



Dear partners,

Thank you for the fantastic feedback on our first newsletter. That is very engaging! We are happy to share our second 'letter from Wilde Ganzen'. We hope that we will inspire you with information, best practices, experiences, toolkits and knowledge from the worldwide network of Wilde Ganzen partners. This second edition is focused on our thoughts about sustainable resilient organisations that have a healthy financial management.



Transparent manual with underlying rules of engagement to collaborate

We want to facilitate our partners to collaborate with Wilde Ganzen in a clear, transparent, and most effective way. Therefore, Wilde Ganzen has launched the improved manual on [Financial Accountability](#). In this manual, both national and international partners will find all necessary instructions for submitting applications and reports. We have also formulated an improved [Excel form](#) for budgeting and reporting purposes. A form that is designed to practically support and instruct our partners in creating an orderly budget and report. Integrated into this form are clear YouTube instruction videos that may guide you in the use of the Excel form.

Alert: January 1, 2024, the new rules and Excel form will go into effect for new contracts

The use of the [Excel form](#) and slightly modified rules will be mandatory for all new collaborative agreements as of January 1, 2024. Ongoing projects (and contracts) that started before this date will continue to be governed by the conditions in place at the time the collaboration agreement was signed. In case necessary, we will offer support where needed to facilitate the use of the Excel by our partners. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or encounter any difficulties!



Towards financial resilience: Accounting but Supportive

To be a well-functioning independent organisation that can permanently support its own community; a well-run and reliable financial administration is essential. To meet changing demands from society and from the government, matters must be in order. Therefore, we will pay extra attention to the financial resilience of our partner organisations under the motto '*Accounting but supportive*'. Read the [blog](#) by Yvonne Heselmans, manager of the projects department.

Being in good financial shape also means complying with laws and regulations

As more and more countries tighten their grip on the work of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), there are more and more laws and regulations organisations must comply with. Practice shows that partner organisations - often beyond their power, knowledge, and/or financial resources - do not always (fully) comply with legal obligations. This exposes partners and their projects to risks, with consequences for their partnership and fundraising efforts. Project advisor Imke Straaten wrote this [blog](#) about the importance of complying with local rules, based on experiences in Uganda.





A good financial administration in four steps

To develop towards an autonomous and self-reliant organisation, it is important that the organisation keeps good financial records and can provide proof of expenses at all times. This will support the organization to be transparent to the communities and other stakeholders they work with, and help attract other supporters or donors, which may enhance the resilience of the organisation. In this [blog](#), program coordinator Ernst Jan Stroes looks at the crucial steps achieve a good financial administration.

Fundraising locally? Five tips!

Having your organisation financially in order is a basic prerequisite for local fundraising. [This article](#) elaborates on local fundraising. “If it is dear and near to them, the community can raise a lot of money”, says Yehalem Abebe, the determined director of Partners in Education Ethiopia. Of course, rural communities can contribute to projects. As long as they think it's important enough!



Tip: Check our [Change the Game Academy](#) and navigate on it. You can find supportive toolkits such as:

- [Setting up Administrative Systems](#)
- [Accounting Manual](#)
- [Cashflow management](#)
- [Financial Audit](#)
- [Financial Management](#)

Thank you for your attention. If you have any remarks or suggestions regarding this letter, please let us know!