Digital Infrastructure for Civil Society

Each element defines a component of digital infrastructure that equips the work of social change in the digital era. Each element is necessary to creating robust, scalable, sustainable, and equitable infrastructure for the mission of civil society.

6 Key Elements of Digital Infrastructure

- **SKILLS**: Basic data literacy and technical skills as well as digital responsibility awareness and highly adaptive collaboration skills.
- **RIGHTS & EQUITY**: Policy and regulatory frameworks that enable access, representation, and participation, ensuring that systemic inequalities are not perpetuated by investments in digital infrastructure and that social sector data is secure.
- **ACCESS**: Equal opportunity to freely and independently connect reliably to the internet at sustainable costs regardless of location globally.
- **TOOLS & TECHNOLOGIES**: Co-created technology platforms and ecosystems that leverage the value of open-sourced and community-owned systems as well as private sector investment.
- **DATA**: Ensuring responsible data practices (e.g., ethical, private, secure, just, non-biased, etc.) for collection, management, analysis, and sharing. Investing in new ways of lowering the cost for nonprofits such as data collectives and shared reporting tools.
- **RESOURCING MODELS**: Funding approaches and pooled investment models that ensure digital infrastructure is equitable, affordable, and sustainable.