

DENIVA/QuAM Mid-Term Funding Report

Global Standard for CSO Accountability – Extension Phase 2019/20

SECTION 1: General Information

Name of organisation that received funds: Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA)

Project title: To strengthen NGO Accountability and Solidarity within a Shrinking Civic Space in Eastern Africa

Funding period (start and end date): October 2019 to September 2020

Grant Amount: Euros 24,999

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SECTION 1: Narrative Reporting

- 1. Please provide an update on how project implementation has developed vis-à-vis the project plan:**

The QuAM Principals and the tools 2019 is a revised document that has incorporated the Global Standard principals and embraced the Dynamic Accountability as a means of achieving quality service delivery by NGOs in Uganda, [the tool](#) test 60 standards for quality services by NGOs and its voluntary self-assessment. The rollout of the new tool has attracted the keen interest of most NGOs, CBOs, State actors and academic institutions to know and learn more about self-regulation by NGOs for NGOs in Uganda.



In October 2019, [the QuAM secretariat presented](https://quamuuganda.org/2019/11/14/quam-represented-at-the-6th-dgf-partnership-conference/)¹ the QuAM principals to the 6th Annual DGF (Democratic Governance Facility) Uganda, a basket funding mechanism of the EU community in Uganda aimed at providing resources and platform to enhance Governance and Accountability in Uganda². The conference provided a platform for QuAM and Global Standard to be heard by participants, including the Ambassadors, some were hearing for the first time as other didn't know someone was coordinating the Global Standard in Uganda.

To the participants, it was an opportunity to link QuAM, GS and the governance work they do on a daily basis, and at the end of the conference, more than 50% of the participants registered to embrace the self-assessment mechanism of the QuAM/GS, what remains is the actualization of the expression of interest to actual assessment by the QuAM council.

The concept of Dynamic Accountability, people-centered approaches to CSO accountability seems to catch the eyes of most participants in the conference, and that led to a turnaround in how QuAM is perceived by the grantee of DGF, apart from the 32 NGO who picked the forms, a number of partners expressed interest in collaboration and partnership with QuAM, key among the partners are; Makerere University Kampala, members of the governing council of DGF (EU embassies in Uganda), Special interest groups and those that had never heard about Global Standards in Uganda

2. Please share your key successes, challenges and any unforeseen changes so far.

- I. Between the month of October 2019 to March 2020, QuAM reached out to more than 92 NGOs with the new QuAM tool, through sensitization and mentoring, issuing out the QuAM assessment tool, both hard copy and electronic copies. This has resulted into 9 NGOs being assessed by the QuAM national council, the 9 NGOs assessed represents 9/30 of the target for the 2nd extension phase achieved

¹ <https://quamuuganda.org/2019/11/14/quam-represented-at-the-6th-dgf-partnership-conference/>

² www.dgf.ug



in 6 months, we believe that the target can be reached by the end of the 12 months of the 2nd extension phase.

- II. The current challenge lies with the COVID 19 pandemic, there is a national lockdown where no activity of the institution can move on and the time frame of the lockdown is unknown. This may delay all meetings and any assessment of those who might return their assessment forms, at the same time all planned outreach activities cannot take place. Secondly, the lockdown has caused a delay in the co-funding of the QuAM activities by GIZ Uganda Civil Society Support Program, a funding that would extend QuAM activities in 2 more regions of Uganda.
- III. Because of the COVID 19 lockdown, the planned QuAM activity in partnership with Accountable Now, VIWANGO, PHE Ethiopia Consortium and Tanzania NGO Forum to organize a workshop in Uganda for 8 NGO representatives from the four Eastern Africa countries and Accountable Now for an Eastern Africa Regional learning platform workshop cannot take place as planned in April 2020, the meeting may be re-scheduled or another methodology of carrying out the event may be designed if the lockdown continues beyond the project period. As separate form has already been sent out to the International Civil Society Center for consideration

3. Do you have any suggestions or needs for further support and collaboration from or with the Centre and/or other Project Partners?

QuAM/DENIVA would wish to first track the implementation of the eastern African learning platform to enhance better outcome of the Global Standard and Dynamic accountability in the IGAD/EAC regions, increase the participation of the CSOs in the region and beyond, develop joint funding proposal to leverage SIDA funding to disseminate Global Standard in Africa.

4. Please share any further information you think would be of interest for the following up and implementing during the remaining project period:

Learning for the remote partners meeting, the initiative should be taken forward and partners meet every 3 months to discuss issues of common interest in the project



design and implementation progress, this will increase cohesion among partners organizations

SECTION 2: Financial Reporting

Please fill in the template sent to you, if there are any changes from the proposal budget, please mark those clearly in the budget and provide a short explanation so it is easy to follow.

Objective	Activities	Delivery Date
To test the QuAM tool that has been aligned to the Global Standard, while certifying 30 NGOs and developing the Improvement Plans.	Conduct the QuAM Assessment of 30 NGOs in the Central Region and develop QuAM Improvement Plans.	1st October 2019 to 30th March 2020
	Provide technical support and capacity building on the implementation of the Improvement Plans for the 30 NGOs.	1st March 2020 to 30th May 2020
To establish the Eastern Africa Regional Learning Platform to encourage the sharing of experiences and knowledge on the Global Standard.	In partnership with Accountable Now, VIWANGO, PHE Ethiopia Consortium and Tanzania NGO Forum, DENIVA/QuAM seeks to organize a workshop in Uganda for 15 NGO representatives from the four Eastern Africa countries and Accountable Now to convene the Eastern Africa Regional on-line learning platform and workshop	1st March 2020 to 30th May 2020