

HUMAN RIGHTS GRANTMAKING IN MEXICO

The MacArthur Foundation's human rights grantmaking in Mexico supports the development of effective human rights protections, with a focus on improving justice sector reforms, legal protections through litigation, and freedom of expression.

AT A GLANCE

- MacArthur's grantmaking in Mexico began in 1986; the Foundation opened an office in Mexico in 1992. In all, MacArthur has awarded 730 grants totaling \$109 million to institutions and individuals located in Mexico.
- Mexico is one of four countries where MacArthur focuses its international grantmaking, including India, Nigeria, and Russia.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The MacArthur Foundation has awarded 136 grants totaling \$28 million in support of human rights in Mexico. The 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;
- Freedom of expression and protections for journalists; and
- Policy research and advocacy toward effective approaches to human rights.

Integral to these efforts is concern for the well-being of human rights defenders.



ADDITIONAL GRANTMAKING

MacArthur's work in Mexico includes grantmaking in the fields of population and reproductive health and migration. The Foundation's funding in population and reproductive health focuses on reducing maternal mortality and advancing young people's sexual and reproductive health. Its migration grantmaking seeks to provide better protections for migrants.

REPRESENTATIVE HUMAN RIGHTS GRANTS

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\$300,000 in support of holistic work to strengthen the protection of journalists in Mexico (2014)

ASSISTENCIA LEGAL POR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS
\$400,000 to improve access to justice and due process in Mexico through litigation and training for justice system operators (2013)

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.

Human Rights Grantmaking in Mexico

CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LA MONTANA, TLACHINOLLAN
\$472,000 to strengthen access to justice for indigenous people in Guerrero as well as to improve conditions for migrant workers in the region (2012)

CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LAS MUJERES
\$285,000 to improve access to justice for women who have been victims of gender-based violence (2011)

COMISION MEXICANA DE DEFENSA Y PROMOCION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS
\$350,000 to improve access to justice in Mexico (2012)

FUNDAR, CENTRO DE ANALISIS E INVESTIGACION
\$300,000 to improve access to justice for vulnerable populations in Mexico (2013)

INSTITUTO DE JUSTICIA PROCESAL PENAL
\$250,000 to institutionalize best practices in the new criminal justice system in eight states (2013)

INSTITUTO PARA LA SEGURIDAD Y LA DEMOCRACIA
\$400,000 to strengthen criminal investigations conducted by the police within Mexico's new justice system (2013)

RED NACIONAL DE ORGANISMOS CIVILES DE DERECHOS HUMANOS "TODOS LOS DERECHOS PARA TODOS"
\$400,000 to strengthen the advocacy and documentation capacity of human rights organizations in Mexico (2014)

WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA
\$450,000 to increase government

accountability and respect for human rights in Mexico (2014)



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

MacArthur Foundation Human Rights grantmaking: http://www.macfound.org/human_rights

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/>

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/>

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