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Impact Report 2024



A woman with short dark hair, wearing orange-rimmed glasses and a blue button-down dress with a tie belt, stands in a classroom. She is gesturing with her hands as if speaking. In the foreground, the backs of two young boys are visible; one is wearing a red sweater and the other a green sweater. They are sitting at wooden desks, looking towards the woman. Behind her is a large black chalkboard with some faint writing on it. The room has a rustic feel with a textured wall.

Moving forward, together

A community that is committed to improving lives around the world.

2025 is a special year. It marks my 70th birthday, the 50th anniversary of Microsoft, and the 25th anniversary of the Gates Foundation.

I've been reflecting a lot on what we and our partners have accomplished this past quarter century. We've seen dramatic reductions in child mortality—the issue that inspired our foundation's work—with the number of childhood deaths cut in half from 10 million to 5 million per year. Deaths from malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV have dropped by more than half. Our work with partners helped bring new vaccines for pneumonia, rotavirus, polio, and other diseases to the children who needed them most.

At the same time, we've also experienced setbacks and learned difficult lessons. Some promising technologies didn't deliver. Certain initiatives took longer than expected. And in recent years, some of the world's richest countries retreated from their commitments to the world's poorest people. The consequences will be devastating. Diseases will spread, progress will stall, and for the first time this century, the number of child deaths will likely rise this year instead of declining.

And yet, I'm still optimistic about the future. In part because innovation is accelerating faster than ever before. New lifesaving tools—powered by advances in artificial intelligence, nutrition science, and medical technology—are coming every year. And even as some donors dial back their commitments, other partners, old and new, are stepping up.

Collaboration has always been our greatest strength. Together with our partners—governments, grantees, businesses, and individual philanthropists—we've been able to accomplish things that would have been impossible in isolation.

That's why Gates Philanthropy Partners (GPP) is so meaningful. GPP is an important part of our history—and unprecedented in the field of philanthropy. By launching GPP, we offered donors a way to easily give alongside our foundation's investments in grantees and share in our learning. And today, you are an indispensable part of this global effort.

I've now been a philanthropist for longer than I was a CEO. It's been a profoundly meaningful—and, at times, frustrating—journey. But for all the challenges we face, I still believe that we've never had a better chance to make a difference. That's why I recently announced that I'm committing virtually all of my remaining personal wealth to this work. That means over the next 20 years, the Gates Foundation will spend roughly double what we did in our first 25 years.

I'm all in. I hope you'll continue to join me.

Bill Gates

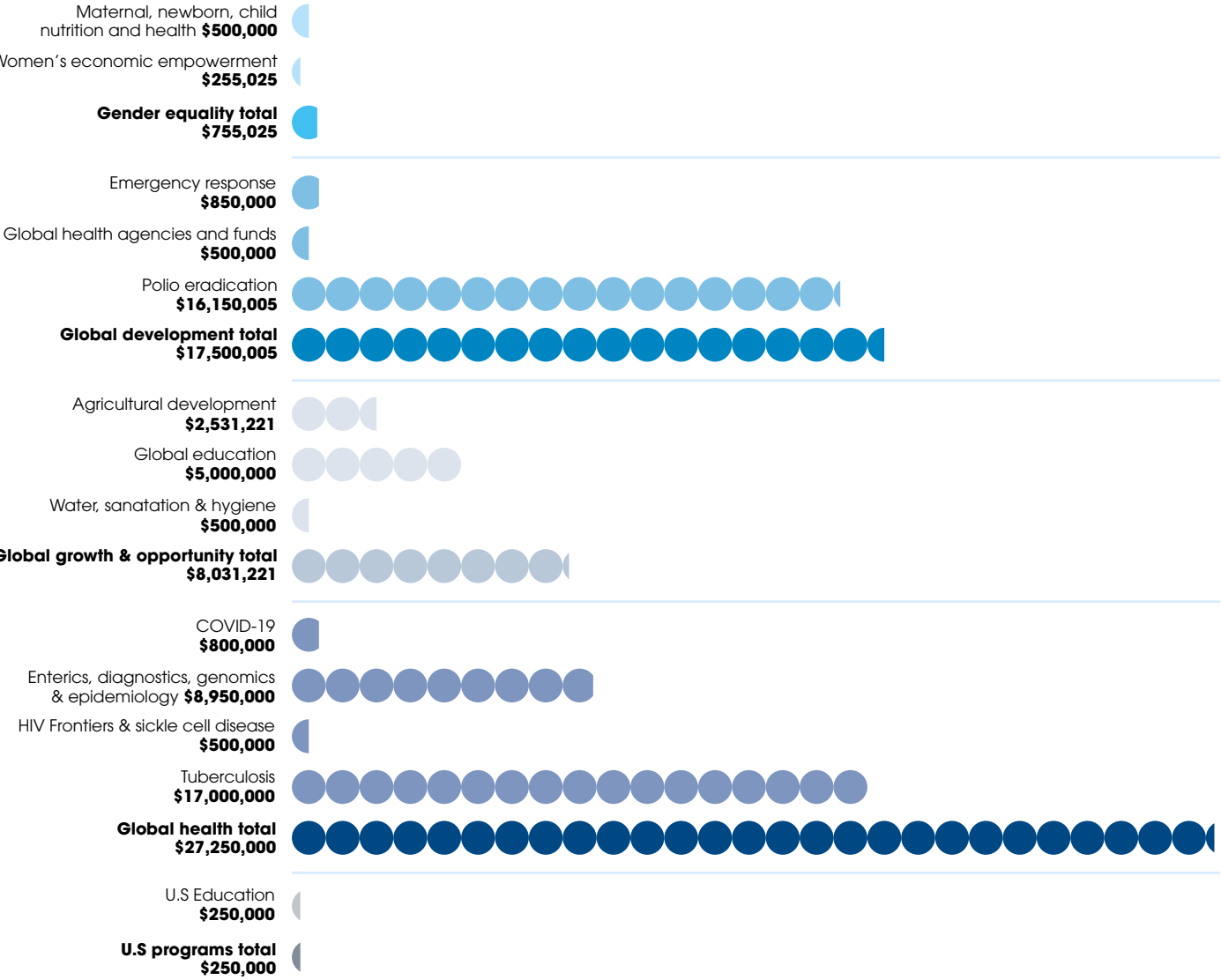
Bill Gates
Chair, Board Member, Gates Foundation

2024 Outgoing grants: Your generosity in action

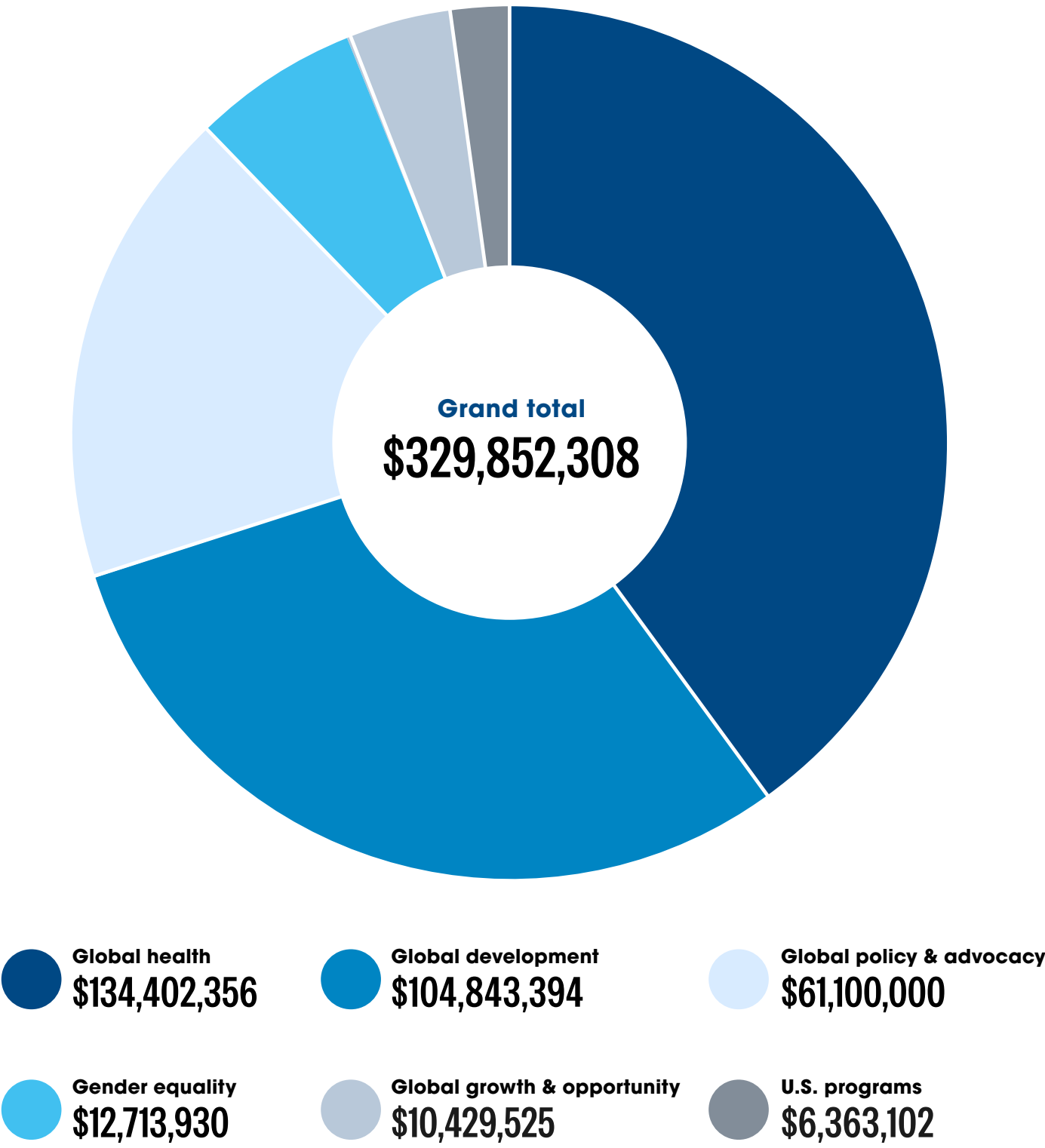
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Gates Philanthropy Partners works closely with experts at the Gates Foundation to identify vetted projects where your donation—combined with those of other donors—can help our partners accelerate impact.

There is no shortage of urgent issues. We distributed nearly \$54 million via 21 grants to partners across five Gates Foundation program divisions in 2024: Global Development, Global Health, Global Growth & Opportunity, Gender Equality, and U.S. Programs. We continued to support programs working to end polio. We also provided grants to partners working on new vaccine candidates for tuberculosis—a desperately needed update as the existing vaccine was developed 100 years ago and is only effective in infants. This year we also increased our funding to Global Education and highlighted that work on page 8.



2016-2024 Outgoing grants



The power of giving

At Gates Philanthropy Partners, we know philanthropy changes lives. We witness its impact every day.

The act of giving creates a powerful reciprocity—when we contribute to solving humanity’s most pressing challenges, we all benefit.

Your giving has meaning, and today, it means even more.

The challenges the world faces are daunting. Our nonprofit partners consistently tell us how vital flexible, long-term funding is to their programs—allowing them to test new ideas or approaches and pivot in real time to address dwindling foreign aid, changes in economic markets, and the effects of climate change on health and communities.

Because of your giving, our trusted partners have accelerated progress on innovations in HIV and sickle cell disease prevention and treatment, increased access to low-cost, high-impact health tools, including vaccines, and contributed to economic opportunities for women in low-income settings. You aligned your giving with the Gates Foundation's strategies, and together we've had an even greater impact than any of us could have done alone.

Looking forward, Bill has set an ambitious path for the Gates Foundation for the next 20 years—but nothing enduring is achieved without partnership. Your giving will bring the number of preventable maternal and child deaths closer to zero worldwide, ensure fewer children die from infectious diseases, and create pathways for economic growth for more people. It's the right thing to do—and, thanks to new research and advances in technology, there has never been a better moment to implement innovative solutions that save and improve lives.

In this year's report, we feature the Gates Foundation's Global Education program. This portfolio illustrates the interconnectedness of essential building blocks children need to thrive. For example, a woman's ability to access essential vitamins and nutrients during pregnancy reduces her baby's risk of being born with a low birth weight, which can contribute to developmental delays. We want to ensure children are ready to learn—thanks to healthier mothers, reduced risks to newborns, and access to good nutrition and routine immunizations early in life.

GPP is uniquely able to share the vision and expertise of these Gates Foundation strategies with every donor. We are proud to offer an easy, efficient way for you and others to join us in achieving Bill's bold vision for a healthier, more equitable world.

We are grateful that you have chosen us as your trusted partner. Thank you.

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Jennifer Alcorn
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Grantee highlights



Grantee: SOS Médecins-Burkina Faso

The challenge

A woman's nutrition is especially important during pregnancy—for her own wellbeing as well as that of her baby. Yet pregnant women around the world often don't get the essential vitamins and minerals they need, due to increased nutritional needs during pregnancy that are difficult to meet through diet alone, as well as limited access to nutritious foods.

Implementing a proven solution

More than 20 years of research have proven that antenatal multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS), with 15 essential vitamins and minerals, improve a mother's health. And when compared to the usual standard of care for pregnant women in low- and middle-income countries, the research has shown that MMS further reduce the risk of a preterm birth, stillbirth, or a low-birth-weight baby, as well as neonatal mortality. At \$2.60 for an entire pregnancy, MMS are a low-cost, high-impact solution.

Why GPP invested

To help scale MMS across more countries, GPP's grant supported the launch of MMS delivery in Burkina Faso. GPP was able to give alongside the Gates Foundation and the Child Nutrition Fund, a partnership of donors investing in reducing malnutrition in women and children, managed by UNICEF—collectively ensuring the project moved forward.

Anticipated impact

The project aims to reach about 135,000 pregnant women living in six districts of the most populous Centre and Centre-Sud regions of Burkina Faso over the next two years. These regions have 170 health facilities, but access to care varies greatly.

SOS Médecins and its partners will also work on shoring up the resources and skills of the Ministry of Health, so their teams are equipped to develop policies and training, as well as strengthen delivery systems across the country.

Why does this work matter?

If 45 of the countries with the highest malnutrition burden switched to MMS, like Burkina Faso is doing, 600,000 newborn deaths would be avoided, as well as 5 million high-risk births, and 15 million cases of maternal anemia would be averted by 2030.



Grantee: Shomvob

The challenge

Globally, women face disproportionate barriers to economic opportunities—limited access to capital, digital tools like online banking, and formal job networks—alongside greater caregiving responsibilities. These barriers are exacerbated by skills gaps and social norms that inhibit women's ability to pursue a decent job, consequently reducing their economic and social empowerment.

Piloting a potential solution

In Bangladesh, job seekers rely on local agents to find work, leaving them vulnerable to wage scams. Women often face disproportionate concerns about safety, particularly when traveling for jobs located far from their homes.

Bangladesh tech start-up Shomvob uses digital tools—including an Android application, a website for employers, and cloud management systems—to connect low-income women and men with limited formal education or work

experience to useful recruitment information, job openings, and market-driven training.

Why GPP invested

Investing in new approaches and technologies is one way philanthropy can play a catalytic role for grantees.

The Gates Foundation's Women's Economic Empowerment team invested in Shomvob and similar organizations to determine whether this type of technology can reduce traditional barriers and social stigma that women face when finding a job and accelerate opportunities for them to gain skills and build networks. GPP's funding is supporting Shomvob's outreach to introduce low-skilled women to the platform and understand their challenges to gaining employment.

Early results

Shomvob partnered with more than 20 employers to train and hire 300+ women from low-income backgrounds with limited formal employment experience.

Early progress includes improved access to the job platform, enhanced training, and placement in decent work—including roles traditionally less accessible to women, such as factory jobs. Progress has been slow, as behavior and cultural norms take time to change—both for women to meet new professional expectations and for employers to adapt to their needs.

Why does this work matter?

When women earn an income and control their earnings, their children are more likely to attend school, families are healthier, household incomes increase, and self-confidence grows. If all women and girls could fully participate in the economy, communities could break generational cycles of poverty and improve economic growth worldwide.

Featured strategy: Global education

Doubling down on improving reading and math skills

Education is what drives progress in our communities, economies, and governments, and this journey starts in the classroom. Launched in 2016, the Gates Foundation’s Global Education program is dedicated to ensuring that every child, no matter where they live, has access to high-quality teaching and learning experiences. The focus isn’t just about children showing up for school, which can be a barrier for many students—it’s about what they are learning to set them up for success.

The challenge

In many low-income countries, children leave primary school without mastering fundamental literacy and math skills, and school systems are rarely able to provide second chances for students to catch up. In sub-Saharan Africa, 89% of children are below basic learning standards in reading and math.

Testing and scaling innovative solutions

The foundation’s investments focus on working with partners to bring new research and interventions in literacy and math to entire school systems. Given the enormity of this learning crisis, the goal is to replicate successful models across districts, regions, and countries.

Why GPP invested

The Gates Foundation’s strategy is grounded in data and evidence gathered over several years with some very promising signs of impact.

The strategy is now shifting to test and innovate approaches to teaching and learning that help students acquire essential knowledge and skills.

Piloting, learning, and then scaling proven solutions is how philanthropy can play a truly catalytic role. GPP is supporting Global Education grantees that are working on numeracy research and building evidence of what works to improve how students learn—and scaling those outcomes beyond one classroom to entire school systems.

Anticipated impact

In India, Kenya, South Africa, and Senegal, the Gates Foundation’s investments will focus on tracking how many kids are increasing their learning. The goal is to help 15 million children acquire these fundamental skills by 2028 and help them to be successful in the next stage of their lives.

Why does this work matter?

Foundational reading and math skills are the building blocks of learning that shape a child’s future success. When this core knowledge is lacking in the early years of primary school, there is a proven negative ripple effect—limiting opportunities for further learning and impacting the trajectory of employment, lifetime earnings, and overall wellbeing

When students have these core skills, the positive ripple effect compounds, setting children up for more advanced education and obtaining the skills needed for meaningful employment.



How we work



We simplify giving to complex issues

We partner with experts at the Gates Foundation to identify high-priority, evidence-based projects where additional funding can accelerate impact. We are able to move quickly by leaning on the financial, technical, and grantmaking infrastructure of the foundation.



We curate

We are focused on efficiency and results. We select projects we know you will be proud to support.



We invest

No funding sits idly in an account. We ensure funding gets where it is needed fast.



We share

Through our annual Impact Report, we communicate where we make grants and feature stories from our partners.

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