

The UN Foundation connects people, ideas, and resources with the United Nations by building expert coalitions, developing large-scale partnerships, and carrying out issue-based grassroots campaigns that make it easy for people to help the UN create a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1998 as a U.S. public charity by entrepreneur and philanthropist Ted Turner. Since then, the role of the UN Foundation has evolved from a traditional grantmaker to an actively involved problem solver. Within the framework of more than 10 specific issue campaigns, we work closely with the UN Secretary-General to solve the great challenges of the 21st century – poverty, climate change, energy access, population pressure, gender equity, and disease.

To date, the UN Foundation and our partners have helped the UN keep girls in school; prevent child marriage; increase access to reproductive health education, services, and supplies; provide families with sustainable energy; cut measles deaths by 85 percent in Africa; distribute more than 6 million anti-malaria bed nets to 25 African countries; reduce polio incidence by 99 percent worldwide; and champion the payment of close to \$2 billion in U.S. dues to the UN.

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YOU
DO NOT HAVE TO BE
A WORLD LEADER—OR EVEN A
BILLIONAIRE—TO MAKE AN IMPACT.
IF WE ARE GOING TO TURN THINGS
AROUND, WE ALL NEED TO DO OUR
PART TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.
CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU.

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Our program priorities include:

Global Health

We work closely with the UN to develop and expand major health initiatives to help families survive and thrive. Building on our success in creating the Measles & Rubella Initiative with partners, we continue to create new coalitions and campaigns. Through our anchor partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and public-private partnerships with Rotary International, the American Red Cross, the United Methodist Church, and others, we help deliver life-saving vaccines and anti-malaria bed nets to children, stimulate a market for clean cookstoves that are safe and healthy for families and the environment, harness the latest mobile technologies to improve public health, and address the major health challenges facing the most vulnerable women and children around the world.

Energy and Climate Change

Energy is essential to economic development. It provides mobility, heat, and light, and fuels the machinery that drives the global economy. But the world's dependence on coal and oil harms public health and the environment, contributing to air pollution and climate change. We work with the UN and our partners to create building blocks for global action, such as targets for energy efficiency and renewable energy and innovative financing tools to support larger flows of private investment. Our goal is to move the world toward a safer, cleaner, more equitable, and climate-friendly energy future – a world where sustainable energy powers a better future for everyone.

Our campaigns and initiatives:



The UN Foundation has invested \$2 billion to date to mobilize global change. With support from individuals, corporations, governments, and foundations, the UN Foundation is proud to continue to leverage Ted Turner's historic \$1 billion gift.

We know anyone can make a difference. Get involved. Visit us at www.unfoundation.org to get started.

Advocating for the UN

Through the Better World Campaign and the United Nations Association of the United States of America, we advocate in support of a strong, effective, and fully funded UN. As the single largest network of American supporters of the UN, we mobilize media to communicate UN efforts, build public support for UN causes, and help ensure the U.S. government pays its dues to the UN on time and in full. Why? Because a strong UN is the world's most effective voice for international cooperation on behalf of peace, development, human rights, and the environment.

Girls and Women

Addressing the needs and rights of women and girls is essential to alleviating poverty, achieving social justice, stabilizing the world's population, and accelerating progress on global development goals. We believe that empowering women and girls with educational and economic opportunities and securing their health and human rights is one of the best investments we can make for families, communities, and the world. We work with the UN, NGO, corporate, and government partners to promote gender equality; address the unmet need for quality reproductive health and voluntary family planning services; advocate for increased resources and funding for programs and activities benefiting adolescent girls; eliminate gender-based violence; combat climate change; and improve maternal health care using integrated health systems and mobile technologies. When progress is made in improving the rights of women and girls, our world thrives.