

METHODS

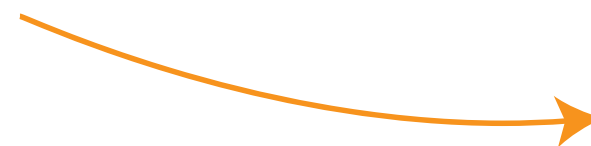
- Influencing
- Advocacy
- Capacity-building
- Knowledge exchanges
- Linking and learning
- Reflection meetings

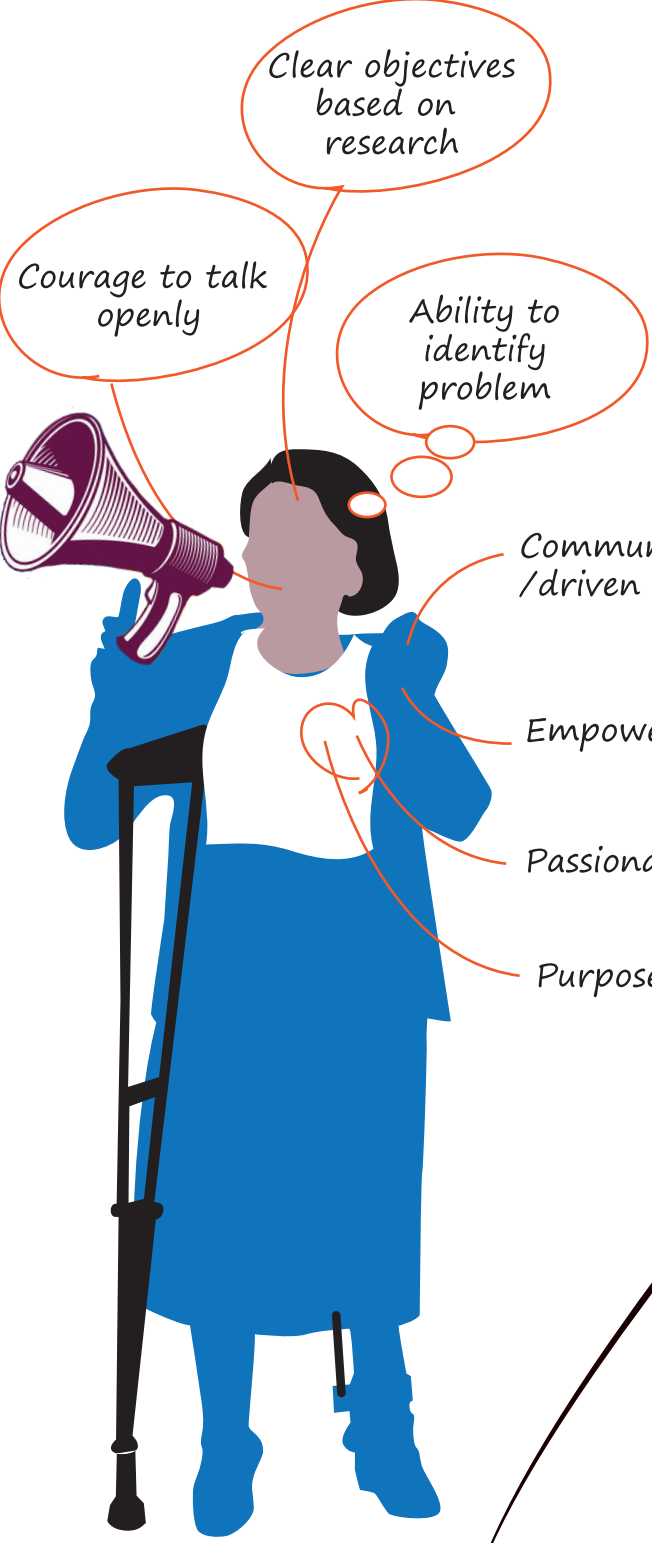
INGREDIENTS

- Granters
- Grantees
- Rights-holders
- Community
- Local government
- Parliament
- Government

CHANGE AGENTS

- Self-led influencing

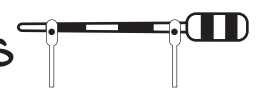




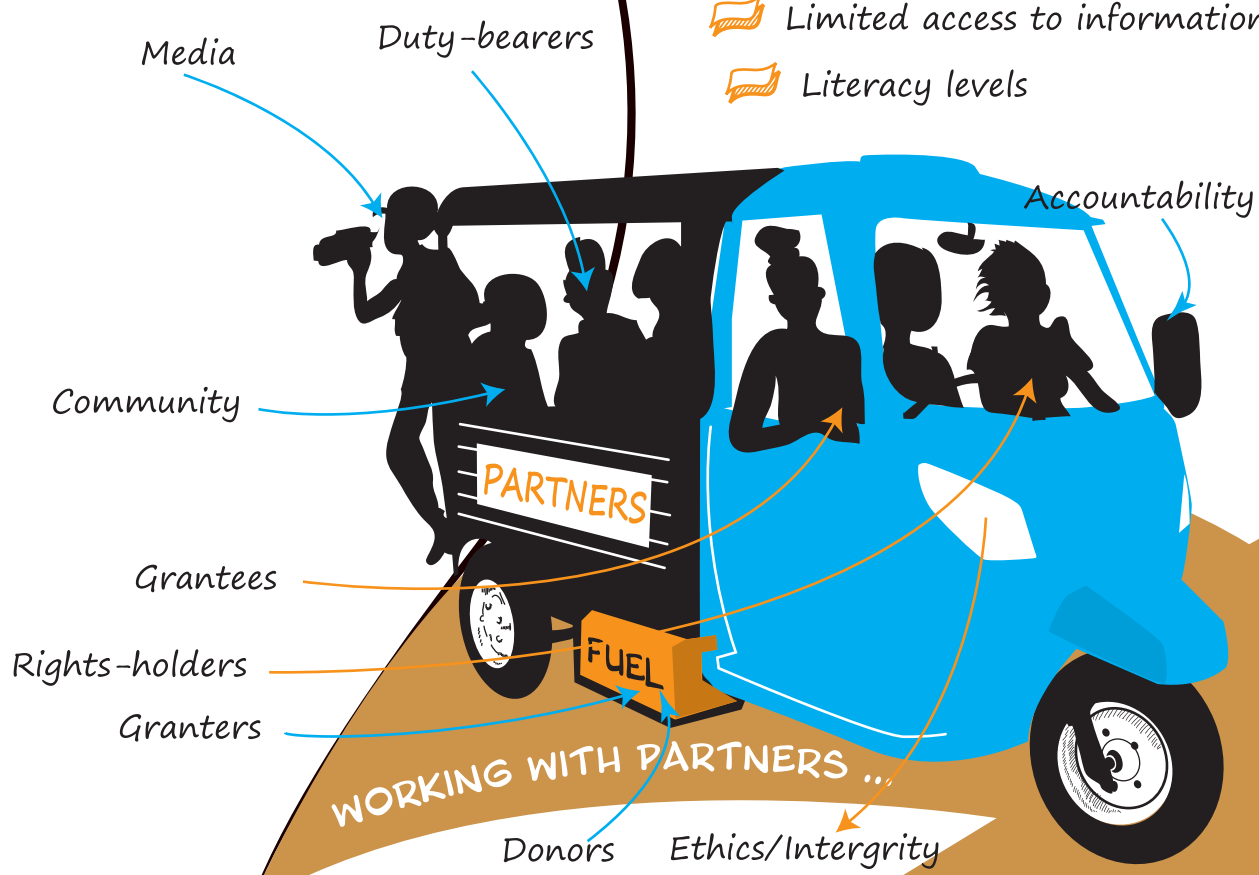
ADVANTAGES

- Changes are realised faster
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- Credibility and authenticity
- Faces less discrimination
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- Easier mobilisation

BARRIERS / CHALLENGES



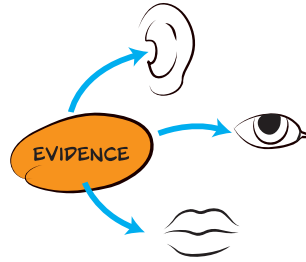
- Founder Syndrome
- Political influence
- Changing donor dynamics
- Cultural barriers
- Limited funding
- Sustainability
- Self-doubt
- Limited access to information
- Literacy levels





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- How do we get *POLITICAL* will ?
- Personal ethics and integrity for the self led?
- Is evidence only quantitative ?



- How does a self-led influencer deal with systemic marginalisation ?

AHA ! MOMENT : *Solar-powered electronic braille tablets have greatly assisted in communication , research and dissemination of information for the visually impaired in Niger .*

