



What is the role of philanthropy in socio-economic response to COVID-19 pandemic?

SDG Philanthropy Platform Digital Event

Date & Time: July 8, 2020, 8.30 am - 9.30 am (EDT)

The world is facing a triple crisis: health, environmental, and economic crisis. The outbreak has magnified the fragility and interdependency of our natural and economic ecosystems, triggering record debt and unemployment and widening the social inequality. The global human development is on course to decline for the first time since the measurement began in 1990. Currently, 70-100 million people are estimated to be at the risk of falling into extreme poverty¹, which takes us back in global human development course for the first time since the measurement began in 1990.

It is very critical today that we put the 2030 Agenda at the center of our discussions. The SDGs offer us a common language and framework not only to respond to the crisis but to plan a fairer, green sustainable future. Governments, private sector, citizens, and philanthropists are being called to use the SDGs as a blueprint to articulate their efforts and actively collaborate to build a better future together. The UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, highlights the need for international cooperation with contributions from both the private sector and philanthropy.

The philanthropic response to COVID-19 has shown the sector at its best. From the launch of community-based rapid-response funds to the development of diagnostics and vaccines. Philanthropies have committed commendable scales of capital investment - at least \$10.3 billion globally in May 2020² – These investments are being delivered at record speed and in great collaboration with other actors.

In this context, the SDG Philanthropy Platform wants to promote a conversation to reflect on philanthropy's potential role in the global response to COVID-19 led by the UNDP on the ground hand-in-hand with UN sister agencies and in partnership with national, regional and global financial institutions and the private sector.

Target audience: Public. Previous registration is required. [Register here](#)

¹ <https://blogs.worldbank.org/opendata/updated-estimates-impact-covid-19-global-poverty>

² <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/social-sector/our-insights/a-transformative-moment-for-philanthropy>

Agenda

Welcome remarks

Ms. *Ulrika Modéer*, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau of External Relations at Advocacy, **UNDP**

Keynote speech

Hilary Pennington, Executive Vice President of Programs, **Ford Foundation**

Moderated Panel Discussion

- *Marcos Neto*, Director Finance Sector Hub, **UNDP**
 - *Benjamin Bellegy*, Executive Director, **WINGS**
 - *Lauren Bradford*, Senior Director of Global Partnerships, **Candid**
 - *Ingrid Srinath*, Director Centre for Social Impact & Philanthropy, **Ashoka University (India)**
 - *Paloma Durán y Lalaguna*, Head of Division. Global Partnerships & Policies at **DCD/OECD – OCDE** (Moderator)
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Q&A | Questions collected beforehand

Closing remarks

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