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Our Story & Our Approach

About Us
The Resource Foundation (TRF) is a leading nonprofit organization that facilitates philanthropy to the Americas and the Caribbean. Since 1987, it has been partnering with donors and effective local nonprofits in 29 countries to increase opportunities and improve living standards for the region’s disadvantaged.

TRF leverages its expertise, regional knowledge and multilingual skills to help donors optimize the impact of their philanthropy. It has pioneered effective giving to the region by supporting reputable organizations that address communities’ most pressing needs. Because many development issues are interconnected, TRF’s integral approach of supporting programs in education, health, financial inclusion and many other areas ensures that lasting change is achieved.

TRF has been credited with “taking a leading role in making U.S. donors and practitioners focus on the needs of non-profit organizations,” as well as “writing the book” on encouraging and helping individuals and corporations to support their work.

Charity Navigator has awarded TRF its highest rating of four stars for organizational efficiency and sound fiscal management seven times since 2008.

TRF is also a founding member of the Alliance for International Giving, together with Give2Asia and The King Baudouin Foundation United States. The Alliance was created to provide donors with access to a combined philanthropic network that spans the globe.

Our Approach
Local Change Agents: TRF makes it possible for U.S. donors to support local nonprofits that have direct knowledge of the socioeconomic, cultural and political realities in their respective countries, and that have built trust with targeted communities. This collaboration ensures the sustainability and effectiveness of supported projects.

Comprehensive Due Diligence: TRF makes global giving safe and simple by managing the complex international grantmaking process for donors, including performing ongoing compliance checks on all grantee organizations.

Leveraged Expertise: TRF works closely with donors to help you develop solid strategies that meet your specific giving objectives and achieve the greatest impact. Donors rely on TRF’s regional expertise and on-the-ground experience.

Geographic Scope: TRF’s network includes more than 370 nonprofits in 29 countries across the Americas and the Caribbean. TRF can help donors support projects throughout the region.

Focus on Local Issues: TRF’s partners develop innovative solutions in women’s empowerment, education and job-skills training, healthcare and HIV/AIDS, financial inclusion, capacity building, water and sanitation, sustainable agriculture, affordable housing and many other program areas.

Funding Partners: TRF partners with individual, foundation and corporate donors including but not limited to: Alcatel-Lucent, American Express, Citi, Caterpillar, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Dow Chemical, Harley-Davidson, Johnson & Johnson, Kellogg Company, Starbucks and Pfizer.