

GRANTMAKING IN NIGERIA

The MacArthur Foundation's grantmaking in Nigeria supports reproductive and sexual health, human rights and the rule of law, and girls' secondary education.

AT A GLANCE

- MacArthur's grantmaking began in Nigeria in 1989; the Foundation opened an office in Ibadan in 1994 and moved to Abuja in 2000. Since then, MacArthur has awarded grants totaling \$102 million to individuals and institutions in Nigeria.
- The Foundation supports reproductive and sexual health, human rights, and girls' secondary education.
- MacArthur's reproductive and sexual health grantmaking in Nigeria focuses on reducing one of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the world and improving young people's reproductive and sexual health.
- The Foundation's support for human rights focuses on human rights organizations that monitor and support government initiatives, and defend and promote human rights.
- A new initiative seeks to improve participation by marginalized girls in quality secondary education.
- Previously, MacArthur provided grants to Nigerian universities. This grantmaking was aimed at improving information technologies, enhancing staff capacity, updating libraries and facilities, and enhancing universities' contributions to national social and economic development.

WHAT IS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION?

In the United States, private foundations are charitable organizations that provide grants to organizations or individuals, helping those in need or working to solve social problems. Foundations can operate locally, nationally, or internationally and enjoy considerable flexibility in choosing where to work and what to support. Private foundations act independently of any private business and of the United States government; they receive no government support. Many private foundations, including MacArthur, have endowments that are the sole source of funds for the grants they make.



MacArthur makes grants in the United States and nearly 60 countries. Nigeria is one of four countries where MacArthur focuses its international grantmaking, including Mexico, India, and Russia. The Foundation's areas of emphasis in the country are population and reproductive health, human rights, and girls' secondary education.

POPULATION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

MacArthur has awarded \$35 million in grants in support of reproductive and sexual health in Nigeria. Grantmaking in Nigeria reflects a comprehensive approach in this area that places women's well-being at the center of population policy and upholds the belief that individuals should be free to determine and plan the size of their families.

The Foundation's funding focuses on:

- Advancing young people's reproductive and sexual health by increasing the availability of sexuality education, providing confidential health services in settings that attract youth, and promoting a favorable policy environment; and
- Reducing maternal mortality through the development and testing of community-based models, enhancing the skills of health professionals, promoting accountability, and supporting evidence-based policies.

The Foundation's grantmaking supports nationwide work, but focuses its initiatives in six states—Borno, Cross River, Enugu, Lagos, Kano, and Plateau—where there is the greatest need and opportunities for reproductive health information and services. Nigerian partners in these states are working to teach secondary school students about the dangers of early pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and to increase community awareness and availability of health services for women.

Representative Grants

Young People's Reproductive and Sexual Health

ACTION HEALTH INCORPORATED
Yaba, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over 18 months) to promote pre-service Family Life and HIV Education

quality assurance and youth-friendly reproductive health services in Nigeria. (2010)

GIRLS POWER INITIATIVE

Calabar, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over three years) to scale up implementation of the national sexuality education curriculum and training of health providers on youth friendly services in Cross River State. (2010)

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Abuja, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over three years) to train pre-service teachers in colleges of education. (2009)

Maternal Mortality

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION ACTIVITIES

Cambridge, Massachusetts

\$500,000 to strengthen accountability mechanisms for maternal mortality. (2012)

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Kano, Nigeria

\$300,000 in support of advocacy and budget tracking for improved maternal health services with a view to reducing maternal mortality and morbidity in Kano, Bauchi and Sokoto States. (2010)

IPAS

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

\$500,000 (over three years) to increase access to post-abortion care services in Nigeria. (2009)

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Abuja, Nigeria

\$500,000 in support of promoting the use of magnesium sulfate. (2008)

SOCIETY OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS

Jos, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over three years) in support of reducing maternal mortality. (2007)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Civil society organizations have played a critical role in helping build a human rights infrastructure in Nigeria. To help further these human rights standards, MacArthur has contributed nearly \$22 million to human rights organizations in Nigeria. The Foundation's grantmaking seeks to expand and strengthen these organizations nationally as well as locally in the states of Kano, Lagos, Plateau, and Rivers. In particular, MacArthur supports work that defends rights and freedoms, holds governments accountable for meeting their human rights obligations, advances media rights in traditional and new media, and monitors inflammatory speech.

Representative Grants

CENTRE FOR SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES

Abuja, Nigeria

\$100,000 in support of activities to consolidate justice sector reform. (2010)

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR POPULAR PARTICIPATION

Abuja, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over two years) for community-



driven peace building in Plateau State, Nigeria. (2010)

KUDIRAT INITIATIVE FOR DEMOCRACY

Lagos, Nigeria

\$100,000 in support of the Kudirat Initiative for Democracy. (2010)

NETWORK OF UNIVERSITY LEGAL AID INSTITUTIONS

Abuja, Nigeria

\$380,000 (over three years) in support of the continued implementation of its law clinics and Clinical Legal Education program in Nigerian law schools to complement official legal aid services. (2010)

NIGERIAN COALITION ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Abuja, Nigeria

\$250,000 (over two years) in support of activities to promote the International Criminal Court in Nigeria and Africa. (2010)

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Lagos, Nigeria

\$300,000 (over two years) to train Nigerian lawyers on regional and sub-regional mechanisms for human rights protection and Nigeria's new Fundamental Rights Enforcement Protection Rules. (2011)

POLICY AND LEGAL ADVOCACY CENTRE

Abuja, Nigeria

\$500,000 (over two years) to consolidate gains of the 2011 general elections in Nigeria. (2011)

WEST AFRICAN NGO NETWORK

Lagos, Nigeria

\$230,000 in support of credible elections in Nigeria. (2010)

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT AND PROTECTION ALTERNATIVE (WRAPA)

Abuja, Nigeria

\$350,000 (over three years) in renewed support of its project on Islamic Family law. (2010)

GIRLS' SECONDARY EDUCATION

More education for girls brings well demonstrated benefits for them and related benefits for the whole society. Girls with higher levels of education marry later, have smaller families, survive childbirth at higher rates, experience reduced incidences of HIV/AIDS,



have children more likely to survive to age five, earn more, and contribute to higher rates of economic growth at the national level. MacArthur's funding aims to improve participation by marginalized girls in quality, relevant secondary level education, with the expectation that advances will have positive implications for both girls and boys.

The Foundation is in an information gathering phase of its investment in girls' secondary education. We operate with the belief that the scale and complexity of the challenges in secondary education and the range of organizations involved (public officials, civil society groups, multilateral organizations, private corporations, and foundations) requires a collaborative approach. MacArthur works in partnership with other donors on individual projects and on larger efforts through the Global Compact on Learning and related initiatives.

In Nigeria, millions of children remain outside of the formal education system. We encourage projects that support efforts to improve girls' access to junior secondary schooling (JSS), comprising the last three years of the Universal Basic Education Program, and quality of JSS learning. Focal issues include:

- Supporting transition to and retention in secondary education;
- Innovative approaches to secondary education that seek to provide girls inside

and outside the formal schooling system with real, measurable 21st Century skills;

- Use of education technologies and open educational resources that improve access and quality of learning; and
- Reforms to teaching.

We have special interest in projects involving any Kano, Sokoto, Jigawa, Lagos, and Rivers states and in proposals addressing emerging public-private and public-faith based models for the delivery of education, teacher assessment and management, or the delivery of JSS level education to out-of-school girls, including those who are pregnant, married, or with children.

Grantmaking focuses on quality, relevant learning opportunities for adolescent girls, especially those in underserved areas, with the expectation that advances will have positive implications for both girls and boys. The Foundation supports innovative pilots, research, and advocacy.

Representative Grants

CENTER FOR UNIVERSAL EDUCATION AT THE BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

Washington, D.C.

\$430,000 (over 1 year) to support planning activities to advance the Global Compact on Learning, including designing a governance structure for multi-stakeholder collaboration and a research agenda on post-primary education. (2011)

ABDUL LATIF JAMEEL POVERTY ACTION LAB (J-PAL)

Cambridge, Massachusetts

\$75,000 (over seven months) for a comprehensive literature review to define the post-primary research domain and to understand and identify gaps in the state of knowledge. (2011)

HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNIVERSITIES

MacArthur contributed nearly \$44 million in support of Nigerian higher education, focusing its efforts on four of the country's leading universities: the University of Ibadan, Bayero University, Ahmadu Bello University, and the University of Port Harcourt, complemented by related national and regional efforts. Grantmaking was directed

to areas of highest priority, as identified through dialogue with the universities.

MacArthur's efforts supported:

- Staff and faculty development to train up junior staff and improve qualifications;
- Deepening universities contributions to resolving national social and economic development challenges through public, private and academic partnerships;
- Improvements in information and communication technologies;
- Upgrading university facilities, with emphasis on facilities for scientific research;
- Establishment of University Advancement Centers to raise funds;
- Expansion of electronic and print collections at libraries; and
- Enhancing staff and faculty development.

In 2000, MacArthur joined with six other international foundations to form the Partnership for Higher Education in Africa, which strengthened 65 institutions of higher education in nine countries, including Nigeria, so they can better contribute to poverty reduction, economic growth and social development on the continent. The \$440-million Partnership was crucial for MacArthur to achieve the greatest impact

from its investments in Nigerian higher education by pooling resources and encouraging innovation and transformation on a large scale.

The Foundation recently concluded its grantmaking for higher education in Africa.

Representative Grants

AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY

Zaria, Nigeria

\$884,737 (over three years) to strengthen ABU's Master's in Public Health (MPH) program. (2011)

BAYERO UNIVERSITY

Kano, Nigeria

\$3.1 million (over three years) to establish new departments of nursing and dentistry and to strengthen the staff development program. (2008)

\$800,000 (over three years) to establish a Centre for Dryland Agriculture. (2011)

UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN

Ibadan, Nigeria

\$980,000 (over three years) to establish a graduate training and research program in Petroleum and Energy Economics and Law. (2010)

\$890,000 (over three years) to improve graduate training for surveillance of human-animal diseases in West Africa. (2011)

UNIVERSITY OF PORT HARCOURT

Choba, Rivers State, Nigeria

\$990,000 in support of the establishment of a new program in petroleum geosciences at the Institute of Petroleum Studies (IPS). (2010)

WHO WERE THE MACARTHURS?

John D. MacArthur was one of the three wealthiest men in America at the time of his death and was sole owner of the nation's largest privately held insurance company, Bankers Life and Casualty Company of Chicago. He also owned extensive property and several businesses in Florida and New York City. His wife Catherine T. MacArthur was John's partner in life and business. She held positions in many of his companies and served as a director of the Foundation.

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The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation supports creative people and effective institutions committed to building a more just, verdant, and peaceful world. In addition to selecting the MacArthur Fellows, the Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, make cities better places, and understand how technology is affecting children and society. Nigeria is one of four countries where MacArthur focuses its international grantmaking and maintains offices, including India, Mexico, and Russia.

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