# Lessons from the Learning Review of the Ford Foundation's Strengthening Human Rights Worldwide global initiative (SHRW)



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### Methodology

- Grantee engagement
- Document reviews
- Interviews 69 people
- Social network analysis grantees and matched groups
- Survey 23 funders; 14 additional experts
- Case studies
- Outcomes harvesting 1250 outcomes of grantees' work 2014-2016.





Traditional inequitable, hierarchical models are being replaced by a more open mosaic-like dynamic

 Southern groups network, produce & disseminate knowledge, and establish collaborations without waiting for INGO invitations

 INGOs use resources to flatten the hierarchy but enabling affected groups to self-organise

### THE HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM:

Traditional dependence on INGO agendas shifts to southern groups' own agency

 Southern groups move their own agendas at whatever forums are most strategic – local, national, regional, international

INGOs shift from using southern cases to collaborating

 Membership-based INGOs' governance enables cross-regional influence on priorities & practices FUNDING IMPLICATIONS: Long term core funding provides national and Global South groups stability, autonomy & flexibility which increases their strategic capacity to:

- Create their own collaborations
- Initiate evidence-gathering & analysis
- Shape their strategic arguments
- Choose who to ally with
- Choose who to target whether at local, national, regional or international levels
- Identify what of their experiences could be useful to others globally



## FUNDING interventions to shift a field

- Jointly & transparently negotiate theory /theories of change including what outcomes will be considered signs of progress
- Invest in relationship-building across NGOs, social movements & INGOs AND between funders & grantees
- Invest in institutional capacity strengthening, enabling & managing leadership transitions & choice of technical support
- Allow national groups to share funding with others & generally emphasize ethical ways of working
- Be realistic about the relationship between time and money

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