



# Near East Foundation records, Accession 2010:002, RG 2

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rockefeller Archive Center
<b>Creator:</b>	Near East Foundation
<b>Creator:</b>	Near East Relief (Organization)
<b>Title:</b>	Near East Foundation records, Accession 2010:002, RG 2
<b>ID:</b>	FA1305
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1915-2005
<b>Physical Description:</b>	16.34 Cubic Feet 12 standard record storage boxes, 1 letter document box, and 1 oversize photo box holding at-risk materials
<b>Physical Description:</b>	The Near East Foundation records, Accessions 2009:104, RG 2 (FA1305) contains 12 standard storage boxes, 1 document box, and one oversize photo box of bound volumes. Some boxes include folders of mixed materials the donor included with particular volumes at the time of accessioning.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

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## Biographical / Historical

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Cleveland H. Dodge and a group of New York philanthropists formed the Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in 1915 (as a response to American Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire Henry Morgenthau's plea for assistance). The Committee was chartered by the U.S. Congress as "Near East Relief" (NER) in 1919.

John D. Rockefeller Sr. was one of the first major contributors to the NER. During World War I, the NER is credited with saving 1 million lives of Armenians, Assyrians, Arabs and Persians. From 1915-1930, the NER raised \$110 million for refugees. Among its accomplishments, the NER: fed 12 million people; built 40 hospitals; and housed, fed and educated 132,000 children in orphanages and provided them with medical care.

In 1930, Near East Relief officially changed its name to the Near East Foundation and refocused its activities, beyond refugee relief, to become the first international development organization with the objective of catalyzing long-term sustainability through vocational education, training and agricultural programs including experimental projects and instruction.

NEF identifies local communities in need of development assistance, and mobilizes them into grassroots civil society organizations that work to create homegrown solutions to the community's problems.

NEF staff is native members of the communities that they work in. They help guide the people of the community through stages of problem-solving, effective collaboration, and the formation of responsive civil society organizations to develop self-sustaining activities, programs and long-term societies. NEF commonly operates in active yet unstable settlements. These communities are generally beyond the emergency relief stage, yet they need systemic development assistance to build stability and facilitate their long-term survival. NEF operates in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Egypt, Lebanon, Mali, Morocco, Sudan, Syria, and throughout the Middle East and Africa.

The NEF's "self-help" approach created the models for the Marshall Plan, Truman's Point-4 Program, the Peace Corp, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

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## Scope and Contents

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This record group primarily consists of dockets, minutes and reports of Near East Relief (NER) and the Near East Foundation (NEF). Materials pertaining to Near East Relief date from 1915 to roughly 1932, while materials pertaining to the Near East Foundation date from roughly 1932 to 2005. A majority of the materials were generated by and for New York-based personnel, and document executive-level decision making. However, information on day-to-day foreign operations can be found in the dockets, which include reports that reference foundation-operated orphanages and schools. Those interested in visual sources can look to the issues of the "New Near East" newsletter, 1922 to 1924, and the "Bulletin of the Near East Society", 1952-1955.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged item may be restricted at the discretion of RAC. The bound volume in box 14 will require assistance from an archivist.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This material was transferred to RAC in 2010 by the Near East Foundation and ingested by RAC as Accession 2010:002.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

Library materials have been separated from the body of the collection and are available via RAC's library.

### Related Materials

Near East Foundation records, Accessions 2009:104, RG 1 (FA406)

Near East Foundation records, Accession 2010:020, RG 3 (FA1306)

Near East Foundation records, Audiovisual Materials, RG 4 (FA1307)

Near East Foundation records, Accession 2012:060, RG 5 (FA1308)

Near East Foundation records, Fred and Carrie Midgley papers, Accession 2012:071, RG 6 (FA1309)

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## Collection Inventory

### Near East Foundation records, Accession 2010:002, 1915-2005

Creator: Near East Foundation

Creator: Near East Relief (Organization)

Physical Description: 16.04 Cubic Feet 12 standard record storage boxes and one document box

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

#### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Near East Foundation collection was officially donated to Rockefeller Archive Center by Charles Benjamin, NEF President, June 2011.

Records were received as Accession 2010:002.

Title/Description	Instances
American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief: Minutes, 1915-1919	box 1
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Near East Relief: Foreign Area Accounting Manual, 1925	box 14

**Physical Characteristics and Technical  
Requirements**

Volume suffers from red rot. See archivist for assistance.