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Methodology

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Representatives of global and regional community-led and civil society networks met together with RCF on the 18th and 19th of November 2024 online for a **Collective Impact Reflection Workshop (CIRW)**.

Over these two days more than **70** grantee representatives participated, to strengthen cross-network exchange and learning. Together we discussed successes, challenges and innovative strategies related to the grant cycle of 2022–2024 and generated key insights.

Some of these key insights have been included in this **Learning Resource** with the purpose to share the outcomes of the workshop and foster continuous learning within and across networks.

What did we do in the 2024 (online) CIRW?

The CIRW included an interactive program to strengthen our connections and collectively discuss topics relevant to the network.

Opening word by Felicia Wong, RCF's Fund Director

Welcome, program and objective of the workshop

Getting connected through "speed dating" in small groups

Introduction to the topics and World Cafe method

Working in groups of various topics

Plenary group presentations, reflection and dialogue



About the Method

The **World Cafe** at the CIRW consisted of four rounds. During each round participants visited a different "table" and topic to discuss specific questions. The table topics have been carefully identified prior to the workshop. Grantees were asked to share significant stories per RCF outcome area prior to the CIRW to share their successes and lived experiences. A core team then analyzed these stories and synthesized key findings, successes, and challenges to identify priority topics and questions relevant for RCF's network. The following **7 priority topics** were identified from the stories and discussed during the World Cafe, representing community knowledge and lived experiences from the network:

Risk and mitigation - looking at risks, emergencies, mitigation strategies, lessons learned and opportunities.

Long-term core funding - mainly to understand the value of long-term core funding and use of core support.

Resourcing movements and shrinking funding landscape (& decolonization) – discussing challenges, strategies, innovative approaches to generate funding, capacities and decolonizing aid, and RCF's contribution to expand and diversify funding.

Decriminalization – understanding current issues, network goals and strategies to tackle decriminalization, and whether RCF support has been helpful in this work.

Partnerships – discussing the added value of networks, support needed, lessons learned around knowledge sharing and communication within networks, challenges and successes in consortia.

Gender Transformative Approaches – understanding key gender issues that the network works on and should work on, valuable strategies used to overcome challenges, visions for the future, how to move forward to further build skills and capacities.

Monitoring and Evaluation for Learning (MEL) – exploring what success looks like according to grantees, how to capture informal learnings and stories, opportunities for community-led approaches and strengthening MEL practices.

Discussions were harvested and key insights per table were presented in plenary. Space was provided for collective reflection on these key insights. Dialogue held and key insights from the World Cafe, together with the analysis of the submitted stories, have been further collated to develop this **learning resource** as a documented snapshot of current conversations to further support the collective learning of RCF and the network.

Visual on Process

Story Collection

Grantees submitted significant stories from 2024 relating to RCF's four outcome areas.

Story Analsysis

Stories were coded and analyzed to identify patterns and recurring themes.

Workshop topic selection

Workshop topics were then selected based on the most recurring and present themes across all the submitted stories.

Workshop facilitation

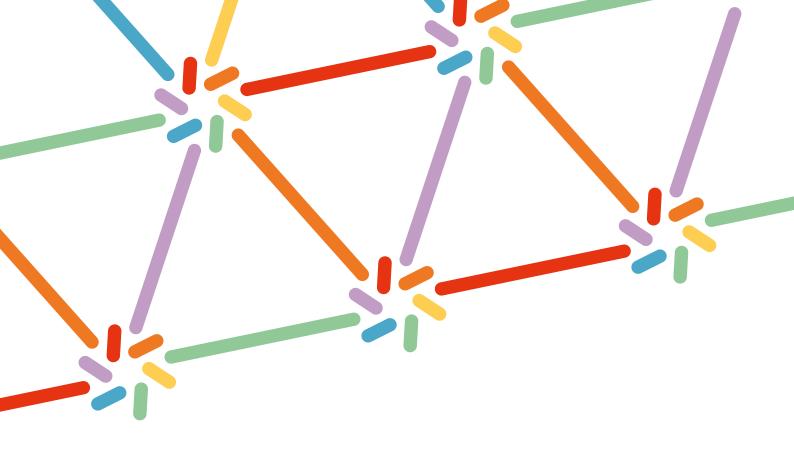
Over 70 representatives of RCF partner ISP-led networks came together across two days to reflect on the identified topics through a World Cafe set up. Discussions were facilitated and documented.

Discussion synthesis

Documented discussions were synthesized along with the originally submitted singificant stories.

CIRW Learning Resource

Key takeaways from the process are documented along with a set of practical resources in the 2024 CIRW Learning Resource. This document aims to document our learnings and discussions and will serve as a foundation for subsequent reflections.





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