

# Azadi Kenya November 2022 Newsletter



Hello dear friends,

We are coming to the end of 2022. We are excited to talk to you about what we have been doing this past quarter. As always, we are excited to share the progress and development that we have had during this time. One of the most exciting things that happened was that Azadi got recognition for the work that we are doing around data and record keeping. We received the award through the Stop the Traffik's Data to Disrupt Trafficking Awards under the category for the Lived Experience-Led Disruption. Please read Emma's blog to learn more about the event and what our now award-winning approach to data entails.

We are also approaching the end of the pilot project that we were implementing in collaboration with Okoa Sasa and Maisha with support from our partners Valkyrie.

The project focused on supporting grassroots organisations to implement trauma informed and survivor centred practices. We look forward to sharing the evaluation report and lessons learned on provision of care when survivors are participating and advising on the project.

Internally, we have also been making adjustments to organisational structures and processes so that they continue to reinforce our values. One of the ways we have been making these adjustments is by working together with members and staff to re-evaluate and make changes to our policies based on the lessons that we have learned this year. We are excited to see how they will turn out and in addition, it is always exciting to find new ways to include members in our operations!

## News

## & Upcoming projects

In the spirit of prioritising rest, one of the things that we are trying to do as we approach the end of the year is to minimise the amount of work we are doing and focus on recharging for next year. Here is a list of a few activities that will still be taking place: activities these include group therapy, yoga, and art therapy, in which many of our wonderful survivor leaders are participating. Fun thing: yoga is for both our survivor leaders and staff so it's a great moment for the entire Azadi family to engage, relax, and connect with ourselves and each other.

On December 3rd we are hosting our second Azadi Fun Day, where Azadi's survivor leaders and team get together to have fun, eat, and talk about what we do and how they can engage with the support we offer. It was so much fun last time it happened earlier this year, and we are super excited to revisit that success. We'll keep you posted on what happens then.



### Reflection on our data and record-keeping

Late October, Sophie and I had the honour and privilege to represent Azadi Kenya in London at the Data to Disrupt Trafficking Awards 2022 organised by Stop the Traffik, a UK-based anti-trafficking NGO, and hosted by Amazon Web Services. It was a gorgeous sunny day in London and we were greeted at the venue with an incredible view of the London skyline. We were joined by anti-trafficking heavyweights and passionate folk who fight this battle with us. It was a gorgeous opportunity to learn about their work and what makes their efforts great. The award show was to celebrate inspirational organisations, projects and individuals that act against trafficking through the use of data and technology, and we at Azadi were honoured to be nominated for the Survivor Experience-led Disruption Award, which we won.

We won the award for our approach to data, which is something that we are incredibly proud of. When we developed the vision for how we want to use data and tech in our work, we knew that this would be pushing boundaries, that it would be new, and that it would be really hard work, but we knew it was important. We're excited about what we have developed and what we are yet to achieve, and we hope that we would be able to share our data ecosystem with organisations doing similar work in the future.

I realised that we haven't even told you, our friends, about this now award-winning approach, so I wrote a blog about it, which you can read using the button below:

#### Data Blog

We would love to honour our fellow winners: IBM Ireland – Tech4Good, The University of Nottingham Rights Lab, Bank of Ireland, Eiliberare, and Neil Giles for their awards. Let's keep pushing boundaries! And our deepest and sincerest gratitude to Stop the Traffik and the board of judges who believe in us.

Please go here to read about Stop the Traffik: <https://www.stopthetraffik.org>

Thank you for reading this newest newsletter. We are excited to go on a break and recharge for the holidays but equally as excited to come back in January.

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