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Read the 2021 Annual Letter

In this year's Annual Letter, Bill and Melinda Gates write about two areas that are essential for building a stronger, more resilient future: Prioritizing equity and preparing for the next pandemic. The world wasn't ready for COVID-19. But next time can be different.

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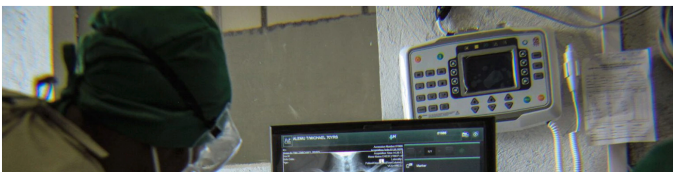
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Perspectives on the global pandemic response

The world has seen unprecedented challenges in the past



The world has seen unprecedented challenges in the past months—as well as unprecedented collaboration. As the world responds to COVID-19, it needs to build more resilient health systems that protect the world's most vulnerable and ensure a safe and effective vaccine is available and affordable to everyone.

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Why we're giving \$250 million more to fight COVID-19

The next phase in the fight against the pandemic is beginning: Will the science developed in 2020 benefit everyone in 2021?

By Mark Suzman
CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

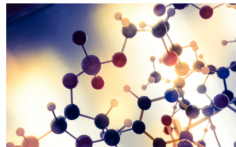


Assessing the news about COVID-19 vaccines: A Q&A with Dr. Lynda Stuart

The world is closer than ever to having safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Dr. Lynda Stuart shares her thoughts on the news surrounding Pfizer and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine candidates.

By Lynda Stuart
Deputy Director, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

More on COVID-19



Global action is the only way to get ahead of COVID-19

By Mark Suzman



Looking back at COVID-19 in 2020: A Q&A with Hari Menon

By M. Hari Menon



Looking back at COVID-19 in 2020: A Q&A with Oumar Seydi

By Oumar Seydi



Melinda Gates: Will the world be generous enough to defeat COVID-19?

By Melinda Gates



Pandemic Philanthropy: A Q&A with Caira Woods about how nonprofits are handling the high demand for, and supply of, charitable giving

By Caira Woods

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Perspectives on Gender Equality

In the work to improve the lives of the world's lowest-income people, one thing has become abundantly clear: The undervaluing of women and girls is at the root of every problem we're trying to solve. We cannot make progress on any of the most pressing global challenges, from poverty to climate change to pandemics, if a majority of the world's population continues to be left behind and their potential and talent goes untapped.

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After low-income women lose their jobs in the COVID-19 economy, what happens to them?

Low-income women are most vulnerable to the economic impacts of the pandemic. The gender equality team shares approaches to empower female workers.



Sexist and incomplete data hold back the world's COVID-19 response

More gender disaggregated data is needed to fully understand COVID-19's impacts. Melinda Gates shares four actions governments must take to overcome this gap.

By Melinda Gates
Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Goalkeepers



2020 Goalkeepers Report

The Goalkeepers report is an annual look at our collective progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. Our 2020 report examines the wide-ranging impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and what we must do to end it.

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Goalkeeper Global Goals Awards

The 2020 Goalkeepers Global Goals Award winners are taking action to create a safer, healthier, and more equitable world and helping their communities respond to the pandemic.



Accelerators

Goalkeepers Accelerators are extraordinary partnerships that work hard and fast to bring us closer to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What we're reading

Project Syndicate



To help facilitate a coordinated global response to COVID-19, Gavi board chair Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala calls on governments and manufacturers to contribute to COVAX AMC.

Nature



RNA vaccines may be the key to combating tuberculosis, HIV, malaria, influenza, and more.

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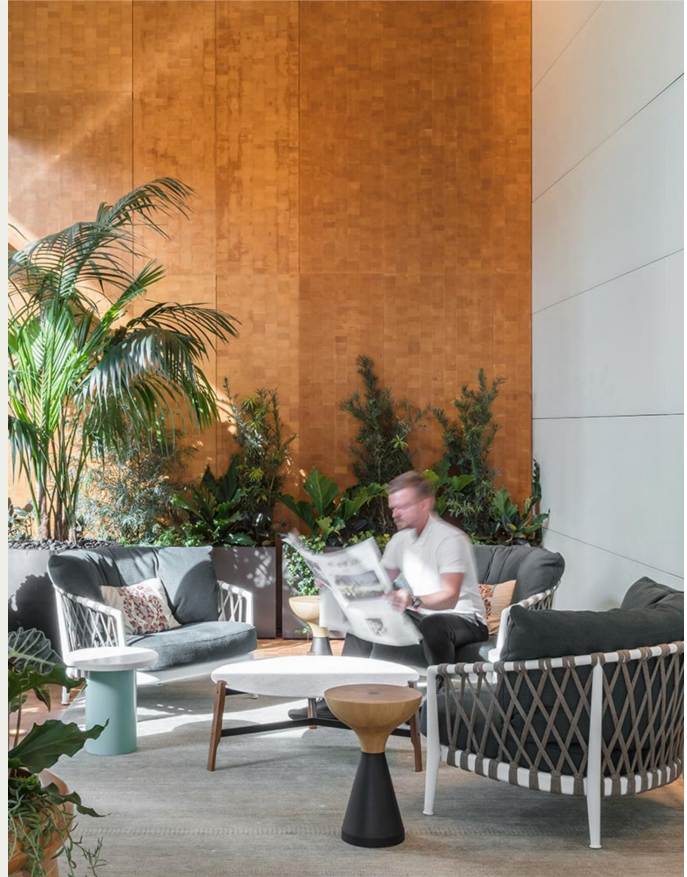


Winners of USAID's Innovation Challenge will work on creating new solutions to improve access to family planning services in the Philippines.

Hindustan Times



India's new indigenous pneumonia vaccine will be used to treat pneumonia in children and is the most affordable vaccine of its kind.

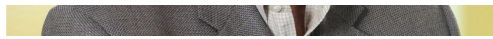


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A selection of stories from across the foundation and our partners





Remembering Bill Gates Sr., our “north star”

It is with deep sadness that I write to share the news that our “north star,” Bill Gates Sr., passed away on Monday, September 14 at home surrounded by family.

By Mark Suzman
CEO, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



Using authentic voices and stories to upend views on poverty and race

The Voices for Economic Opportunity Grand Challenges has awarded 28 grants to organizations in order to help tell the stories of people facing poverty and marginalization in the U.S.

By Ryan Rippe
Director, U.S. Economic Mobility and Opportunity, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Another lesson was the importance of engaging with the community, building trust, and shaping services in ways that fit their lives.

Violaine Mitchell
Director, Health Funds and Partnerships,
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



How a virologist named Ruth saved millions of children and led Bill & me to get into philanthropy

Ruth Bishop's discovery of the rotavirus in 1973 paved the way for future vaccines. Now, Gavi helps ensure many of these vaccines reach the world's poorest.

By Melinda Gates
Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation



Addressing the locust crisis in East Africa: A Q&A with Dr. Christina Owen

The desert locust infestation in East Africa is compounded by climate change and the pandemic. Collaborative action is needed to avoid a humanitarian disaster.

By Christina Owen
Senior Program Officer, Agricultural Development, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Latest updates



In a year like no other, an opportunity to give like never before

By Asha Curran and Victoria Vrana



How investments in HIV prevention could help build a healthier future for women

By Nina Russell



Why we invest in innovation

By Trevor Mundel



Why Black colleges and universities are America's newest—and most critical—diagnostic testing hubs

By Allan Golston



Two conversations with Warren

By Mark Suzman

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One year on: Q+A reflections from CEO Mark Suzman

Mark Suzman
Feb 11, 2021

As Mark Suzman marks one year as CEO, he answers questions from readers of The Optimist about global health in the era of COVID-19 and how the pandemic has affected the foundation's work over the last year.

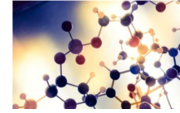


COVID-19

Global action is the only way to get ahead of COVID-19

Mark Suzman
Feb 08, 2021

Global action is needed to create, fund, and promote equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, especially as new variants of the virus emerge.



POLIO

How Emergency Operations Centers are aiding the COVID-19 response

Feb 04, 2021

Community-based Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) are as crucial to COVID-19 response as they have been in the fight against polio and other infectious diseases.



NTDS

Celebrating the Second Annual World NTD Day: A Q&A with Katey Owen

Katey Einterz Owen
Jan 28, 2021

The leader of the foundation's Neglected Tropical Diseases team discusses progress in the fight against NTDs and the obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.



PHILANTHROPY

Investing for Impact: A Q&A with Vidya Vasu-Devan

Vidya Vasu-Devan
Jan 21, 2021

Foundation investments can enable private companies to bring high-impact products and services to the people who need them most, at affordable prices.



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