

## LETTER TO ISOC AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Andrew Sullivan, Sarah Armstrong, Gonzalo Camarrilo,

My names are Nazarius Nicholas Kirama aka Nazar. I am the President of ISOC Tanzania Chapter and also a national convener for Tanzania Internet Governance Forum.

### **The Intention of writing this letter.**

The aim of writing to you is to make an appeal to you regarding the subject captioned in the heading of this letter. You will recall before COVID-19 pandemic befell the world, both ISOC and ISOC Foundation, already had pronounced themselves on the budgets they would use to carry out 2020 Action Plan(s).

However, some of their budget areas with specific budget lines such as travel, conferences and fellowships have directly being affected by the pandemic. In other words, these budget lines came to a halt.

### **The Appeal**

My appeal to the ISOC President &CEO, ISOC Foundation CEO and Members of the Board of Trustees is to deliberate and come to a decision to re-allocate some of these budget lines affected by COVID-19 pandemic into effecting Chapter Capacity Development and Sustainability.

### **Where can this money go?**

There are several areas that this money can go and be useful. For example;

1. *Increase Chapter Admin Funding.*

I think many Chapter leaders would agree with the fact that the current \$3500 fund to finance chapter development is just a drop in the bucket! The cost for Chapter development needs *on the ground* far outweighs the *current \$3500 fund*. So increasing the Chapter Admin Fund makes sense and it is also a good investment to locally amplify the ISOC brand.

2. *Chapter Sustainability Income Generating (CHASIG) Project.*

Each chapter can be invited to submit an income generating related project. This project will be fashioned in such a way to help each Chapter generate income for future Chapter sustainability. This will also help cushion Chapters against the incoming impact of COVID-19, where the future local or even global giving to charities is expected to shrink substantially.

These are just my views on how budget lines affected by the pandemic can be put to good use. I also think if Chapter leaders are asked for opinions on this, they can pen down some great ideas as well.

I hope you will look into this as well as solicit ideas from Chapter leaders.

Stay safe everybody!

Kind Regards,

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