

About this report

In 1999 the International Programs department of the Council on Foundations and the newly-formed Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support-Community Foundations (WINGS-CF) sponsored a project to track for the first time the global development of community foundations. This resulted in 2000 in the publication of *The Growth of Community Foundations Around the World*. In 2003, WINGS-CF reshaped and updated the report to focus on international community foundation trends and developments since the previous report. Reports were published in 2003, 2004 and 2005. The 2008 report and the four previous reports can be found at:

http://www.wingsweb.org/information/publications_community.cfm

The 2008 report is based on a survey that was conducted in spring 2008, which requested data up to the end of 2007. In some cases developments in early 2008 are also included. The report was finalized in **August 2008**.

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About WINGS and WINGS-CF

WINGS is a network of 147 associations of grantmakers and other grantmaker support organizations in 55 countries around the world which have joined together to create opportunities to learn from and support one another, develop modes of communication and collaboration, and contribute to the strengthening of philanthropy worldwide. While their working contexts are different, they are linked by the common purpose of strengthening and promoting philanthropy. Within WINGS, constituent groups have formed to pursue their specific interests. The primary example is WINGS-CF, an active network that includes about 60 organizations supporting the development and work of community foundations.

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