

Community Foundations as a Vehicle in the Development of Local Giving in Kyrgyzstan

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Abstract

The number of philanthropists engaging in international and domestic giving is rapidly increasing within developing countries. However, due to incomplete reporting and deficient monitoring, it is difficult to compile the data that statistically evidences the effects of this philanthropy. This is particularly true for Kyrgyzstan, a country experiencing a revival in community assistance and religious giving that, unfortunately, has been conducted with virtually no supporting data. This paper analyzes both local and international literature related to community foundations, arguing that such institutions offer a promising mechanism in the developing world for promoting a local culture of giving and constructing a philanthropic infrastructure. Ultimately, as Ainuska Sheripkanova demonstrates, the community foundations model is well-suited for promoting transparency among nonprofit and charitable organizations in Kyrgyzstan.

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