

GRANTMAKING IN MEXICO

The MacArthur Foundation's grantmaking in Mexico supports population and reproductive health and the development of effective human rights protections. In 2010, the Foundation has also begun a new line of grantmaking addressing migration issues in Mexico.



AT A GLANCE

- MacArthur's grantmaking began in Mexico in 1986; the Foundation opened an office in Mexico City in 1992. Since then, MacArthur has awarded 733 grants totaling nearly \$116 million to institutions and individuals in Mexico.
- The Foundation currently makes three types of grants in Mexico: for population and reproductive health, for human rights, and on migration issues.
- MacArthur's population and reproductive health grantmaking in Mexico focuses on helping reduce the highest maternal mortality ratios in the country and improving young people's reproductive and sexual health.
- The Foundation's support for human rights in Mexico focuses on efforts to improve justice sector reforms, legal protections through litigation, and public security through policy reform.
- MacArthur's grantmaking on migration in Mexico is aimed at helping diminish the vulnerability and exploitation of migrants and increase their life opportunities and their contributions to countries of origin and destination.

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.

Mexico is one of four countries where MacArthur focuses its international grantmaking, including India, Nigeria, and Russia. The Foundation's current areas of emphasis in the country are population and reproductive health, human rights, and migration.

HUMAN RIGHTS

MacArthur has awarded 92 grants totaling nearly \$17 million in support of human rights in Mexico. The MacArthur Foundation is contributing to human rights reform by strengthening the capacity of leading local rights organizations to promote human rights and engage constructively with government to strengthen laws and institutions.

MacArthur's human rights grantmaking in Mexico supports:

- Improvements in the administration of justice through support for human rights organizations and networks that monitor and deepen the implementation of reforms at the federal and state levels;
- The pursuit of strategic litigation around critical human rights issues through national courts and, when appropriate, the Inter-American Human Rights system; and
- Policy research and advocacy toward effective approaches to public security, including efforts to improve police accountability and respect for human rights through supporting research on systemic change and monitoring abuse.

Integral to these efforts is concern for the well-being of human rights defenders working on these and other important issues.

POPULATION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

MacArthur has awarded 320 grants totaling nearly \$48 million in support of population and reproductive health in Mexico. MacArthur's grantmaking in this area reflects a comprehensive approach to reproductive and sexual health that places women's well-being at the center of population policy and emphasizes the rights of individuals to determine and plan family size.

The Foundation's funding focuses on:

- Reducing maternal mortality; and
- Advancing young people's sexual and reproductive health.

The Foundation's grantmaking seeks to reduce the gap in reproductive health inequities by focusing on populations in greatest need for improved access to reproductive health education and services, such as marginalized indigenous women and young people. MacArthur supports organizations that raise awareness about how to prevent maternal death and disability and improve the quality of health care in the rural areas of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Guerrero, the states with the highest maternal mortality ratios in the country. The Foundation also supports efforts to reduce unsafe abortion-related maternal death. Reducing maternal mortality is an important indicator that women are receiving the reproductive health services they need.

Civil society organizations supported by MacArthur also work to improve the quality and delivery of comprehensive sexuality education and youth-friendly reproductive health services as a means to prevent unwanted pregnancies and increase young people's life options.

MIGRATION

The Foundation has awarded 20 grants totaling nearly \$6 million in support of migration in Mexico. MacArthur is currently engaged in an exploratory phase of grantmaking on migration issues in Mexico as part of the Foundation's broader Initiative on Global Migration and Human Mobility, which is increasingly oriented toward the Mexico-U.S. migration corridor. The overall goals of the grantmaking are to provide better protections for migrants and help foster improvements in bilateral migration relations between the U.S. and Mexico. Specific work funded to date includes studies of migrant recruitment practices and research on the relationship between migration and economic development.

REPRESENTATIVE GRANTS

Human Rights

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND TEACHING
Mexico City, Mexico
\$200,000 in support of a policing research network in Mexico to strengthen programs for police reform (2009)

CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW
San Jose, Costa Rica
\$450,000 to strengthen the Inter-American System for the protection of human rights through civil society participation (2009)

CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LA MONTANA TLACHINOLLAN
Tlapa de Comonfort, Guerrero, Mexico
\$350,000 to defend the human rights of the indigenous people of the Mountain and Costa Chica regions of Guerrero (2008)

CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO JUAREZ
Mexico City, Mexico
\$300,000 in support of the defense of precedent-setting cases of human rights violations in Mexico in national and international courts (2007)

COMISION MEXICANA PARA LA DEFENSA Y LA PROMOCION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS
Mexico City, Mexico
\$300,000 in support of litigation on human rights in Mexico (2007)

DUE PROCESS OF LAW FOUNDATION
Washington, DC
\$180,000 in support of improving human rights protections in the state of Guerrero (2007)

INSTITUTO PARA LA SEGURIDAD Y LA DEMOCRACIA
Mexico City, Mexico
\$500,000 in support of public security policy reform in Mexico (2010)

OFICINA PARA LA DEFENSORIA DE LA INFANCIA
Mexico City, Mexico
\$500,000 in support of improving the judicial system's defense of vulnerable groups and individuals in Mexico (2010)

RED TODOS LOS DERECHOS PARA TODOS Y TODAS
Mexico City, Mexico
\$360,000 to strengthen human rights organizations and coordinate strategy for human rights activities in 20 Mexican states (2007)

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
Geneva, Switzerland
\$250,000 in support of improving human rights protections in Mexico (2006)

Population and Reproductive Health

ASESORIA, CAPACITACION Y ASISTENCIA EN SALUD
San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico
\$180,000 to design, pilot, and implement a community-based intervention for improving reproductive and sexual health among indigenous adolescents in Los Altos, Chiapas (2008)

CATOLICAS POR EL DERECHO A DECIDIR
Mexico City, Mexico
\$300,000 to improve the implementation at the state level of a federal policy to promote young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights in Mexico (2009)

COMITE PROMOTOR POR UNA MATERNIDAD SIN RIESGOS (NATIONAL SAFE MOTHERHOOD COMMITTEE)
San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico
\$350,000 to support efforts to decrease maternal mortality in Mexico (2009)

DEMOCRACIA Y SEXUALIDAD
Mexico City, Mexico
\$240,000 to increase access to comprehensive sexuality education among adolescents in Mexico (2009)

COMUNICACIÓN E INFORMACION SOBRE LA MUJER
Mexico City, Mexico
\$180,000 to use Internet-based technologies to increase the quantity and improve the quality of media coverage on maternal mortality and morbidity in Mexico (2008)

FUNDACION MEXICANA PARA LA PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR
Mexico City, Mexico
\$250,000 to scale-up a model to promote

the sexual and reproductive health of rural and indigenous young people in Oaxaca and Guerrero (2009)

FUNDAR: CENTRO DE ANALISIS E INVESTIGACION
Mexico City, Mexico
\$270,000 to monitor and report on the operations and budgets of principal maternal health programs (2008)

GRUPO DE ESTUDIOS SOBRE LA MUJER ROSARIO CASTELLANOS
Oaxaca, Mexico
\$210,000 in support of improving reproductive and sexual health among indigenous adolescents in selected municipalities of Oaxaca (2008)

GRUPO DE INFORMACION EN REPRODUCCION ELEGIDA
Mexico City, Mexico
\$270,000 in support of the defense and promotion of reproductive rights in Mexico through recording, documenting, and litigating reproductive rights violations and training government, non-governmental organizations and members of the local community (2006)

INVESTIGACION EN SALUD Y DEMOGRAFIA
Mexico City, Mexico
\$265,000 in support of preparing a model for improving the quality of public reproductive and sexual health services for youth and adolescents in Mexico and strengthening NGO skills in monitoring and evaluation (2008)

IPAS MEXICO
Chapel Hill, NC
\$300,000 in support of advancing access to safe legal abortion in three Mexican states (2010)

K'INAL ANTSETIK
Mexico City, Mexico
\$210,000 to scale up a model for community-based maternal mortality prevention strategies in Mexico (2009)

MARIE STOPES MEXICO
San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico
\$210,000 in support of outreach to indigenous and rural adolescents on reproductive and sexual health information and services (2010)
SOCIEDAD MEXICANA PRO DERECHOS

DE LA MUJER
Mexico City, Mexico
\$700,000 to strengthen local capacity and organizing to decrease maternal mortality and improve reproductive health in rural indigenous areas of Mexico (2010)

Migration

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION Y DOCENCIA ECONOMICAS
\$23,000 to evaluate Mexico's 3x1 Remittance Matching Program for Migrants and assess its applicability as a development strategy for other sending countries (2009)

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION Y ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES EN ANTROPOLOGIA SOCIAL
Mexico City, Mexico
\$230,000 to analyze the impacts of Mexican social policy on emigration and a binational dialogue on migration among experts and public officials from the US and Mexico (2009)

INSTITUTO DE ESTUDIOS Y DIVULGACION SOBRE LAS MIGRACIONES
Mexico City, Mexico
\$225,000 to study and assess recruitment mechanisms and access to social protection benefits for temporary migrant workers in the US, Canada, Mexico and Central America (2010)

OXFAM MEXICO (ROSTROS Y VOCES)
Mexico City, Mexico
\$250,000 to integrate development concerns into the migration policy community in Mexico, strengthen civil society input into global migration discussions, and protect the rights of migrants on Mexico's southern border. (2010)

RED INTERNACIONAL DE MIGRACION Y DESARROLLO
Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico
\$350,000 in support of network and collaborative research efforts on migration and development (2009)

SIN FRONTERAS
Mexico City, Mexico
\$300,000 to improve regional governance of migration in Mexico and Central America and to support advocacy, strategic litigation, and capacity building to protect migrants' human rights (2009)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez: <http://centroprodh.org.mx/centroprodh/>

Comisión Mexicana para la Defensa y la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos:
<http://www.cmdpdh.org/>

Comité Promotor por una maternidad sin riesgos (National Safe Motherhood Committee):
<http://maternidadsinriesgos.org.mx/web/>

Fundar: Centro de Análisis e Investigación: <http://www.fundar.org.mx/index.html/>

Instituto para la Seguridad y la Democracia: <http://www.insyde.org.mx/>

Red Internacional de Migración y Desarrollo: <http://www.migracionydesarrollo.org/>

Sin Fronteras: <http://www.sinfronteras.org.mx/>

Sociedad Mexicana por Derechos de la Mujer, Semillas: <http://www.semillas.org.mx/>

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