

COVID-19: Accountability & Community Action

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Starting Out: The CTAP Initiative

BudgIT Foundation and Connected Development, through their follow the money initiative and international chapters in the aforementioned African countries has activated a Pan-African tracking system for all COVID funds received and social accountability in the health sector

9 African countries

Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Liberia, Ghana, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Cameroon & Malawi

Tracking Resources Committed to COVID-19 in Africa

The COVID-19 Transparency and Accountability Project (CTAP) is committed to tracking all resources from public sector, private, multilateral and bilateral donors committed to COVID-19 pandemic.

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Resources Committed

\$5.08_B

In-Kind Donation

2,592

Datasets

covidfund.africa

We had Concerns!

- *Inflated Contracts*
- *Misappropriation of Funds*
- *Payments without Valid Contracts*
- *Diversion of Funds and Palliative*
- *Payment without Contract*
- *Procurement Guideline Infractions*
- *Use of Emergency Laws to Entrench Opacity*



CTAP Impact (2021)

31 Town hall Meetings

18

Research Documents

21 Coalition Meetings

3,834

8 Impact Stories

Datasets



CTAP Phase 2

Beyond COVID-19 Fund Accountability and Vaccine Deployment, we are thinking of long-term work around accountability across Africa's health sector.

CTAP Phase 2



Research



Communication



Collaboration



Capacity
Building



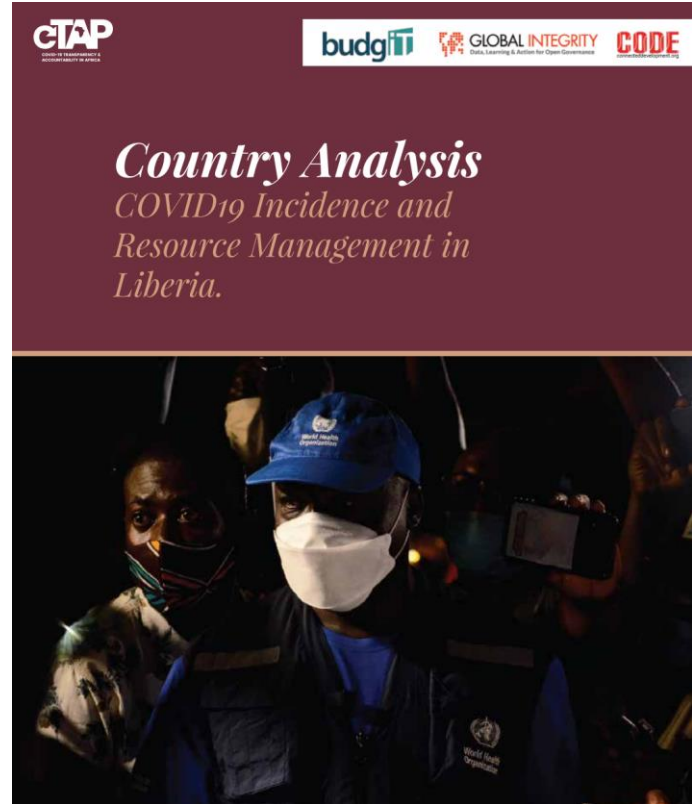
Institutional
Partnerships



Permanent
Dialogue
Mechanisms

Research and Design

CTAP has focused on delivering cutting-edge research to fully understand accountability in target communities. We leveraged experiences within communities that we serve to understand dynamics of accountability and other factors. **We published 18 research documents on our platforms that highlighted issues around COVID-19 management, vaccine deployment** among others.



Coalition Building

We organize capacity building sessions for civil society and media on how to prioritize underserved communities as regards advocacy for citizens. This includes needs assessments of marginalized persons, procurement and delivery of items, program reviews, and evaluations, among others.



Community & Media Engagement

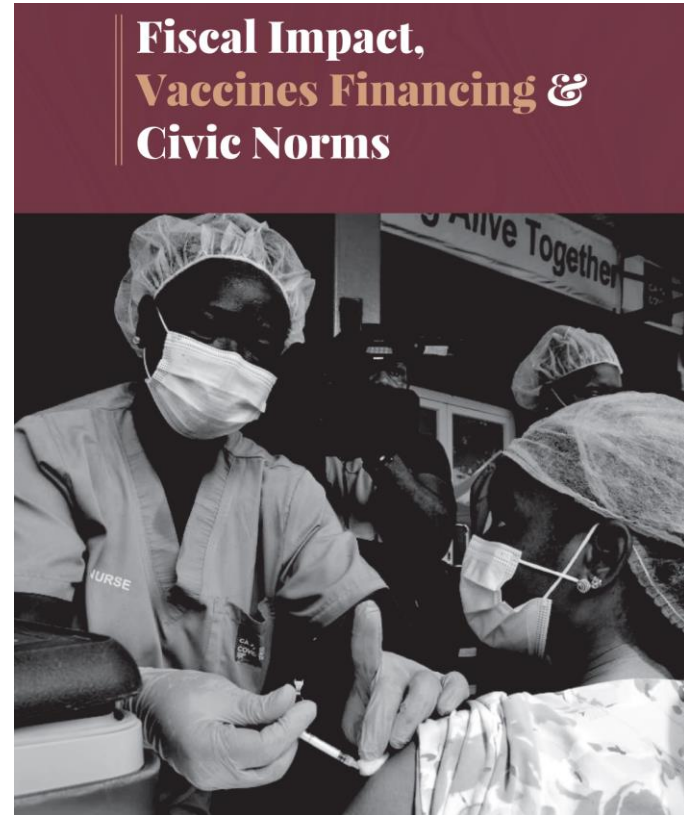
We continue to champion the use of media in building conversations and deliver quality conversations across our focus countries.

We have held of 31 town hall meetings, 46 radio episodes and other engagements with international partners.



How about Vaccine Resources?

We have worked on research on equitable distribution of vaccines in Africa as well as procurement plans. We have defined the pathways of equitable distribution of vaccines across focus countries, especially with a special focus on classification of persons who are vulnerable in terms of activity or socio-economic status.



Observations

- Weak Health Systems
- Weak Acceptability and Low Trust
- Poor Communication and Information Gaps
- Production & Supply chain constraints

Building Social Accountability Themes

1. We are building partnerships with the Government using the OGP as a permanent dialogue mechanism for social accountability.
1. We are relying on building a coalition of partners to deliver quality accountability and also reinforce partnerships for growth
1. We continue to reinforce need for institutional accountability as seen in our work in Malawi, Nigeria and Senegal



Next Steps

- Institutionalize systems of permanent engagement between the civil society and governments on health sector accountability across Africa through stronger capacity building sessions and partnerships through co-creation mechanisms such as the Open Government Partnership
- With our multi-platform approach which reaches at least 2,500,000 Africans via online and offline media platforms, we expect to see more active citizenship and interest concerning the tracking of emergency funds, equitable vaccine deployment, and also how citizens perceive the adequacy of government response.
- Develop a strong learning community across the African continent for at least 100 civil society organizations thereby curating conversations and experiences on the issues of transparency and accountability across Africa through our global and regional partners.

Thank you

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