Five years ago, the Rockefeller Foundation collaborated with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) to design a strategy that would help to become the go-to partner in Africa for development of improved access to health and education, along with financial inclusion. It has been a rewarding journey.

Despite the current crisis, we have cause to be hopeful. Both Ecobank Foundation and CAF are committed to working together to help create not only those desperately needed basic systems and services, but also the more complex and detailed and “invisible” civil society infrastructure which, done thoughtfully and with a sense of purpose, provide tangible improvement to the lives of millions.

‘invisible’ knowledge infrastructure which will help to solve the transformation puzzle of development in Africa. Therein lies a crucial piece of that ‘invisible’ knowledge infrastructure that will help to create a world in which the African continent can truly flourish and Africa, they are discussing bricks and mortar, improved physical infrastructure such as transportation links, hospitals and schools. But behind those physical health centres, roads and community hubs.

Infrastructure is so much more than bricks and mortar.