

Profile

Community Media Foundation

Community Media Foundation (COMEF) is a Botswana registered NGO focusing on the development of the community, social and citizen journalism. It was registered in February 2016 and is still seeking seed funding. However the individuals involved are seasoned media and civil society activists, having been involved in various NGO leaderships. The Editor general (Director) of COMEF was previously the national director for one NGO, chairperson of country's council of NGOs, as well as a board member for others including being the editor for national newspaper. Plurality of media in Botswana is almost non-existent as there is only state and private ownership. This therefore means the diversity of views and is suppressed. COMEF will in the last quarter of 2017 introduce a communityFiles.org online publication which will among other things record issues from anticipated media clubs from the countryside. This non-profit intended project will fill the gap currently left behind by the two extreme ends of media ownership in the country. COMEF hopes to liaise with government in some activities as well as local communities. The absence of either public run or community owned media makes it difficult to achieve a diverse and plural viewership.