



# **Ford Foundation records, Asset Building and Community Development Program (ASSETS), Economic Development, Office Files of Lisa Mensah**

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## Summary Information

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## Biographical / Historical

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Lisa Mensah is a foundation executive whose work has focused on economic development and economic security. For more than ten years, Mensah worked at the Ford Foundation. She started as a Program Officer in the Rural Poverty and Resources Program before becoming Deputy Director of the program. Following a reorganization of the Foundation's program structure, she was made Deputy Director of the Asset Building and Community Development Program (ASSETS), Economic Development unit.

Mensah's post-Ford Foundation positions included her time as Executive Director of the Initiative on Financial Security at the Aspen Institute. She served in the United States Government as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development during the Obama Administration, and she became President and CEO of the Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) in 2017.

Mensah earned a B.A. from Harvard University and an M.A. from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, she worked in commercial banking at Citibank.

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ford Foundation archive was deposited at RAC in 2011. Ford Foundation records, correspondence, reports, program files and officers papers were transferred to, and accessioned by, RAC beginning in 2011. Accessions continue as necessary.

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<b>Grant Files, 1988-1999</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
California, University of (Davis) -- RGAs, 1992-1996	box 1
California, University of (Davis) -- Proposals, 1995	box 1
California, University of (Davis) -- Correspondence, 1993-1996	box 1
Calvert Social Investment Foundation -- Proposals, 1995	box 1
Calvert Social Investment Foundation -- RGAs, 1991-1995	box 1
Calvert Social Investment Foundation -- Correspondence, 1994-1995	box 1
Center for Policy Alternatives -- RGAs, 1988-1993	box 1
Center for Policy Alternatives -- FY 1996 Proposal, 1995-1996	box 1
Center for Policy Alternatives -- Correspondence, 1995	box 1
Chicago, University of -- RGAs, 1988-1997	box 1
Chicago, University of -- Proposals, 1993-1996	box 1
Chicago, University of -- Correspondence, 1993-1996	box 1
Coastal Enterprises -- RGAs, 1990-1997	box 1
Coastal Enterprises -- \$1 Million Reserve Grant, 1996	box 1
Coastal Enterprises -- Proposals, 1993-1998	box 1
Coastal Enterprises -- Correspondence, 1994-1997	box 1
The Development Fund -- RGAs, 1988-1995	box 1
The Development Fund -- Proposals, 1994-1995	box 1
The Development Fund -- Correspondence, 1994-1997	box 1
HandsNet -- CG NET, 1990-1994	box 1
HandsNet -- RGAs, 1987-1994	box 1
HandsNet -- Proposals, 1994-1998	box 1
HandsNet -- Correspondence, 1993-1998	box 1
HandsNet -- Presentation, 1998 October 27	box 1

HandsNet -- Rural Telecommunications Initiative Steering Committee, 1992-1993	box 1
HandsNet -- Rural Telecommunications Initiative and the HandsNet Rural Issues Forum, 1995	box 1
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- A-C (1/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- D-F (2/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- G-J (3/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- K-M (4/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- N-O (5/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- P-S (6/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Liaison Files -- RGAs -- T-Z (7/7), 1991-1998	box 2
Media for Development International -- FY 98 Grant, 1998	box 2
Media for Development International -- Proposal, 1994 July 25	box 2
Media for Development International -- Proposals, 1995-1997	box 2
Media for Development International -- Correspondence, 1994-1998	box 2
Media for Development International -- RGAs, 1993-1998	box 2
Media for Development International -- Publications, 1996	box 2
Society for International Development -- Correspondence, 1993-1999	box 2
Society for International Development -- Proposals, 1993-1998	box 2
Society for International Development -- Publications, 1997	box 2
Taos County Economic Development Corp. -- RGAs, 1988-1996	box 2
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