

Tsee xg'ae (Work Together): Engage for Change

EU contribution: €199,999 (approx. BWP 3 million)

Period of implementation: 08/01/2024 - 07/07/2026

Location: Ghanzi District

Implementing organisation(s): Stepping Stones International

Project objectives and description:

Tsee xg'ae' (Working Together) to Engage for Change bridges the gap between marginalized indigenous communities in Ghanzi District, Botswana, and local decision-makers. With most San people working on farms or in casual labor, facing social discrimination, and living in poverty, the project aims to strengthen civil society organisations (CSOs) to be more inclusive, participatory, and sustainable, enhancing child and women's rights.

Stepping Stones partnered with the Ghanzi Network of CSOs and five key organisations to promote advocacy, inclusion, and dialogue. Activities include organisational capacity building, collaborative advocacy campaigns, and creating spaces for youth, women, and children to voice their perspectives through media, art, and storytelling.

Achievements / expected results:

Tsee xg'ae' has sparked a grassroots movement, turning local facilitators into advocacy leaders who mobilize youth and women as Change Agents. Education-focused community dialogue and art initiatives are addressing high school dropout rates. District-wide consultations ensured advocacy reflects the real needs of indigenous communities.

The project has strengthened the operational capacity of five CSOs, improving HR, finance, and governance systems by 40–50%, setting them on track to meet national standards by 2026. A major capacity-building workshop on inclusive policymaking brought together 42 stakeholders, forging lasting collaboration between CSOs and government officials. These efforts are reshaping local power dynamics, improving service delivery, and embedding social inclusion at the heart of policy implementation.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links:

- [Training of 42 councillors, - Stepping Stones International | Facebook](#)
- [Stepping Stone International, an... - Ghanzi District Council | Facebook](#)
- [Training on LEADERSHIP, it was aired on Btv](#)