TechSoup Africa Updates

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TechSoup – is an organization whose mission is to build a dynamic bridge that enables CSOs and changemakers around the world to gain effective access to the resources they need to design and implement technology solutions for a more equitable planet.

TechSoup partner network is comprised of 70 capacity building organizations of which Social Techno is one of them.
TS – Africa Network

**Partners**
Professional Development Foundation – Egypt
Manages North and Middle East Countries

Phambano – Southern Africa = 10 countries

West Africa Civil Society Institute ACSI:
= 18 countries

Kenya Community Development Foundation = 6

AdB France = 12 Francophone countries
UNICEF estimates that by 2050 we will have 2.4B people in Africa.

Africa needs speedy innovations in Health, Transport, Education, water, energy and housing.

Challenge: Social innovators are developing solutions for current population.

Innovation examples

M-Pesa – World first mobile money transfer and financing solution. Allows one to transfer, pay and borrow money. April – June 2018 M-pesa transactions totaled 1.5 trillion/13.2 Billion Euros.
Problems as catalyst to innovations in Africa

• Economic growth – M-pesa has lifted many households from Extreme poverty and has empowered women to own businesses

• iCow App – Provide small scale farmers with valuable information such as market prices, livestock lineage, health records.

• Results: Increased revenue and better livestock management

• M-Changa – crowdfunding Solution developed in Kenya in the spirit of “Harambee”
Innovating for future generations

Innovations in Africa must be scalable and sustainable in order to meet the needs of future generations

TechSoup Africa – Open Data Project

Project Scope: Work with County Government staff and CSOs Data activists

Open government Data sets in Education, health, agriculture, housing, transport and others.

Create a Dashboard for data analysis that will inform decision making

Open Data Challenge – launch an innovation challenge for the communities to analysis the data and come up with ideas to meet existing and future needs.

Launch – invite private sector and social entrepreneurs to inform them about the investment opportunities
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Thank you!