

Changing Systems and Challenging Inequalities: Ford Foundation's Mission & Programs

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Ford Foundation

- ▶ **Historical Overview**
- ▶ **Philosophy and Vision**
- ▶ **Programs and Mechanisms**
- ▶ **Conclusion**

Main Argument

- ▶ Ford Foundation has a holistic, structural, and sustainable educational philosophy. It targets changing disruptive systems of learning as well as fundamentally challenging inequalities of youths' social and economic settings. Thus, this should enhance their maintainable potentials of learning.

Historical Overview

- ▶ Early Local Establishment in 1936
- ▶ Expansion in 1950
 - ▶ Domestic & International Scale
 - ▶ Executive Programs and Mechanisms.

Philosophy and Vision

- ▶ Philosophical Outline
 - ▶ Establishing Peace
 - ▶ Supporting Democracy
 - ▶ Strengthening Economy
 - ▶ Enhancing Education in a Democratic Society
 - ▶ Observing Individual Behavior & Human Relations

Philosophy and Vision

- ▶ Core Values
 - ▶ Comprehensiveness
 - ▶ Sustainability
 - ▶ Change

Philosophy and Vision

- ▶ Central Issues
 - ▶ Inequality
 - ▶ Civic Engagement
 - ▶ Social Change
 - ▶ Next Generation Leadership

Programs and Mechanisms

- ▶ Three “I’s”
 - ▶ Institutions
 - ▶ Ideas
 - ▶ Individuals

Programs and Mechanisms

- ▶ Mechanisms
 - ▶ Grants
 - ▶ Independent Projects
 - ▶ Partnerships
 - ▶ Program-Related Investment

Programs and Mechanisms

1950s

Qualitative
Methods



Quantitative
Methods



Pre-
College
Education

Programs and Mechanisms

▶ 1960s



Education



Economy



International Affaires



Programs and Mechanisms

▶ 1970s



Programs and Mechanisms

► 1980s

**Poverty in Rural
& Urban
Communities**

**Good
Governance &
Public Policy**

**Human Rights &
Social Justice
and Minority
Rights**

Programs and Mechanisms

▶ 1990s

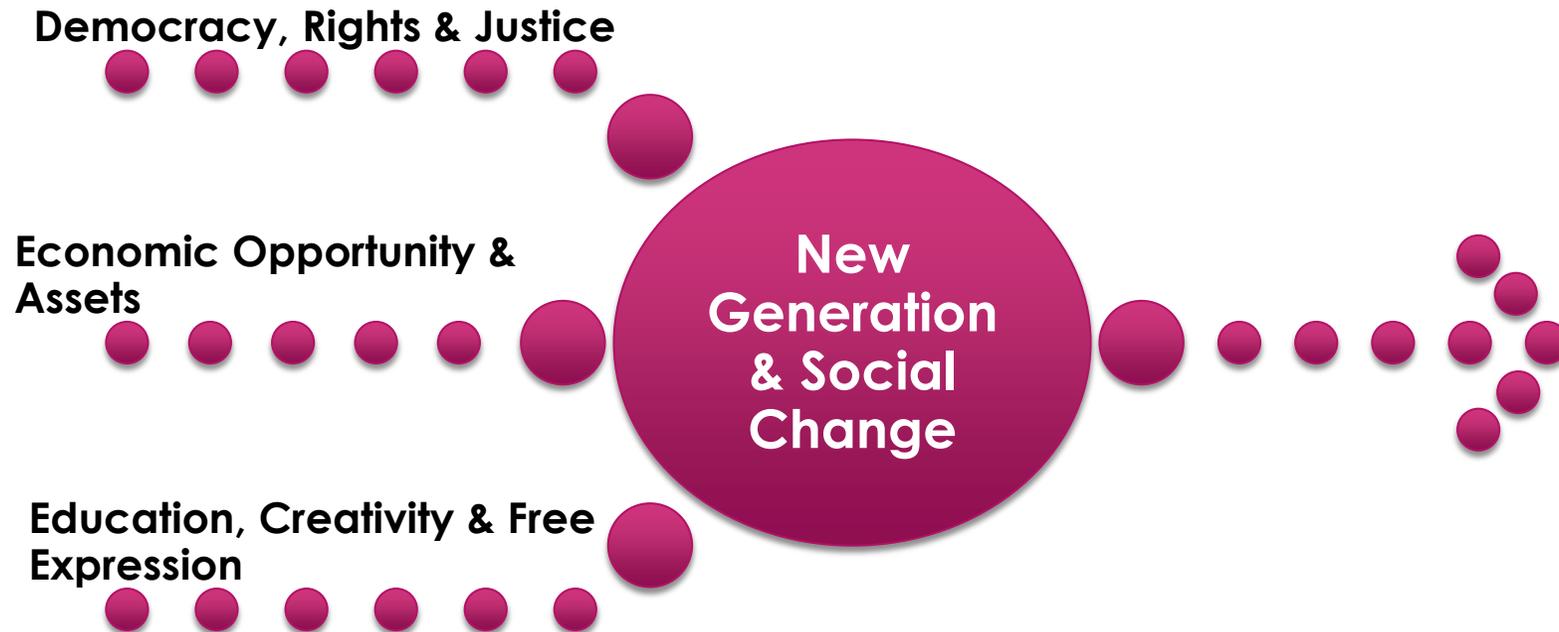
**Capacity
Building &
Developing
Local
Communities**

**Peace &
Social Justice**

**Education,
Media, Arts &
Culture**

Programs and Mechanisms

► 2010



Programs and Mechanisms

- ▶ Examples of Educational Programs
 - ▶ Domestic
 - ▶ Public School Reform
 - ▶ International
 - ▶ Partnership for Higher Education In Africa

Conclusion

- ▶ Challenging Structural Symptoms of Economic, Social, or Political Inequality
- ▶ Promoting Social Justice