

Gates Foundation and global health grantmaking

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Gates Foundation

Foundation-wide Overview Slides

The slides in this section communicate the foundation's story and work.

Our story

Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates were raised with the values that lie at the heart of this foundation: giving back and optimism.

Their belief in the power of philanthropy to save lives and transform futures has led the way. As the foundation they built evolves, we remain convinced that with ingenuity, imagination, and determination, progress is possible.

The goal isn't just incremental progress—it's to put the full force of their resources behind big bets that will create a world where everyone has the opportunity to lead a healthy, productive life.



Our work

We work with partners worldwide to tackle critical problems. We build partnerships that bring together resources, expertise, and vision—working with the best organizations around the globe to identify issues, find answers, and drive change.

Everything we do is focused on helping those who would otherwise be unfairly left behind, by putting people in charge of their own futures and enable them to achieve their full potential.



Our offices

From our headquarters in Seattle to our teams based in regional offices across four continents, we work with partners around the globe to help everyone achieve their full potential.



Executive Leadership Team

Our executive leadership team oversees all foundation programs and initiatives and meets regularly to ensure efficient operations and smooth integration of efforts across our organization



Bill Gates
Chair, Board Member



Mark Suzman
CEO, Board Member



Carolyn Ainslie
Chief Financial Officer



Lauren W. Bright
Chief Legal Officer,
Corporate Secretary



Ashish Dhawan
Board Member



June Yoshinari Davis
Chief People Officer



Christopher Elias
President, Global
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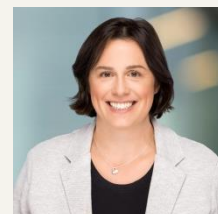
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President, Global Health



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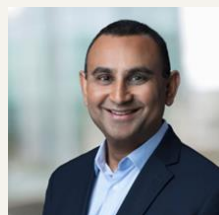
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President, Global
Growth & Opportunity



Ankur Vora
Chief Strategy Officer



Anita Zaidi
President, Gender
Equality

Organizational structure

Foundation

Bill Gates
Chair and Board Member

Mark Suzman
Chief Executive Officer, Board Member

Divisions

Gender Equality
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Global Development
Chris Elias
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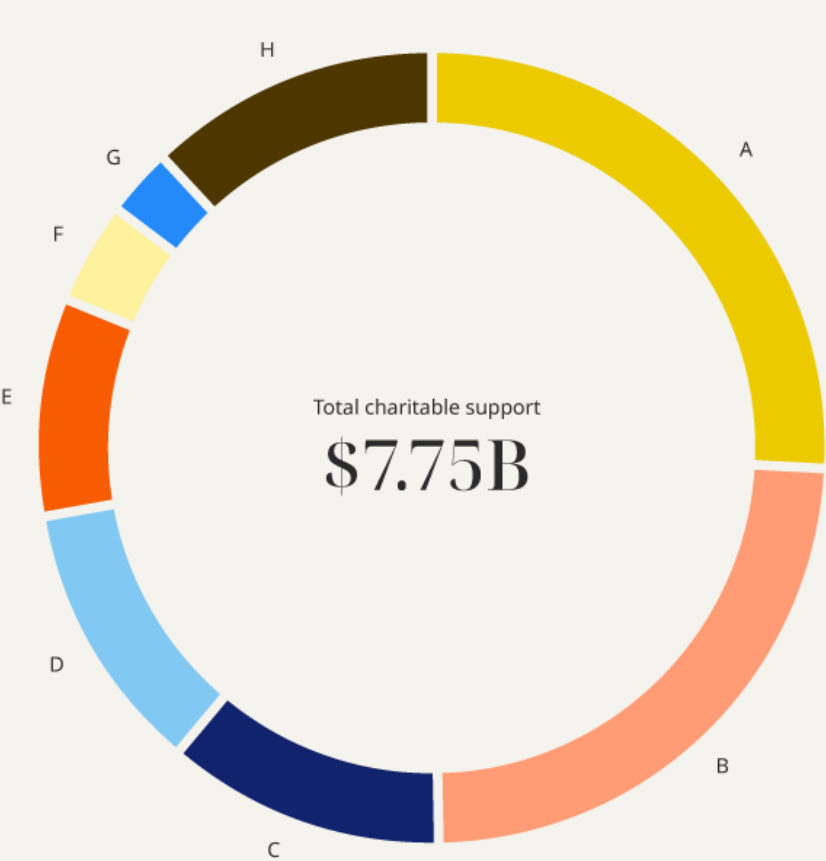
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Chief Strategy Officer

Sonia Vora
Chief Human Resources Officer

Foundation funding summary

In 2023, the foundation provided US \$7.75B* charitable support in the following areas:



A. Global Development	\$2.005B	
B. Global Health	\$1.860B	
C. Global Growth & Opportunity	\$875M	
D. Gender Equality	\$863M	
E. United States Program	\$692M	
F. Global Policy & Advocacy	\$328M	
G. Other Charitable Programs	\$204M	
H. Operational Expenditure	\$922M	

*Financial figures are rounded to the nearest million and include operational expenditures, grant payments, and direct charitable support, but not program related investments (PRIs), for year ended December 31, 2023. Amounts in U.S. dollars.

Our role

We work with partners worldwide to tackle critical problems

Creating market incentives for life-saving products by supporting the development and delivery of vaccines, treatments, and tools for those most in need.



Spurring innovation that improves the human condition by stepping in where governments can't, and businesses won't.



Strengthening collaboration by bringing together the public, private and philanthropic sectors to save and transform lives around the world.



Generating high-quality data and evidence that drives progress by showing what's working and what isn't.



If you want to go fast,
go alone.

If you want to go far,
go together.

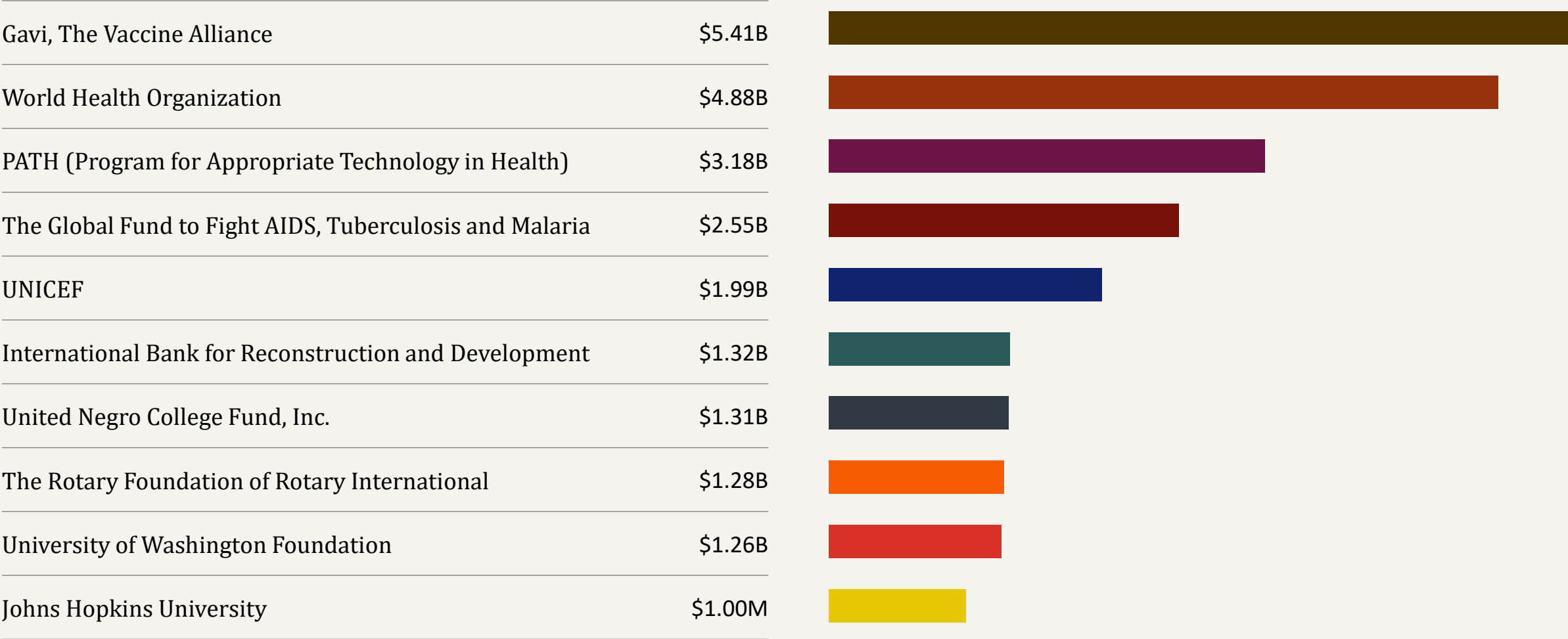
—African Proverb

At its best, philanthropy
takes risks that
governments can't,
and corporations won't.

—Bill Gates

Top 10 grant recipients since inception

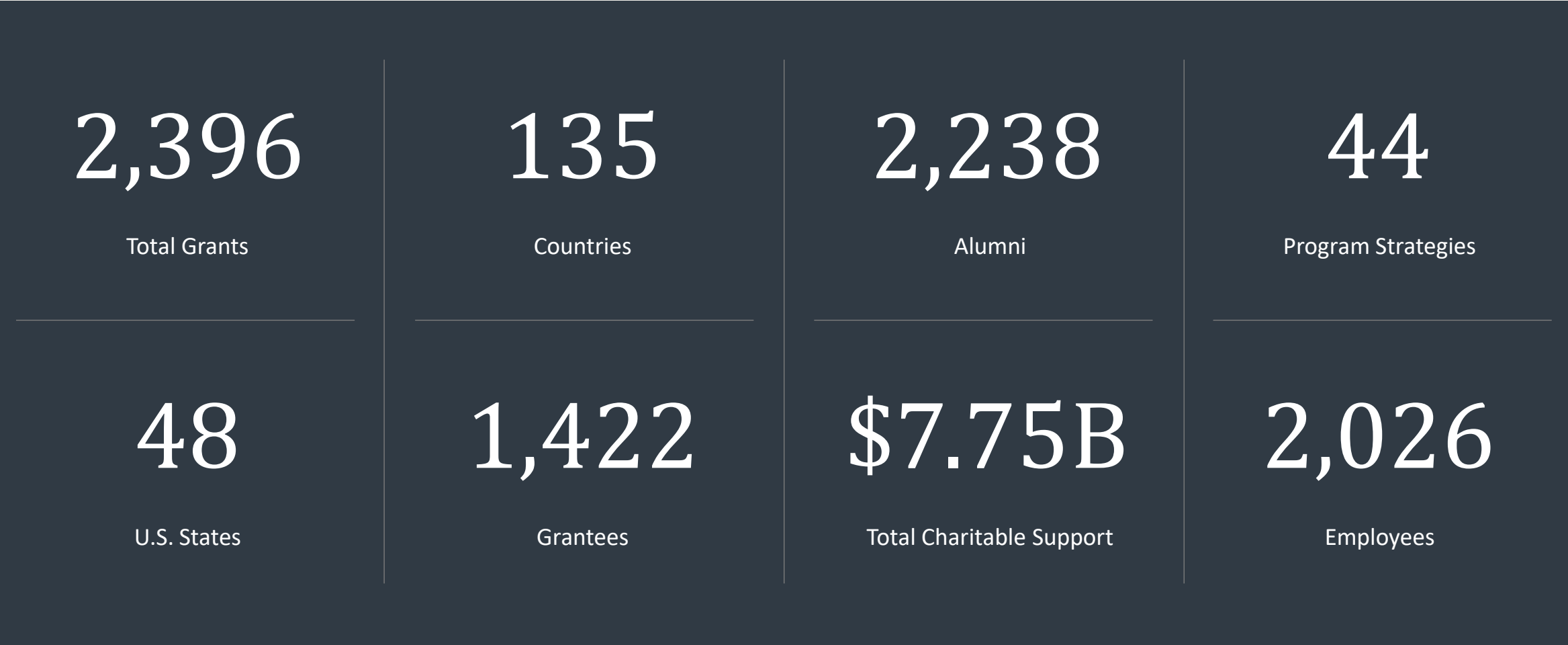
Total amount of grants paid through the year ended December 31, 2023. Amounts in U.S. dollars.*



* Financial figures are rounded to the nearest million

Scope of our work

We work with partner organizations around the world to reduce inequity



For the year ended December 31, 2023. Amount in U.S. dollars.

Division Structure Slides

Updated as of January 2025. Always check the
to confirm you have the latest version of this deck.

Global Development

Last Updated: January 2025

Chris Elias, President			
Office of the President & SPM	Program	Function	Regional Offices
Office of the President	Emergency Response	Global Health Agencies & Funds	Ethiopia Country Office
Strategy, Planning, & Management	Immunization		India Country Office
	Polio		Kenya Country Office
	Primary Health Care (PHC)		Nigeria Country Office
			Senegal Country Office
			South Africa Country Office

Global Health

Last Updated: January 2025

Trevor Mundel, President		
Office of the President & SPM	Program	Function
Office of the President	Accelerator	Discovery & Translational Sciences
Strategy, Planning & Management	Enterics, Diagnostics, Genomics & Epidemiology (EDGE)	Gates Medical Research Institute (GMRI)*
	HIV	Innovative Technology Solutions
	Malaria	Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM)
	Neglected Tropical Diseases	Integrated Development
	Pneumonia & Pandemic Preparedness	Vaccine Development
	Tuberculosis	

**Subsidiary/affiliated organization*

Global Growth & Opportunity

Last Updated: January 2025

Rodger Voorhies, President	
Office of the President & SPM	Program
Office of the President	Agricultural Development (AgDev)
Strategy, Planning & Management	Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
	Gates Agricultural Innovations (Gates Ag One)*
	Global Education
	Inclusive Financial Systems (IFS) [†] <i>†formerly Financial Services for the Poor (FSP)</i>
	Nutrition
	Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WSH)

**Subsidiary/affiliated organization*

Global Policy & Advocacy

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Gargee Ghosh, President			
Office of the President & SPM	Program	Function	Regional Offices
Office of the President	Philanthropic Partnerships	Development Policy & Finance	China Country Office
Strategy, Planning & Management	Tobacco Control	Europe, Middle East and East Asia (EMEEA)	
		North America	
		Program Advocacy & Communications	

United States Program

Last Updated: January 2025

Allan Golston, President		
Office of the President & SPM	Program	Function
Office of the President	Assessment Initiative	Pathways
	Early Learning	U.S. Charters
	K-12 Education	USP Data
	Postsecondary Success	
	U.S. Economic Mobility & Opportunity	
	Washington State Initiative	

Gender Equality

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Anita Zaidi, President		
Office of the President & SPM	Program	Function
Office of the President	Family Planning	Gender Impact Accelerator: Gender Data & Insights
	Maternal, Newborn, Child Nutrition & Health (MNCNH)	Gender Impact Accelerator: Digital Connectivity
	Women in Leadership	Gender Integration
	Women's Economic Empowerment	Gender Norms Learning Agenda
	Women's Health Innovations	

The What

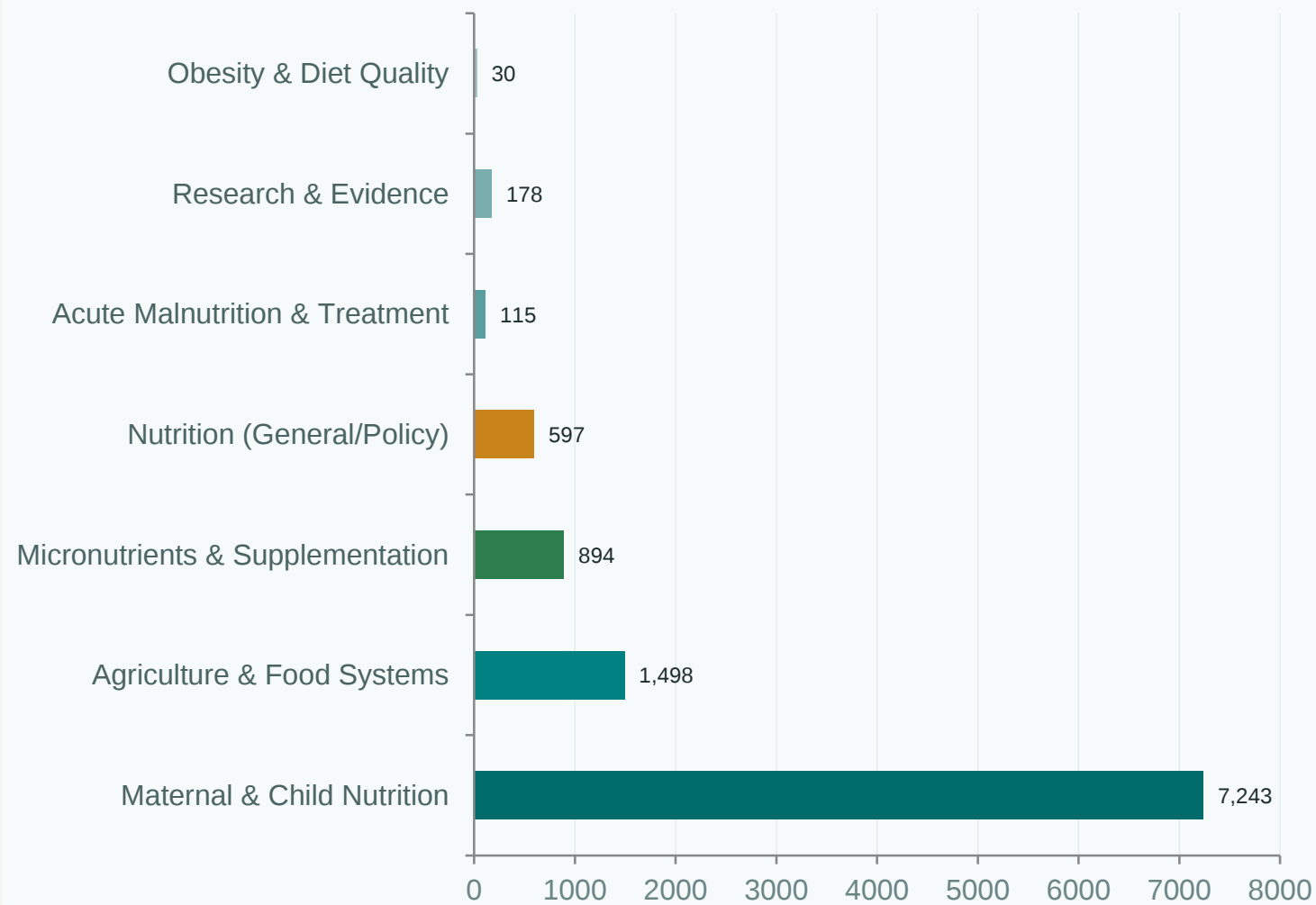
Focus Areas

Large-scale food fortification	+	Vitamins and minerals are critical to improving the immune systems, and cognition, and to promoting optimal growth and development.
Nutritious food systems	+	Investments in the agricultural sector can improve nutrition outcomes when they are designed from the outset with these objectives, but the current food system is not delivering good nutrition for all.
Maternal, infant, and young child nutrition	+	Good nutrition fuels the lives of women and children, empowering them to grow, learn, and thrive.
Upstream research and innovation	+	Our upstream nutrition research and innovation work focuses on addressing nutritional vulnerability from the pre-pregnancy through post-partum periods and during the earliest stages of a child's life.
Policy, advocacy, and communications	+	Despite poor nutrition being the underlying cause of nearly half of all child deaths, less than 1 percent of global foreign aid is currently directed toward nutrition.

What Areas Were Funded?

Classification of nutrition grants by thematic focus area

Committed Funding by Thematic Area (\$M)

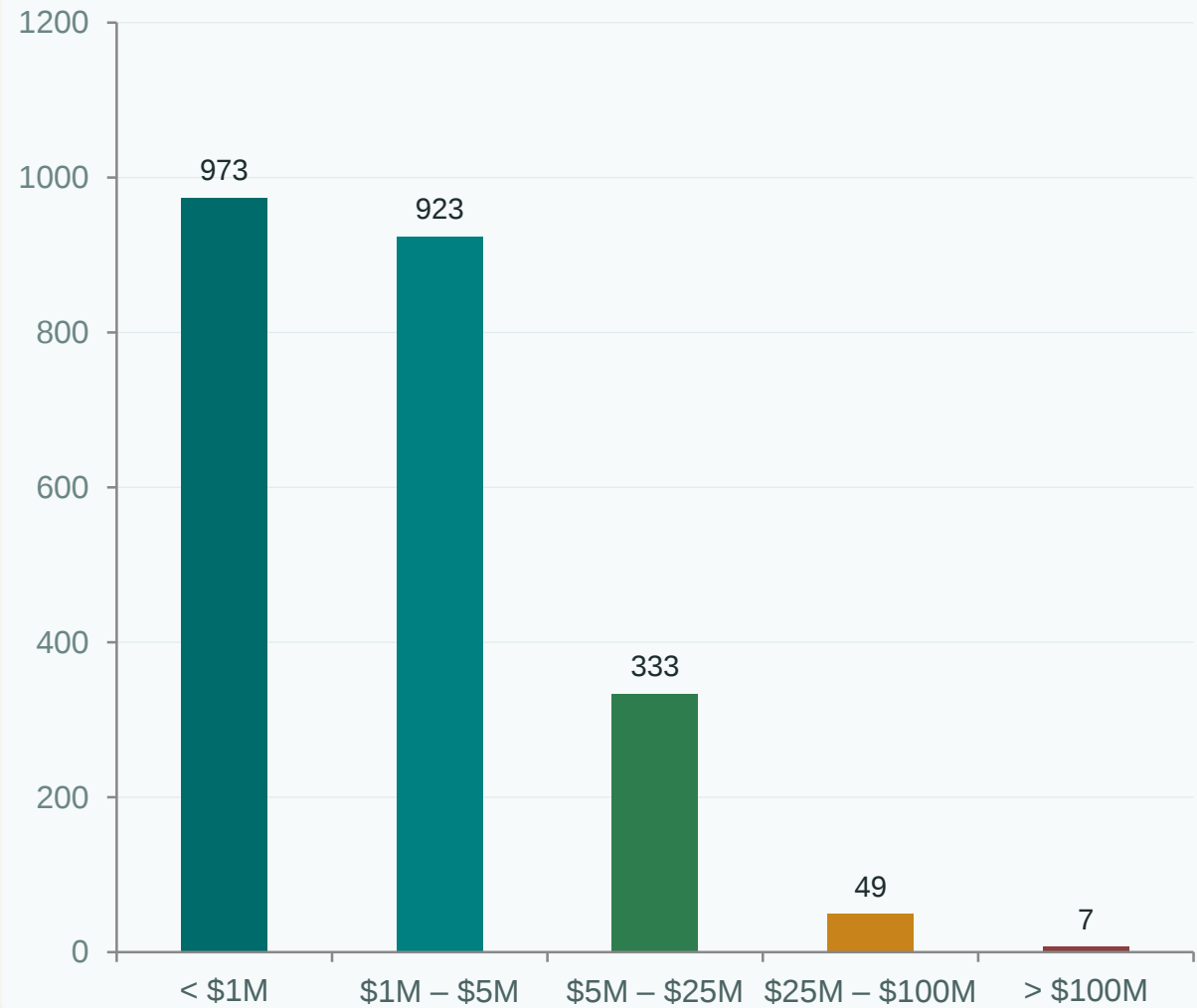


Thematic Area	Grants	\$ Committed
Maternal & Child Nutrition	1295	\$7243M
Agriculture & Food Systems	331	\$1498M
Micronutrients & Supplementation	251	\$894M
Nutrition (General/Policy)	244	\$597M
Acute Malnutrition & Treatment	87	\$115M
Research & Evidence	61	\$178M
Obesity & Diet Quality	16	\$30M

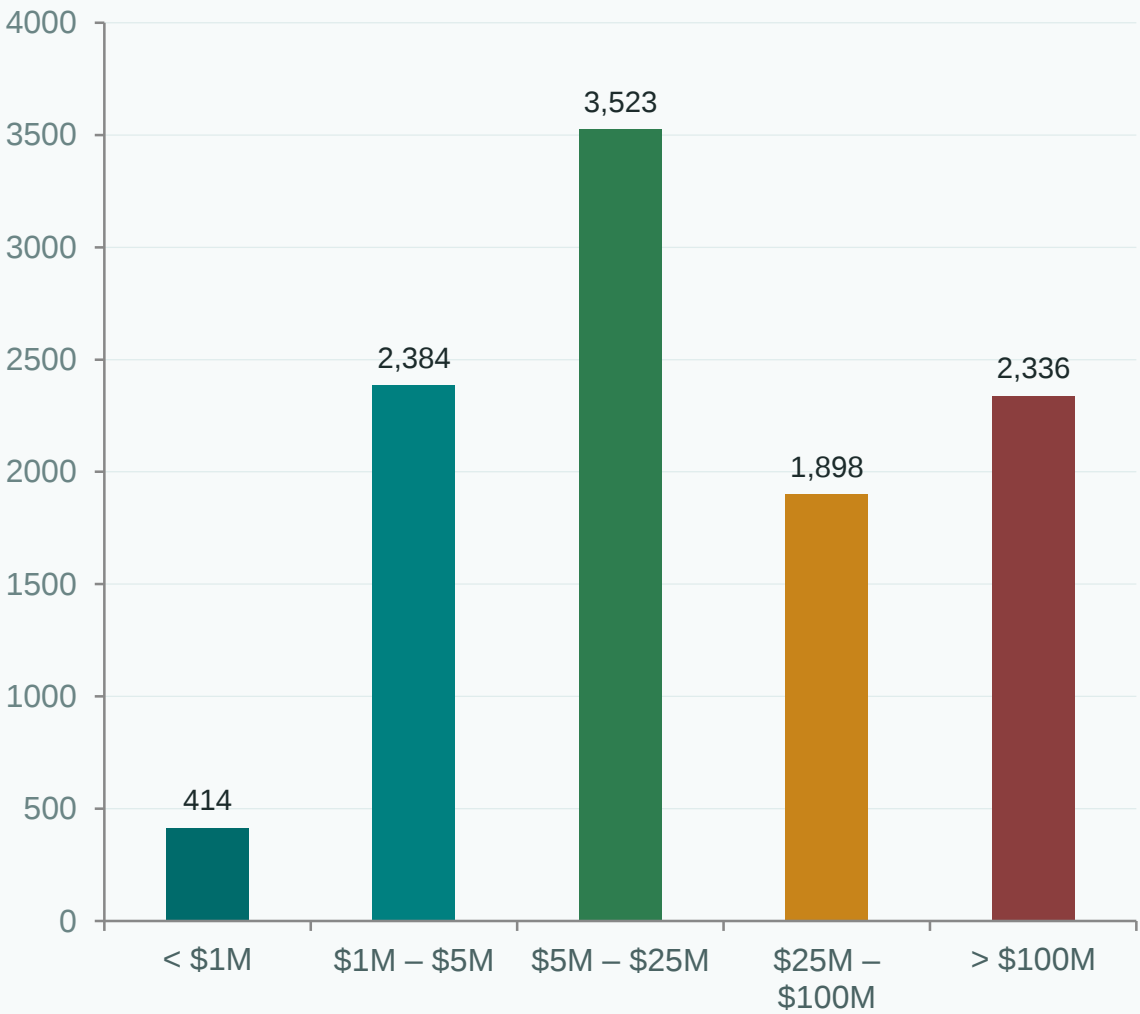
Grant Size Distribution

How nutrition funding is distributed across grant size bands

Number of Grants by Size Band



Total \$ Committed by Size Band (\$M)



Most grants are small (<\$5M), but the majority of funding flows through a handful of large grants (>\$25M).

The Why

Gates Foundation Nutrition program,

NUTRITION

Our goal

To ensure that all women and children have the nutrition they need to live a healthy and productive life.



Strategic Alignment: Why These Areas Were Funded

Grant rationale mapped to BMGF nutrition strategy pillars

Maternal & Child Nutrition 68% of portfolio

Directly addresses the 1,000-day window. Malnutrition in the first 2 years causes irreversible cognitive and physical harm. BMGF invests heavily in proven interventions: breastfeeding support, complementary feeding, IYCF counselling.

Agriculture & Food Systems 14% of portfolio

Biofortification and smallholder productivity improvements address the root causes of nutritional deficiency. Supports global food security and nutrition simultaneously through crop science and market systems.

Micronutrients & Supplementation 8% of portfolio

Vitamin A, iron, zinc, and iodine deficiencies are preventable causes of child mortality. Fortification and supplementation programmes offer cost-effective, scalable impact across LMICs.

Acute Malnutrition (SAM/MAM) 1% of portfolio

Treatment of severe and moderate acute malnutrition is life-saving. Investment in RUTF scale-up and integrated management protocols — especially in humanitarian contexts like Nigeria's North.

The Who

Latest Grants

LATEST GRANTS

SDG2 Advocacy Hub

[View grantee](#)

World Health Organization

[View grantee](#)

Humanitae Advisors

[View grantee](#)

Food BioTek Corporation

[View grantee](#)

NIFTEM- Thanjavur

[View grantee](#)

Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre

[View grantee](#)

Listed Partners

1,000 Days

[View partner website](#) 

Alive & Thrive

[View partner website](#) 

BRAC

[View partner website](#) 

CARE

[View partner website](#) 

Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

[View partner website](#) 

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

[View partner website](#) 

HarvestPlus

[View partner website](#) 

Helen Keller International

[View partner website](#) 

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (Icddr.b)

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Nutriset

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Save the Children UK

[View partner website](#) 

Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN)

[View partner website](#) 

HIC vs LMIC Grantees

Top recipients of nutrition grants by institution location

HIC (High-Income Country) Grantees

Grantee	Country	Amount
Gates Medical Research Inst.	USA	\$1,319M
World Bank (IBRD)	USA	\$631M
US Fund for UNICEF	USA	\$447M
WHO	Switzerland	\$356M
GAIN	Switzerland	\$272M
Emory University	USA	\$268M
Univ. of Manitoba	Canada	\$225M
IFPRI	USA	\$202M

LMIC (Low- & Middle-Income Country) Grantees

Grantee	Country	Amount
Intl. Rice Research Inst.	Philippines	\$118M
Aga Khan University	Pakistan	\$106M
CIMMYT	Mexico	\$92M
Intl. Inst. of Tropical Agric.	Nigeria ★	\$77M
Piramal Swasthya	India	\$56M
International Potato Center	Peru	\$50M
Tech. Advice Connect (TACL)	Nigeria ★	\$48M
ICDDR,B	Bangladesh	\$41M

★ Nigerian grantees highlighted

🇳🇬 Nigeria Grantee Spotlight

74 nutrition grants · \$346.9M total · 4th largest country by BMGF nutrition funding

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Total Nigeria Grants

\$347M

Total Committed

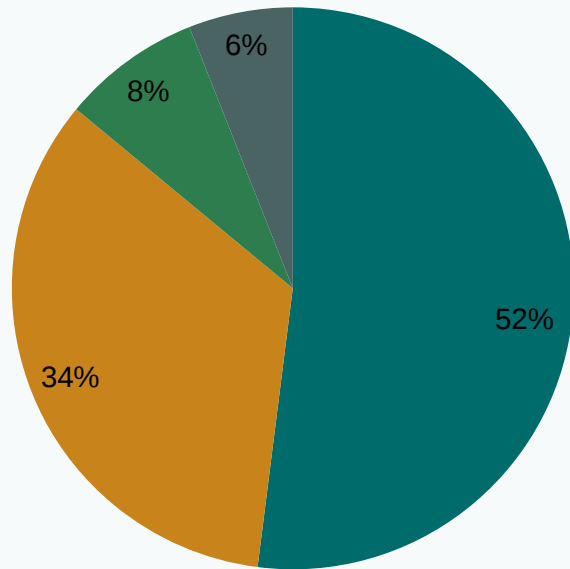
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Country Ranking by \$

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Local Nigerian Orgs

Nigeria Grants by Theme (%)



■ Maternal & Child Nutrition ■ Agriculture & Food Systems ■ Micronutrients ■ General/Policy

Grantee	Focus	Amount
WHO Nigeria Country Office	Micronutrients/Polio	\$40.6M
Intl. Inst. of Tropical Agric.	Agriculture	\$77.0M*
Technical Advice Connect	Maternal Health	\$48.1M*
Nat. Primary Health Care Dev. Agency	Maternal & Child	\$17.6M*
Sahel Consulting Agric. & Nutrition	Agriculture	\$17.7M*
Health Strategy & Delivery Foundation	Maternal & Child	\$18.1M*
MRH Research Collective	Anemia/Research	\$10.6M*
Dev. Research & Projects Centre	Nutrition Policy	\$8.4M

* Includes multiple grants to same grantee

The How

Key modes and resources

- Grand Challenges! <https://www.grandchallenges.org/>
- Reach out to current partners public database
<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/about/committed-grants>
- Submit a concept note, reach out!

Case study and Important links

Local Nigerian Organisation: Featured Grant

Spotlight on a locally-rooted Nigerian nutrition grantee

Civil Society Scaling-Up Nutrition in Nigeria (CS-SUNN)

Lagos, Nigeria · Total BMGF Nutrition Funding: ~\$8.7M across 3 grants

What They Do

Nigeria's leading civil society platform for nutrition advocacy — coordinating NGOs, government, and communities to strengthen national nutrition policy and financing.

Why BMGF Funded

Alignment with the BMGF nutrition strategy to increase domestic financing for nutrition, strengthen policy environments, and scale evidence-based interventions for women and children under 5.

Key Activities

- Advocacy to increase nutrition budget allocations
- Capacity building for state-level nutrition coordination
- Reducing malnutrition among women and children U5
- Strengthening Nigeria's nutrition systems

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