Narrative Project Report Summary

DECEMBER 2022 – DECEMBER 2023.



INTRODUCTION

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With funding from the Swedish Institute, The Cultural Avenue in partnership with Malmö University developed and implemented the project "My Story + Your Story = Our Story." This project brought together Ugandan nationals and individuals with forced migration backgrounds, focusing on participatory training workshops in digital storytelling co-design. The project aimed to foster inclusive community building in refugee-hosting areas with particular focus on Women and youths. ***The full final project report is available upon request.***

This project narrative summary report includes the following sections:

- Summary of monthly project activities
- Summary of opportunities and challenges.
- Represented Institutional stakeholders.

Summary of Monthly Project Activities.

December 2022

- Project initiation and Stakeholder meetings.
- Participatory consultative workshops – Co-designing methodology
- Field and logistical preparations
- Partner coordination meetings

January 2023

- Partner coordination meetings
- Developing training manual draft – Desk research
- Participatory consultative workshops – Testing and refining methodology

February 2023

- Thematic training workshops – Storytelling
- Thematic training workshops – Software and apps for digital storytelling
- Participatory digital storytelling workshops – Developing stories

March 2023

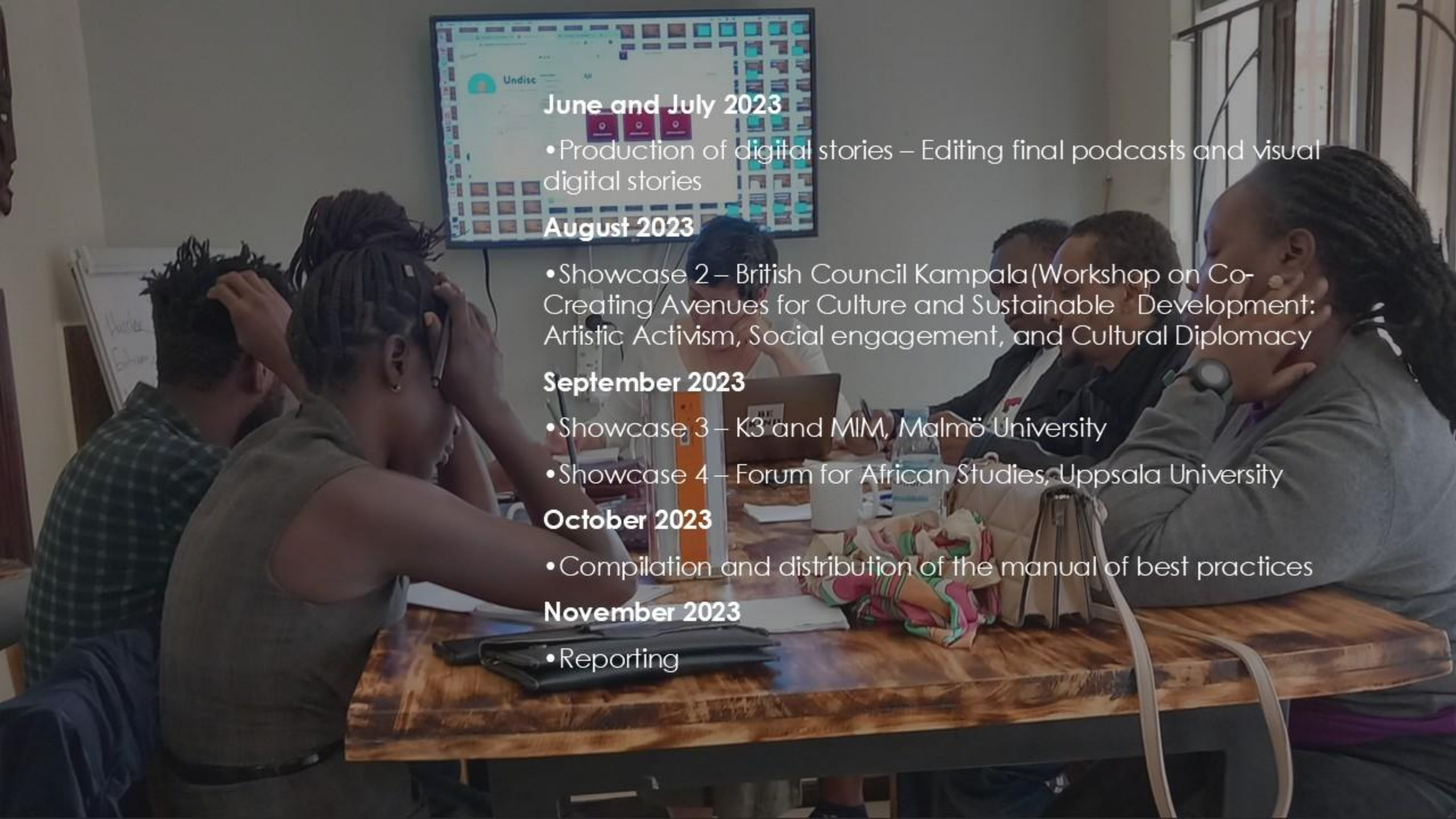
- Refining draft training manual of best practices
- Training of trainers' workshops
- Showcase 1 – Makerere University

April 2023

- Testing draft training manual
- Community training workshops

May 2023

- Mid-term project evaluation



June and July 2023

- Production of digital stories – Editing final podcasts and visual digital stories

August 2023

- Showcase 2 – British Council Kampala (Workshop on Co-Creating Avenues for Culture and Sustainable Development: Artistic Activism, Social engagement, and Cultural Diplomacy

September 2023

- Showcase 3 – K3 and MIM, Malmö University
- Showcase 4 – Forum for African Studies, Uppsala University

October 2023

- Compilation and distribution of the manual of best practices

November 2023

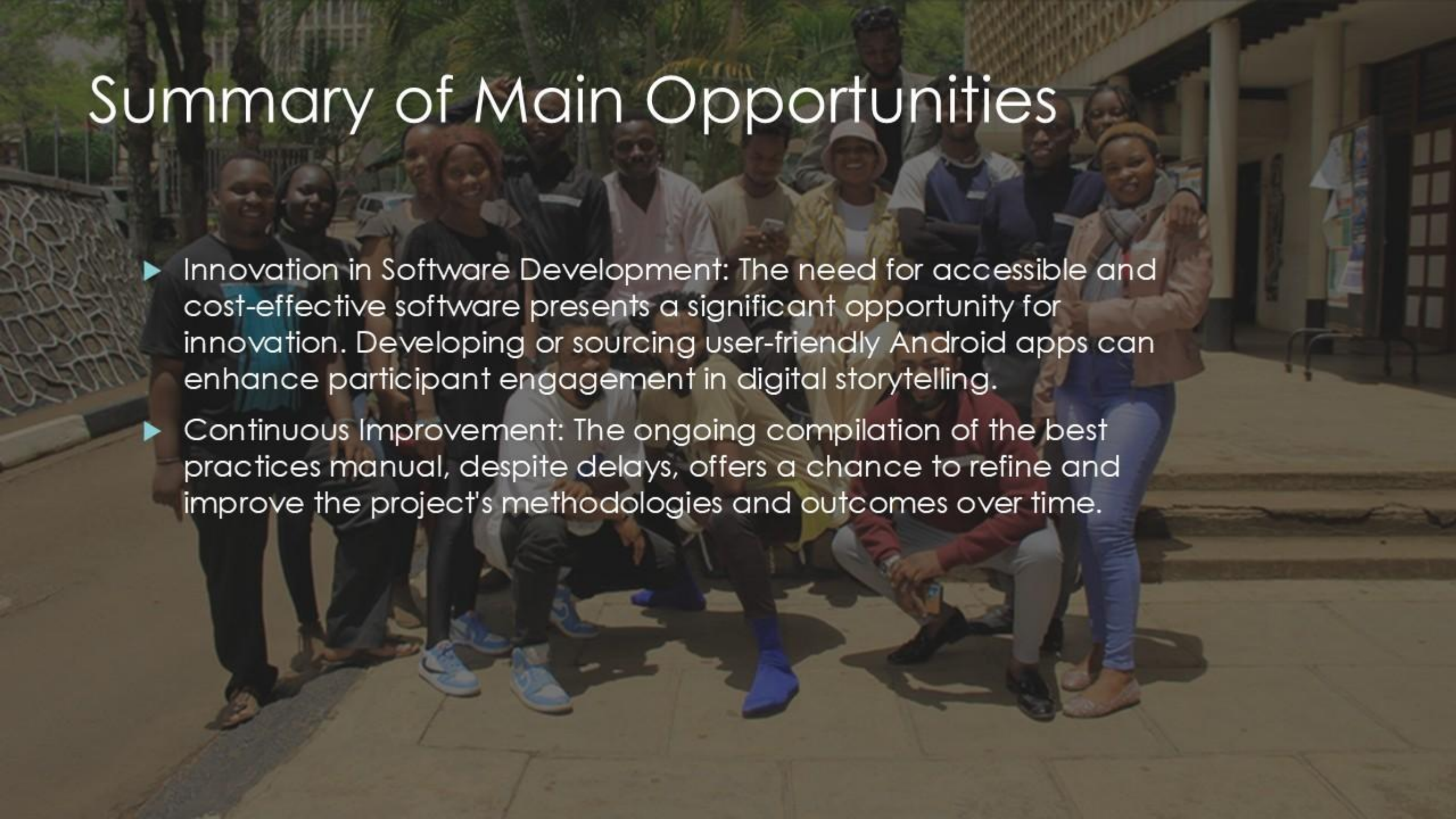
- Reporting



Summary of Main Challenges

- Ebola Outbreak and Bureaucratic Hurdles: The project encountered significant obstacles, including an Ebola outbreak, bureaucratic delays, and logistical issues. These challenges required minor adjustments to the activity workplan. The revised workplan was promptly submitted and approved by the funding partner.
- Software Accessibility: The initially planned editing software proved costly for individual participants' access. To address this, participants were introduced to alternative, accessible software, allowing them to continue creating stories in their daily activities. Moving forward, there is an opportunity to develop or identify user-friendly, accessible Android apps, fostering innovation.
- Manual Compilation: The creation of a best practices manual remains incomplete due to workload and feedback delays. This task will extend beyond the project's timeline.

Summary of Main Opportunities



- Innovation in Software Development: The need for accessible and cost-effective software presents a significant opportunity for innovation. Developing or sourcing user-friendly Android apps can enhance participant engagement in digital storytelling.
- Continuous Improvement: The ongoing compilation of the best practices manual, despite delays, offers a chance to refine and improve the project's methodologies and outcomes over time.

Represented Institutional Stakeholders.



- Commissioner for Refugees – OPM
- Makerere University – School of Liberal and Performing Arts
- International Rescue Committee
- Uganda National Cultural Centre – National theatre Kampala
- Yong African Refugees for Integrated Development (YARID)
- Kitara Nations
- Commandants and RWCs in Nakivale, Oruchinga, Kyaka, Kiryandongo,
- SOS – Umoja Ninguvu - Nansana
- Theatre Factory
- Art for Positive Change- Nakivale
- Opportunage – Nakivale
- PADEAP
- Unseen Dreams - Kampala
- Burundi Refugee Urban refugee community – Kampala


Thank you