SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

2010

Supporting the right to participate in the cultural life of a community and engage in community duties essential to free and full development. Includes freedom of religion, the right to pursue one’s cultural traditions, right to a livelihood, and freedom to marry the partner of one’s choosing.

OVERVIEW

- **6%** Social and Cultural Rights

  Share of overall human rights funding
  
  $68.4 Million out of $1.2 Billion for all rights

  **Of this 6%**

- **70%** Right to Education
- **20%** Right to Marriage and Family
- **6%** Freedom of Belief and Religion
- **3%** Right to Participate in the Cultural Life of a Community/Engage in Community Duties Essential to Free and Full Development

REGIONAL FOCUS

- **North America**
- **Latin America**
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **Asia & Pacific**
- **North Africa & Middle East**
- **Eastern Europe, Central Asia, & Russia**
- **Western Europe**
- **Caribbean**

- **North America**: 80%
- **Latin America**: 10%
- **Sub-Saharan Africa**: 10%
- **Asia & Pacific**: 5%
- **North Africa & Middle East**: 3%
- **Eastern Europe, Central Asia, & Russia**: 3%
- **Western Europe**: 2%
- **Caribbean**: 2%

POPULATION FOCUS

- **Children/Youth**
  
  - **% of Number of Grants**: 39%
  - **% of Grant Dollars**: 44%

- **LGBT**
  
  - **% of Number of Grants**: 18%
  - **% of Grant Dollars**: 20%

- **Migrants/Refugees**
  
  - **% of Number of Grants**: 9%
  - **% of Grant Dollars**: 8%

TOP FUNDERS

1. **Ford Foundation** ........................................ $15.6 MILLION (M)
2. **Proteus Fund** ........................................... $3.9 M
3. **Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund** .................. $3.9 M
4. **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** ............................. $3.9 M
5. **Open Society Foundations** .............................. $3.3 M
6. **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** .................. $2.6 M
7. **Gill Foundation** ........................................... $2.5 M
8. **James Irvine Foundation** .............................. $2.3 M
9. **Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program** .... $2.2 M
10. **Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation** .......... $1.4 M

Highest Number of Grants: **70**

*Regional Focus includes grants going directly to recipients in the region specified and to recipients located in other regions for activities focused on the region specified.

*Population Focus includes funding explicitly targeted to benefit specific groups and only illustrates those accounting for the largest shares of grant dollars or grants. See Methodology for details on how regional focus and population focus were determined and limitations.
**ASIA & PACIFIC**

**TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION**

1. **Ford Foundation**................. $890 T
2. **American Jewish World Service**..... $640 T
3. **International Development Research Centre**.......... $257 T
4. **Global Fund for Women**............ $165 T
5. **EMpower-The Emerging Markets Foundation**.......... $146 T

**SAMPLE GRANTS**

International Development Research Centre gave to **Yugantar** in India to improve the quality of reconstruction programs that target Hyderabad’s Muslim community by including Muslim youth as researchers and facilitators of dialogue aimed at addressing community problems related to weak social integration in the aftermath of communal violence.

McKnight Foundation gave to **Highlanders Association** in Cambodia to empower indigenous communities in Ratanakiri province to protect their lands and natural resources, cultural identity, and right of access to education.

**CARIBBEAN**

**TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION**

1. **Ford Foundation**................. $200 T
2. **Grassroots International**.......... $139 T
3. **Open Society foundations**.......... $75 T
4. **Global Fund for Children**......... $13 T

**SAMPLE GRANTS**

Global Fund for Children gave to **Sociedad Dominicana–Asociación Integradora de Desarrollo y la Salud** in the Dominican Republic for The Right to a Name and Nationality program, which campaigns for the legal recognition of the Dominican nationality for Dominican-born Haitian children.

Grassroots International gave to **Platform for Alternative Development Policies** in Haiti for economic, social, and cultural rights.

**EASTERN EUROPE, CENTRAL ASIA, & RUSSIA**

**TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION**

1. **Open Society Foundations**.......... $1.1 M
2. **Sigrid Rausing Trust**.............. $39 T
3. **Abils Foundation**.................. $13 T

**SAMPLE GRANTS**

Open Society Foundations gave to **Anonymous Recipient** in Bulgaria to support Romani youth in overcoming the existing educational and social gaps between them and the rest of the society.

Sigrid Rausing Trust gave to **GenderDoc-M** in Moldova for general support for its advocacy work and provision of social, psychological and information services to members of the Moldovan LGBT community.

**LATIN AMERICA & MEXICO**

**TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION**

1. **Ford Foundation**................. $3.2 M
2. **Grassroots International**.......... $1.1 M
3. **Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**........ $35 T
4. **American Jewish World Service**..... $13 T
5. **Open Society Foundations**.......... $64 T

**SAMPLE GRANTS**

General Service Foundation gave to **Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales, y Culturales en México** to promote and defend economic, social, and cultural rights in Mexico.

Global Green Grants Fund gave to **Laf Espu Reuwe Malco** in Chile to support the preservation of the culture of the Mapuche people by conducting environmental education campaigns, developing eco-tourism, and encouraging intercultural and community-focused participation based on local and ancestral knowledge.
NORTH AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

10 FOUNDATIONS (9) 8.2M GRANT DOLLARS (£1 = 500T) 27 RECIPIENTS (6 - 10)

TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION

1. Ford Foundation .................. $1.5 M
2. Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation $200 T
3. New Israel Fund ................... $173 T
4. Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund .... $160 T
5. Grassroots International ............ $99 T

SAMPLE GRANTS

Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders gave to Anonymous in Tunisia to support the launch of an awareness campaign.

Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund gave to Israel Religious Action Center in Israel to oppose religious coercion in the public sphere in Jerusalem through data research and legal advocacy.

NORTH AMERICA

143 FOUNDATIONS (9) 8.2M GRANT DOLLARS (£1 = 500T) 230 RECIPIENTS (6 - 10)

TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION

1. Ford Foundation .................. $21.7 M
2. Proteus Fund ...................... $3.9 M
3. Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund .... $3.9 M
4. W.K. Kellogg Foundation ........... $3.9 M
5. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation .... $2.6 M

SAMPLE GRANTS

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave to LULAC Institute in the USA to participate in the Campaign for High School Equity Coalition and raise public awareness about issues and solutions for improving graduation rates and college readiness among students of color.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave to Equality California Institute in the USA for marriage equality public education.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

19 FOUNDATIONS (9) 13.0M GRANT DOLLARS (£1 = 500T) 39 RECIPIENTS (6 - 10)

TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION

1. Ford Foundation .................. $1.4 M
2. American Jewish World Service .... $342 T
3. American Jewish World Service– Donor Advised Funds ................. $200 T
4. Carnegie Corporation of New York .... $156 T
5. Open Society Foundations ........... $105 T

SAMPLE GRANTS

Rockefeller Foundation gave to Forum for African Women Educationalists in Kenya for general support of its mission to promote gender equity and equality in education in Africa by fostering positive policies, practices, and attitudes toward girls’ education.

Fund For Global Human Rights gave to National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda for general support of this organization, whose activities include documenting and reporting human rights violations against women, children, and other vulnerable populations, and educating communities on economic, social, and cultural rights.

WESTERN EUROPE

8 FOUNDATIONS (9) 9.2M GRANT DOLLARS (£1 = 500T) 9 RECIPIENTS (6 - 10)

TOP FUNDERS FOR THE REGION

1. Atlantic Philanthropies .............. $463 T
2. Sigrid Rausing Trust ............... $232 T
3. Trust for London .................. $124 T
4. Open Society Foundations .......... $37 T
5. Spencer Foundation ................ $25 T

SAMPLE GRANTS

Atlantic Philanthropies gave to Marriage Equality in Ireland to promote LGBT rights through support for Marriage Equality’s campaign for same-sex marriage.

Atlantic Philanthropies gave to the International Cities of Refuge Network in Norway for general support.