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Biographical / Historical

The Ford Foundation maintained an office in Manila, Philippines from 1962 to 2003. The Manila office was responsible for administering the Foundation's programming for that country. Throughout the course of the Manila office's history, the Foundation's programming for the Philippines focused on projects and initiatives involved with agriculture, water management, forestry, arts, business management and industrial development, population, science education, public administration, language studies, women's rights, sexuality and reproductive health, poverty reduction, and human rights.

The Ford Foundation made its first grants to the Philippines between 1960 and 1961 as part of its activities in South and Southeast Asia. It then established an office in Manila in 1962. Much of the Foundation's early support to the Philippines centered on strengthening the University of the Philippines so that the institution could provide graduate training and research for the country's economic development. By 1967, the Foundation had issued \$8,756,000 in grants to the university (South and Southeast Asia information paper, June 1967, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 1-3254 (FA739A), Report 002407).

In 1981, the Foundation reduced the Manila office's staff as part of its efforts to reorganize its Southeast Asia Program. The Foundation made its Jakarta, Indonesia office its Southeast Asia Regional Office and transformed its offices in Manila and Bangkok, Thailand into liaison offices under Jakarta (Southeast Asia program review, November 1981, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 9287-11774 (FA739D), Report 009597) .

The Foundation unlinked the Manila office from its Jakarta office in 1997, and the Manila office retained its independence until the Foundation closed it in 2003 (The Ford Foundation's Program in the Philippines, 1999, Ford Foundation records, Catalogued Reports, Reports 13949-17726 (FA739F), Report 015013).

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