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Types of Systems Change Approaches

- **Incremental Change:** Improving performance within existing rules and norms

- **Reform:** Revising structures, rules, and norms to make new types of actions more prevalent

- **Transformation:** Creating pioneering solutions and new ways of tackling problems

Key Stakeholders in Driving Systems Change

- Government
- Private Sector
- Systems Change Funders
- Grantee Partners
- Advocacy Organizations
- Community Organizations

Examples of Systems Change Initiatives

- **Co-Impact:** An international funder collaborative that supports partners to understand and target root problems that undermine urgent, ineffective and non-inclusive systems of health, education, and economic opportunity.
- **The Freedom Fund:** Works to support advocacy, direct grantmaking, and movement building directed at driving systemic change and strengthening anti-slavery infrastructure globally.
- **The Plastic Solutions Fund:** Supports activists to shift how people, companies and cities deal with waste, towards reducing production of single-use plastic and packaging.
- **Fund For Shared Insight:** Puts special emphasis on promoting the practice of feedback and listening to communities as an essential component of systems change.

How to Get Started

Read about Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors’ Shifting Systems Initiative which was created to examine when, how, and why certain solutions achieve system-level shifts, and to share the lessons and recommendations from those successes. Specifically, start by reading the initiative’s first two reports, Scaling Solutions Towards Shifting Systems and Seeing, Facilitating and Assessing Systems Change.

For additional information or help getting started, email info@rockpa.org.