

## **Grantmaking Principles for Epilepsy Support in Africa**

- 1. **People with Epilepsy (PWE)**: The foundation will prioritize grantmaking efforts that empower people with epilepsy by supporting projects that enable self-determination, advocacy, and community engagement.
- **2. Fueling and Supporting Innovation**: The foundation will be open to funding innovative, community-based pilot projects that have the potential to target stigma and support education to make a significant impact on the lives of people with epilepsy.
- 3. Models of Care: The foundation wants to seed and scale models of care that can be replicated and sustained with a focus on public awareness, education and epilepsy treatment at the primary care level with clear pathways to specialist care.
- **4. Funding Leverage**: The foundation will actively seek out partnerships and collaborations with other organizations, individuals, and stakeholders in the epilepsy community.
- **5. Building Long Term Capacity**: The foundation will prioritize grant making efforts that aim to build the long-term capacity of grantees, field actors, and the broader epilepsy community in Africa.
- **6. Evidence Generation**: The foundation will prioritize evidence-based approaches and regularly measure and evaluate the impact of its funding efforts in alignment with targets set by the WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological Disorders.