

Funding Engagement Plan & Strategies

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A Practical Framework for Strategic Donor Engagement & Resource Mobilization

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1. Purpose of the Funding Engagement Plan

This plan provides a structured approach for NGOs to proactively engage donors, build relationships, and position funding ideas in a strategic and timely manner.

2. Donor Segmentation & Prioritization

Identify and segment donors by type, thematic focus, geographic interest, and funding size to prioritize high-potential partners.

3. Value Proposition & Positioning

Define the organization's comparative advantage, impact evidence, and alignment with donor priorities.

4. Engagement Objectives

Set clear objectives for donor engagement, such as relationship building, concept note submission, or partnership development.

5. Engagement Channels & Tactics

Outline engagement channels including emails, meetings, donor briefings, concept notes, events, and learning exchanges.

6. Engagement Timeline & Touchpoints

Plan engagement touchpoints across the year, aligned with donor funding cycles and calls.

7. Roles & Responsibilities

Assign clear roles for senior leadership, technical teams, and fundraising staff in donor engagement.

8. Risk Management in Donor Engagement

Identify risks such as over-reliance on single donors, misalignment, or reputational risks, and define mitigation measures.

9. Monitoring Engagement & Results

Track engagement activities, responses, submissions, and funding outcomes to inform strategy adjustments.

10. Learning & Adaptive Engagement

Use lessons learned from donor interactions to refine messaging, targeting, and engagement approaches.

11. Funding Engagement Plan Template (Example)

Donor	Engagement Objective	Engagement Activity	Timeline	Responsible	Expected Outcome

Optivida Note: Effective donor engagement is proactive, relationship-based, and aligned with both organizational strategy and donor priorities.