

Diaspora Philanthropy: The Promise and Limitations in Strengthening Transatlantic Giving by Africans and African Americans through Community Foundations

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Abstract

Otieno Aluoka Nashon Ogolla discusses trends in philanthropic giving to Africa by African Americans and immigrants, and suggests ways the community foundation model might be applied to the African diaspora. He discusses current areas of need in Africa, and evaluates various philanthropic models, concluding with recommendations for improving diaspora giving. He suggests, among other things, that “reconstruction” in Africa will require reciprocity and conscious cooperation between the two communities. Economic opportunities for African Americans are also key to establishing a sufficient net base of philanthropic resources.

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