

GPP FINDING BRIGHT SPOTS

# A year like no other

\$53,381,859

Total outgoing grants for COVID-19

2020 is a year unlike any in recent history. In addition to claiming more than a million lives, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed pre-existing racial, gender, and economic disparities. Despite the challenges, there are bright spots. For us, that bright spot is your generosity. Gates Philanthropy Partners received more than \$100 million from donors like you—and we are putting that funding to work in support of scientists, innovators, healthcare workers, and educators in the United States and around the world.



YOUR GIVING AT WORK

## Grantees making a difference

Gates Philanthropy Partners made its first grant from the Combating COVID-19 Fund to support the development of an easy to use, rapid-results diagnostic test for use in Africa. We have since deployed 17 additional grants to expand and accelerate vetted Gates Foundation projects and support grantee partners. Together, we are supporting a range of organizations—from researchers in labs who are working at unprecedented speed to understand this virus and disease, to frontline workers who are risking their own health and safety to care for the most vulnerable.



100 DAYS FROM 1 CASE TO 1 MILLION

## A global crisis unfolds...

On January 12, scientists in China shared the genetic sequence for the novel coronavirus, allowing scientists and clinicians around the world to quickly get to work to understand more about the virus and COVID-19 disease. Just 10 weeks later, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic on March 11.

By April, as we were making our first COVID-19 related grants, 1 million cases had been confirmed globally. It will take a combination of tools to help prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19. And, those tools will need to be quickly produced and distributed to billions of people—a challenge the world has never faced.

CONTROLLING THE CRISIS

## ...and you responded to support scientific collaboration and innovation

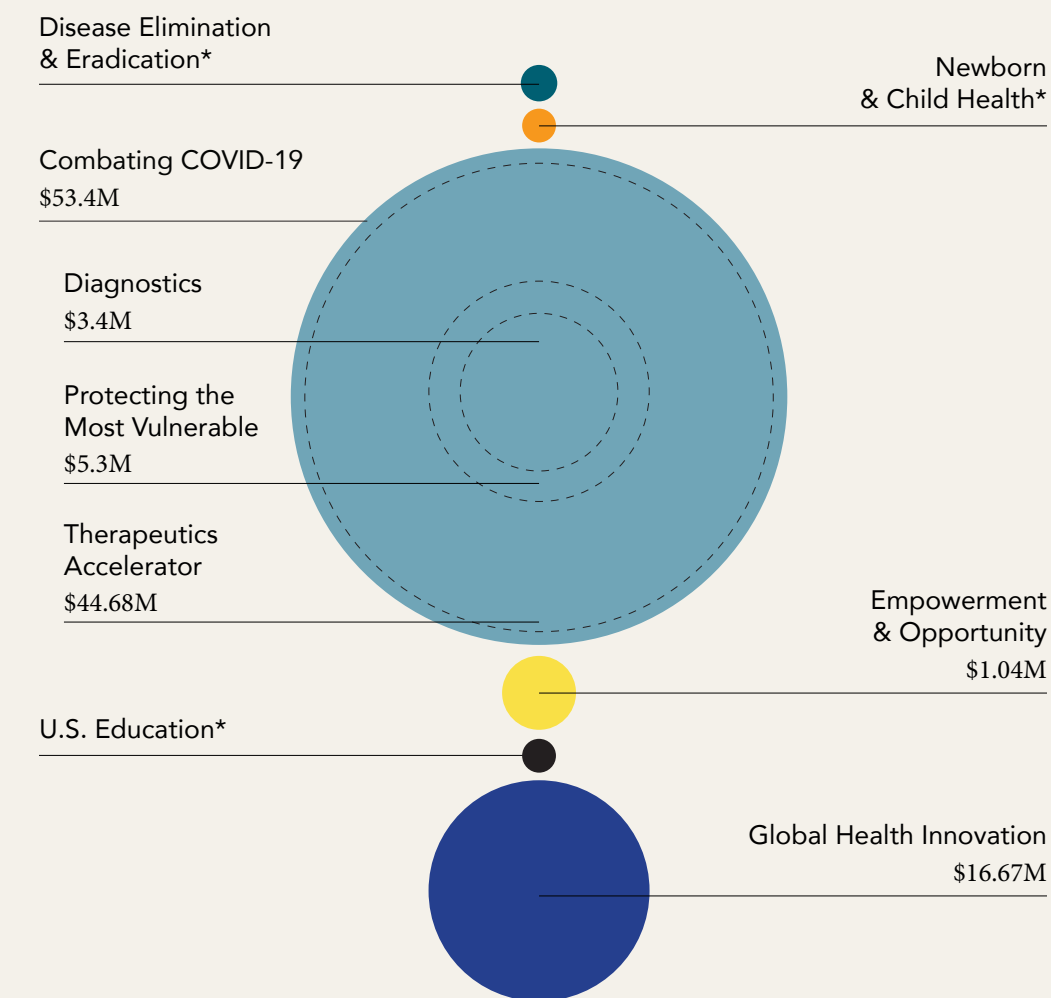
When we launched the Combating COVID-19 Fund, you were there with us—filling critical gaps to ensure new research was underway and the most vulnerable were being reached. Scientists, researchers, and clinicians are innovating and collaborating like never before. As more is learned about the virus and new discoveries are made, we are collaborating with Gates Foundation experts to evolve and adapt our grantmaking to support innovative ideas and solutions.

Our grantees are developing and distributing rapid, accurate diagnostic tests, improving laboratory capacity, and researching effective treatments that can be quickly and affordably brought to market once approved.

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

## Our resolve is unwavering

The pandemic is still unfolding, and yet has already reversed decades of progress the world has made to fight poverty and disease. Your partnership—from supporting polio vaccination campaigns to improving newborn health—has never been more important. Together, we are investing in solutions that will improve the health, education, and economic outcomes in communities around the world.



Total Portfolios for 2020: \$71M

\*Portfolios that have not made grants in 2020





“In order to beat  
COVID-19, the world needs  
more than great science.  
It needs great humanity, the  
commitment to help people  
beat this virus no matter  
where they live.”

— Melinda Gates

