



Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)



- WINGS is the only global network which focuses on philanthropy support.
- Participants in WINGS are grantmaker associations, support organizations and emerging philanthropic initiatives.
- Currently 147 organizations in 50 countries



2008 Community Foundation Global Status Report

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- Fifth report in a series that WINGS first published in Y2000 to track the growth and development of community foundations around the world.
- 55 respondents from 37 countries
- 38 country profiles plus US-Mexico border



Major Findings

- More than 1,400 CFs identified in 51 countries
- Number of CFs increased 21% since 2005, with 46% of all CFs existing outside the US (up from 40% in 2005 and 37.5% in 2004).



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- The number of community foundations in the UK and Canada represents only 33% of the total number of CFs outside the US; down from 42% in 2005 and 47.5% the year before
- Germany has surpassed Canada to have the second largest number of CFs after the US: 190



Major Findings

- The *WINGS Global Fund for Community Foundations*, a new fund, is having a major impact on the development of CFs in areas that are underserved and underfunded.
- The *World Bank's Community Foundation Initiative*, and its support for CFs has helped increase the visibility of CFs.



Major Findings

- In regions where there are no organizations to support CFs (such as the Middle East), organic, bottom-up growth has been instrumental in its development.
- The learning and networking opportunities available to individuals around the globe have greatly supported a cross-fertilization of ideas and the transfer of knowledge to new regions for CF growth.



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- There is more cohesiveness in CF structures, as the numbers of CFs grow within countries, and share experiences through in-country membership associations and across borders
- New activity has been especially strong in southeastern Europe and the Balkans, as funders have moved their efforts farther south and east