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
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

- Social Organizations

  - Education
  - Cultural Studies
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

New Generation & Social Change

Democracy, Rights & Justice

Economic Opportunity & Assets

Education, Creativity & Free Expression
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