

CURRENT ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION INITIATIVES IN EXECUTION

DEVELOPING CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE

This initiative aims to catalyze attention, funding and action to promote resilience to climate change on several levels. We focus on three pivotal areas: Asian urban environments, African agriculture and US policy. We are creating models for action on climate change in cities—models that can be replicated and expanded in other regions. We are helping adapt African agriculture to cope with environmental changes. And we are promoting awareness and guiding funders and policymakers to support broader action on climate change resilience, nationally and internationally, to help poor and vulnerable people around the world.

Specifically, the Foundation partners with governments, other foundations, donors, NGOs and groups from the private sector, to work in the following areas:

- Piloting urban-based resilience strategies through the **Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network**
- Adapting **African agriculture** for **climate change resilience**
- Promoting policies and funding to build climate change resilience for poor and vulnerable people
- Building new constituencies for **climate change resilience policies**
- Communicating with policymakers about climate change resilience-building tactics
- Building capacity and networks and developing new funding streams for resilience strategies

LINKING GLOBAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE NETWORKS

The Foundation's Linking Global Disease Surveillance Networks initiative, is working to establish transnational detection, monitoring and communications systems to strengthen disease prevention. This initiative aims to mitigate the impact of disease outbreaks through three strategies:

- Optimizing individual and institutional capacity for disease surveillance in two regions at highest risk—the Mekong region in Asia and both Eastern and Southern Africa
- Promoting collaboration in disease surveillance and response across countries and within regions to improve horizontal communication and knowledge sharing
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- Building bridges between disease surveillance networks and international agencies—and connections between animal health, human health and environmental health—through the One Health approach—increasing the efficiency of global systems for disease surveillance and response
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TRANSFORMING HEALTH SYSTEMS

New technologies and demographic, epidemiologic, and economic shifts are transforming health systems in countries around the world. There is now a window of opportunity to promote strategies that steer this transformation toward better health outcomes and financial protection through improved health systems performance and the expansion of universal health coverage in low- and middle-income countries.

The Rockefeller Foundation’s Transforming Health Systems initiative employs four key funding strategies:

- Fostering health systems research and agenda setting for universal health coverage
 - Enhancing professional capacity to plan and manage high-performing health systems
 - Harnessing the resources of the private sector to finance and deliver health services
 - Leveraging interoperable **eHealth** systems
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ADVANCING INNOVATION PROCESSES TO SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Open and user-driven innovation models are not being widely applied to meet the needs of poor or vulnerable people. The Foundation’s Advancing Innovation Processes to Solve Social Problems initiative, explores whether new innovation approaches can be applied more widely in development, and whether they can be scaled up for greater adoption.

The initiative supports four primary areas of activity:

- Testing the value and applicability of commercial innovation models for addressing social problems
 - Scaling up or replicating existing socially-focused or not-for-profit innovation models
 - Influencing providers of innovation platforms and techniques to sustainably and systematically provide their services to the social sector
 - Encouraging NGOs, researchers, funders, and entrepreneurs focused on pro-poor innovation to use open-innovation models
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HARNESSING THE POWER OF IMPACT INVESTING

The Foundation's Harnessing the Power of Impact Investing initiative aims to overcome the major obstacle to the growth of the impact investing industry. Since 2007 we have asked hundreds of current and potential impact investors around the world what it would take for them to be able to address social and environmental challenges more efficiently with for-profit impact investments. The answers to this question form the basis of our four-pronged strategy:

- **Catalyzing platforms for collective action** that enable leading impact investors and intermediaries to coordinate efforts, such as disseminating standards, sharing information, and collaborating on deals
- **Supporting the development of scaled intermediation vehicles** that help absorb impact investments at a scale necessary to attract the institutional investors who control the lion's share of global capital
- **Building industry-wide infrastructure** that enables broader and more effective participation in the impact investing industry
- **Supporting research and advocacy efforts** that promote an analytical understanding of the impact investing industry and take necessary steps to facilitate its maturation

STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY: ALLIANCE FOR A GREEN REVOLUTION IN AFRICA (AGRA)

Increasing agricultural productivity is critical for both human welfare and economic growth in African countries. About 70% of Sub-Saharan Africans depend on agriculture for their food and their livelihoods, primarily by raising staple food crops and a few livestock on small farms.

Many farmers barely produce enough food to feed their families. They are unable to generate a surplus and therefore have no income to buy the inputs that can enhance their crop yields—even though it would take only modest investments and small improvements in farming practices to triple or even quadruple what they now produce.

The Rockefeller Foundation's Strengthening Food Security initiative includes AGRA, which was launched in 2006 in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It is an African-based and African-led organization charged with sustainably increasing the productivity and profitability of small-scale farms throughout Africa.

The Rockefeller Foundation supports AGRA across four interrelated areas of activity:

- Improving access to more resilient seeds that produce higher and more stable yields
- Promoting soil health and productivity

- Building more efficient local, national and regional, agriculture markets

Promoting improved policies and building partnerships to develop the technological and institutional changes needed to achieve a **Green Revolution**

PROMOTING EQUITABLE, SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

The Foundation's Promoting Equitable, Sustainable Transportation initiative advocates for investment in affordable, environmentally-responsible transit in the United States. This

initiative supports strategies at the national and local level. At the federal level, we are:

- Funding policy analysis and research that informs a new transportation policy for America.
- Encouraging national leaders and grassroots leaders to embrace a new policy agenda. Promoting and coordinating philanthropic participation in transportation work.

At the same time, we are exploring state and local policy innovations. We are:

- Resourcing advocacy efforts to encourage state/metro reform. Building the internal capacity of state departments of transportation and metro planning organizations.
- Encouraging sustainability and equity through market and consumer levers.