Donor Focus Alignment Worksheet

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"Clarify what you fund and why it matters."

1. What is the main outcome your organisation delivers?	
☐ Be specific and short — e.g., "We train youth rangers from local communities."	,
2. What problem does this solve?	
☐ Why does this work matter? ☐ Who does it help?	
3. What makes your approach different from others?	
4. If a donor only had time to read one line, what would you tell them?	
☐ Your impact, simplified to a single compelling sentence.	
5. How much does it cost to run your core programme annually?	
5. What would R250K, R500K, or R1M enable you to do?	
\square R250K \rightarrow	
\square R500K \rightarrow	
\square R1M \rightarrow	
7. If you had to pause all but one initiative, which would you keep running?	•
□ Why?	
8. Which initiatives currently <i>drain</i> your time, energy, or funds, but aren't supported?	well
9. Where do you want to focus in the next 12 months?	

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10. What documents, messaging, or metrics do you need to strengthen your core pitch?
☐ One-Page Project Summary
☐ Updated Budget
☐ Visual Impact Report
☐ Donor Thank-You System
☐ Quarterly Comms Calendar
☐ Team Bios
☐ Other



Tip from Ashley

Schedule a short team session to fill this out together.

This worksheet becomes the foundation of a focused donor strategy — and sets you up for better conversations, proposals, and funding clarity.

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