

Non-Governmental Organizations: A Link to Building Civil Society

TABLE OF CONTENTS

TOPIC

Preface

Acknowledgment

Introduction

I. Non-governmental Organizations

What are NGOs?

Why are NGOs Important?

- Figure 1: The Spreading Network of INGOs, NGOs, GRSOs, and GROs

- Figure 2: Example of Extensive Network of Mexico City Housing Project

NGOs as a Vital Ingredient in Civil Society

The Future Challenges for NGOs

II. What Are Megacities?

III. The Mega-Cities Project: A Transnational NGO for Change

New York City

Los Angeles

Mexico City

IV. Appreciative Inquiry of Ten Leaders of INGOS and NGOs Involved in Civil Society Activity

Introduction

Background of the Study -The Appreciative Method of Inquiry

- *Collection of the Data*
- *Analysis of the Data*
- *Emergent Themes*
- *Figures 3A and 3B: Thematic Outline of Analysis*

The Invisible Leader and Key Ingredients for Success

- *The Pursuit of People Versus Profits*
- *Turning Programs into Sustainable Products*
- *The Pursuit of Partnerships Versus Power*
- *Figure 4: General INGO Objectives and Methods*
- *Positive Pragmatic Approach Versus The Problem Solving Approach*
- *Propositions of the Key Ingredients for Success*

V. Conclusion

Defining Civil Society

Understanding and Strengthening the Linkages for NGOs to Building Civil Society