

The Global Forum on Migration and Development and the High-level Dialogue

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The MacArthur Foundation's evolving engagement in global migration

Initial strategy (2006-2012)

Priorities:

- Governance of international migration
- Migration and economic development

Support for GFMD:

- Largest non-governmental donor; \$3.3 million
- Emphasis on civil society participation

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Revised strategy (2012 -)

Three geographically defined initiatives:

- U.S. Immigration Policy
- Regional Migration Corridor
- Global Migration

Global Migration Initiative priorities:

- Support GFMD process through the 2013 HLD
- Crisis migration and recruitment (exploratory)

GFMD - Civil society assessment

Overview

Independent, retrospective and prospective

Methodology

- Desk review (75+ documents)
- Survey (61 complete, 33 partial responses)
- Key informant interviews (65)
- Case study (Mexico)
- Observation (2011 Civil Society Days/GFMD)

GFMD - Civil society assessment

Findings and conclusions (per Social Impact)

Civil Society Days (CSD) lacks clearly defined objectives

CSD's impact on civil society relationships with government are mixed

Networking and knowledge building have been successful, but capacity building and access to government have been less so

GFMD - Civil society assessment

Findings and conclusions (continued)

Policy impacts are mixed, and are a source of debate

CSD structure improved in 2011, but there is room for further improvement

Need to enhance sustainability, continuity, and dialogue between different actors

GFMD - Civil society assessment

Recommendations

Seek consensus on CSD objectives and actors

Strive for more continuous interaction between civil society organizations and governments

Invest in monitoring and information management

Identify a plan for sustainable financial support

MacArthur Foundation engagement with the 2013 High-level Dialogue



Support for civil society

Continuing support for civil society at the GFMD

Potential support for civil society at the HLD

Support for expert input

“What We Know about Migration and Development”
(project by the Migration Policy Institute and the Center for Migration Studies)

Thank you

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