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**IT'S TIME FOR  
A WEALTH TAX.**





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## FOUNDER'S WORDS GO BEYOND PHILANTHROPY

My name is Djaffar Shalchi. I'm a dollar multimillionaire, and I believe I should be taxed more.

I was born in Tehran, Iran in 1961, and I came to Copenhagen with my mother and four siblings when I was 9 years old. Thanks to the Danish welfare system – and to the Danish tax system – I was fortunate to receive free education, free health care and much more. I became an engineer, then a real estate entrepreneur, a philanthropist, civil society activist and finally a dad and grandfather.

As the world reels from the COVID-19 crisis, countries desperately need to finance health for all, the economic recovery, and poverty reduction. And as the world grapples with the social tensions generated by rising inequality, countries desperately need to find a way to rebuild social cohesion. The great news for 2022 is that there is a way: tax the wealth of multimillionaires to help fund the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Multimillionaires can easily afford a wealth tax. The wealth of our group has risen during the crisis. And because the returns on capital exceed the level at which wealth taxes are set, wealth taxes do not even make the rich less rich, they only reduce the pace at which we gain wealth.

I know – because I am one of the multimillionaires who would have to pay a wealth tax.

We will only emerge from this crisis into a period of sustainable development and shared prosperity if we are courageous enough to put justice at the heart of policy. And if we generate the resources needed to finance the public goods essential to a broad-based and inclusive recovery.

A wealth tax on multimillionaires is one important way to help us get there.

That is why we, Human Act and Millionaires for Humanity are joining the movement calling for a wealth tax.

The time is now. Tax us.

**Yours sincerely,  
Djaffar Shalchi**



*Djaffar Shalchi is the founder of the Human Act Foundation, a philanthropist and a civil society activist.*



# ABOUT HUMAN ACT

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**Human Act is an independent foundation (NGO)** working with partners both nationally and internationally to create awareness about inequalities in the world and to mobilize people to advocate a fairer distribution of the world's wealth.

Human Act focuses its efforts on how the world can finance the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Since 2016, Human Act has been advocating a wealth tax on significantly wealthy people through different initiatives like Move Humanity and Millionaires for Humanity.

**Move Humanity** is a justice and wealth initiative launched in 2018 aiming to mobilize each year at least 1 percent of the wealth of the world's Billionaires for the Sustainable Development Goals through taxes. It highlights the power and potential that a 1% wealth tax each year on the world's Billionaires can have to address this century's most pressing challenges.

The **Millionaires for Humanity** initiative was launched in 2020 to build an international network of wealth holders who support and advocate for a wealth tax.

Every year between 2020 and 2030, in the context of the SDG Decade of Action, Human Act will present the **Human Act Award** to a passionate change-maker who is dedicated to taking action on the world's most pressing issues. The award consists of a sculpture, a diploma, and a cash award of USD 100.000.

In addition to this, Human Act makes philanthropic donations to '**projects on the ground**', primarily in the areas of inequality, education and health care.

Human Act was founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist Djaffar Shalchi and his wife Ané Maro in March 2016. The foundation is based in Copenhagen, Denmark.



**Svend-Erik Hjortskov**  
Lawyer / Board member

**Ian Rush**  
CFO

**Djaffar Shalchi**  
Founder / Chair of Board

**Ané Maro**  
Founder / Board member



# Human Act



## The Team

**Ian Rush** (CFO)

**Djaffar Shalchi** (Founder)

**Jonas Gregersen** (Project Director)

**Peter Jakobsen** (CEO Human Act Development)

**Sina Ghanbari** (Property Manager)

**Nanna Shalchi** (Social Media Manager)

**Ben Philips** (Strategic Advisor)

**Nanna Sverrild** (Executive Director)

**Louise Heegaard** (Senior Relations Manager)

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**Sorley McCaughey** (Head of Strategic Advocacy and Policy)



## Meet our Advisory Board Members



## Meet our Advisory Board

The Human Act and Millionaires Advisory Board is made up of nine global thought leaders within their field and will support insight, relation-building, and strategic advice to create a systemic change towards worldwide wealth taxation.

The chair of the board is **Nyaradzayi** from Zimbabwe, a global thought leader on issues of economic and social justice, human rights, and peace. She is a trained human rights lawyer with extensive experience in conflict resolution and mediation. Nyaradzayi is the Founder & Chief Executive of Rozaria Memorial Trust and an African Union Ambassador. She is also the chair of the Action Aid International Board & Federation.



**Antonis** is an impact investor, philanthropist, and activist of Greek-German descent and the heir of a German pharmaceuticals company. He is a proud member of the Millionaires for Humanity and TaxMeNow networks, using his privilege as a wealth holder to actively advocate for tax justice. In 2016, he founded the Guerrilla Foundation to support progressive social movements and activists working towards bringing about major systemic change across Europe.

**Virgilio** is a Brazilian forest engineer and one of Brazil's leading experts on forestry, environment, and sustainable development. He served as Brazil's Secretary of State for Environment and Sustainable Development from 03-08 and is currently the Director-General of the Amazonas Sustainability Foundation and the chair of the UN's Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the Amazons.

**Bridget** is an economic anthropologist from the UK/USA whose research, teaching, and employment focuses on inequality and social justice in global contexts. She has a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University and is a Research Fellow at Saïd Business School at Oxford University where she is working on examining the global wealth spectrum.

**Rafael** is an economist from UK & Austria. His work is focused on the distribution of income and wealth and he is the co-author of the "A European Wealth Tax Policy Study" report published in 2021 and is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Greenwich in London.

**Miriam** is a Danish award-winning brand and Communications Strategist with a proven track record of building brands that add value. She is a thought-leader on the ability and responsibility for brands and companies to have a positive impact in the world. Currently, Miriam is the Executive Strategy Director at AKQA EMEA.

**Sasja** is an international finance expert known for promoting financial sustainability across the world. He is a Danish-Swedish refugee from Bosnia and Herzegovina. He has covered wars and humanitarian crises and 20 years of international experience in advising and working with multinational companies on investment issues.

**Alice** is an inequality expert with roots in Mexico & Germany. Her research interests include the study of elites and privilege, discrimination and racism, and perceptions of inequality. Currently, she is working as a professor at the Center for Sociological Studies at El Colegio de México.

**Jens** is from Denmark has extensive experience with international organizations with a special emphasis on management, adaptive change and sustainable development. He was the Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Reforms until 2021, following up on his five years in the UNDP Bureau for Management Services. Today, he continues his work as a chair of the DK UN Association.

# THE HUMAN ACT ECO SYSTEM

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Human Act is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded in March 2016, when Djaffar Shalchi and Ané Maró decided they wanted to do their bit to make the world a more just and sustainable place, free from extreme poverty. They decided to donate approximately USD 30 million, partly in cash and partly as some of the properties in which they had made their fortune over the last decade. In 2019 they decided to donate further USD 5 million.

In other words, they transformed their business into a foundation.

By transforming their business into a foundation, they gave Human Act a solid financial base. As a result, Human Act is funded from the annual profits from the properties and does not have to depend on external funding.

As the ambitions of Human Act grew, Djaffar decided that more financing would be needed in the future. To pursue this goal, Human Act Development was established in spring 2021. Human Act Development is a venture fund investing in start-up companies. The venture fund was set up to support the Human Act Foundation with additional financial assets to strengthen the work of the foundation.

Due to this, Human Act Foundation has been 100% self-financed and independent from the very beginning, with no requirement for external donations.

Going forward the ambition is to enter partnerships that can help us to achieve our mission, strengthen advocacy for a wealth tax, and ultimately help finance the SDGs.



## Vision

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A just and sustainable world.

## Mission

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To transform the global distribution of wealth towards a more equitable society through awareness, action, and partnerships.

## Values

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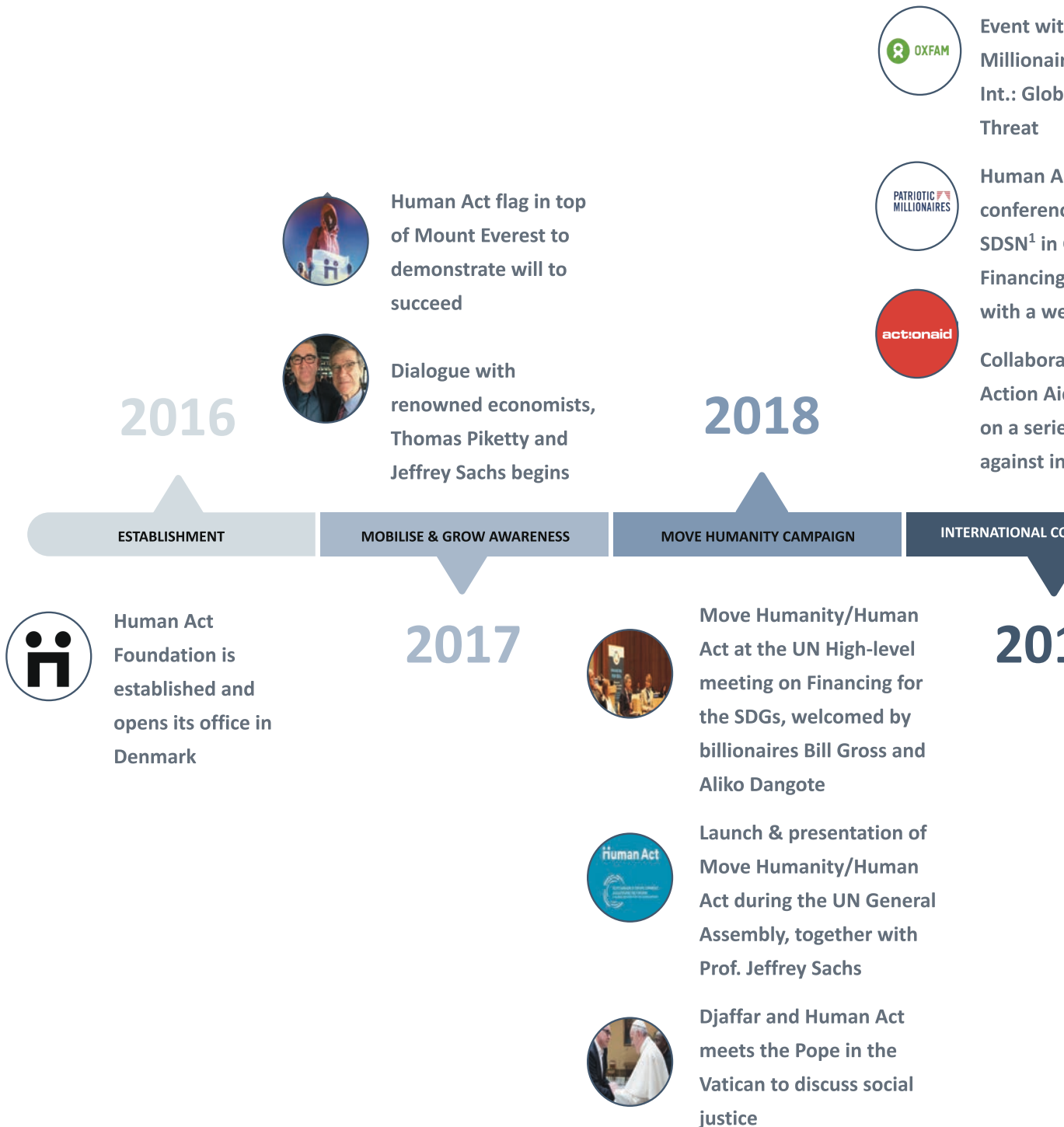
We believe that the ability to show **love, empathy**, and not least **generosity** towards our fellow human beings is essential if we are to make the world a better and more joyful place for all to live in.

We also believe that in order for change to be achievable we have to **believe** that change is possible, and we must have the **courage** to keep on going, even when we encounter great obstacles.

Finally, we believe that **non-violence** in all actions, whether it be physical or psychological, is the best way to bring about long-lasting change. Though it may be important to show strength and bravery when facing challenges in life, it is just as important to show **humility** and the ability to **forgive**; forgive ourselves and those around us.

# ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2022

## PURSUING WEALTH TAXATION AND OTHER KEY RESULTS:





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GRETA CAMPAIGN AND LETTERS

MILLIONAIRES FOR HUMANITY

ACTION ON THE GROUND

2019



Millionaires for Humanity  
sign on letter and video  
gain worldwide media  
attention



Secretary-General of the  
UN, António Guterres,  
endorses the MFH letter at  
the Nelson Mandela  
Annual Lecture 2020



Greta Thunberg & Human  
Act fundraising campaign  
raises \$1.3M for UNICEF

2021



Our big blue Elephant was  
in Copenhagen and Berlin,  
raising awareness about  
wealth taxes.



Marlene Engelhorn was  
awarded for her incredible  
and relentless approach to  
working towards wealth  
taxes in german-speaking  
europe



We were present at this  
year's World Economic  
Forum, DAVOS. With both  
a physical protest and two  
open letters signed by over  
a 100 millionaires.



MFH is established as a  
network and gains 45  
members within 6 months



MFH conducts polls which  
show popular support for  
a wealth tax in 24  
countries



Happiness Event: Human  
Act/MFH event for Nordic  
wealth holders at the  
Danish Royal Theater

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# STRATEGIC GOALS

## 2020-2030

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### **Systemic change: Go beyond philanthropy and advocate wealth taxation to finance the SDGs by**

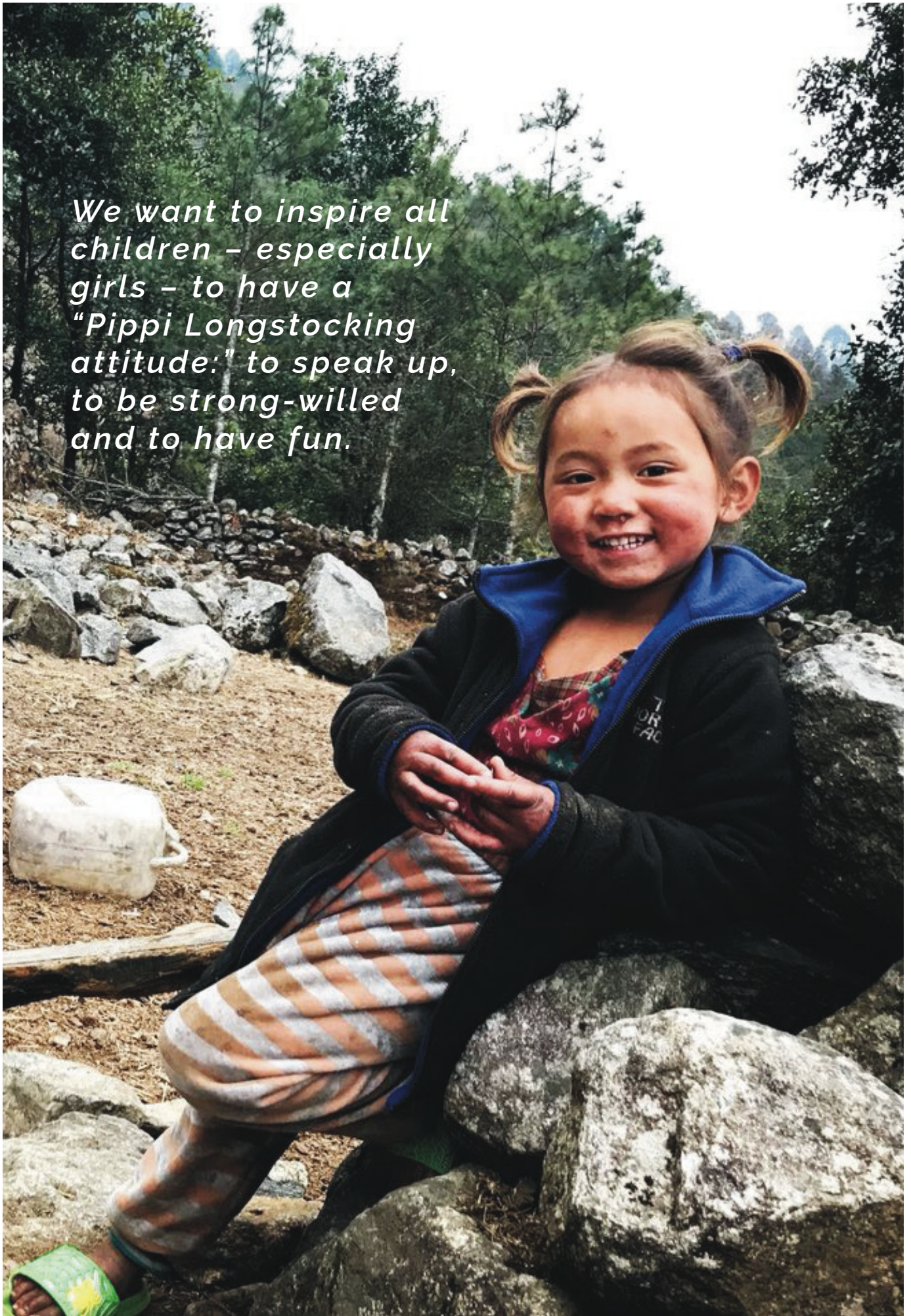
- Working for a global wealth tax with international, regional, and national strategic partners.
- Collaborating with national strategic partners and wealth holders to pass wealth taxation in as many countries as possible
- Expanding and strengthening the Millionaires for Humanity network to thousands of wealth holders, from all continents, actively advocating wealth taxation on themselves.
- Empowering the next generation to push and vote for a wealth tax by creating awareness through activities, art, events and campaigns.

### **Philanthropy: Improve life quality for 10,000 vulnerable children and youth per year by:**

- Supporting primarily educational and health projects in selected low-income countries.
- Supporting projects that can improve the life quality for children who are poor and/or vulnerable according to the circumstances in their country/region/city.



*We want to inspire all children – especially girls – to have a “Pippi Longstocking attitude:” to speak up, to be strong-willed and to have fun.*



# FINANCES

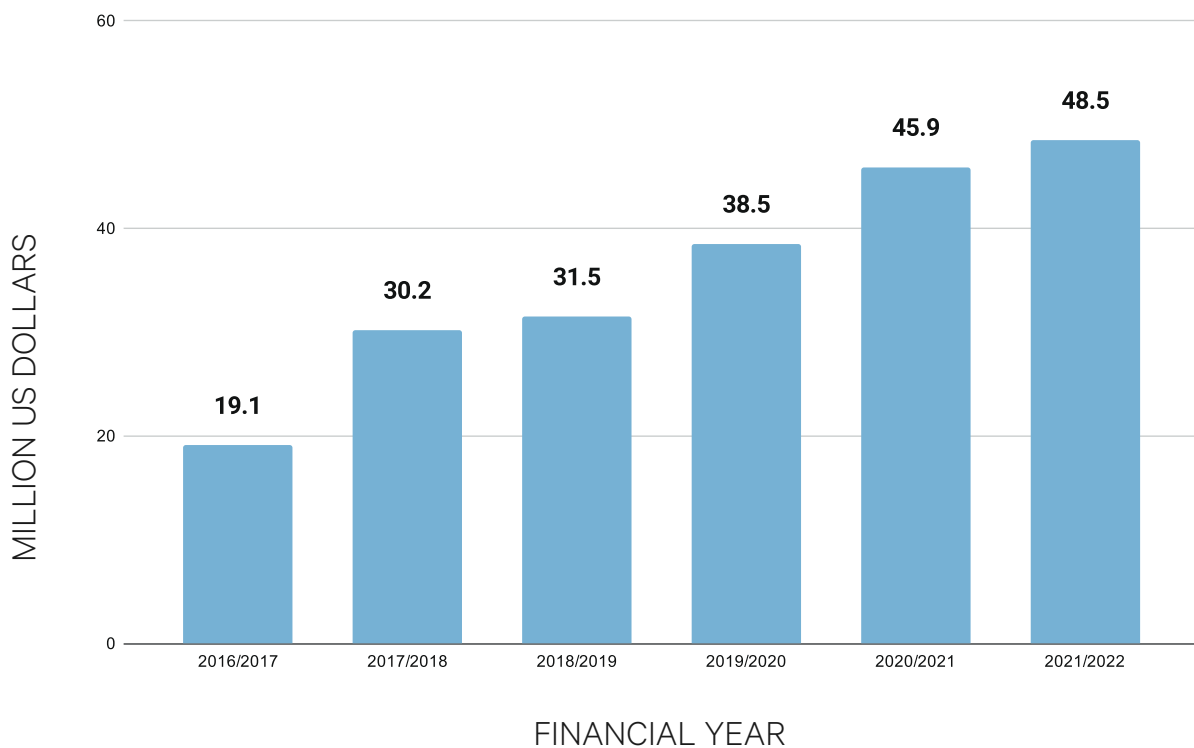
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The bar chart below shows the total net worth of the Human Act Foundation for every financial year since it was founded in 2016.

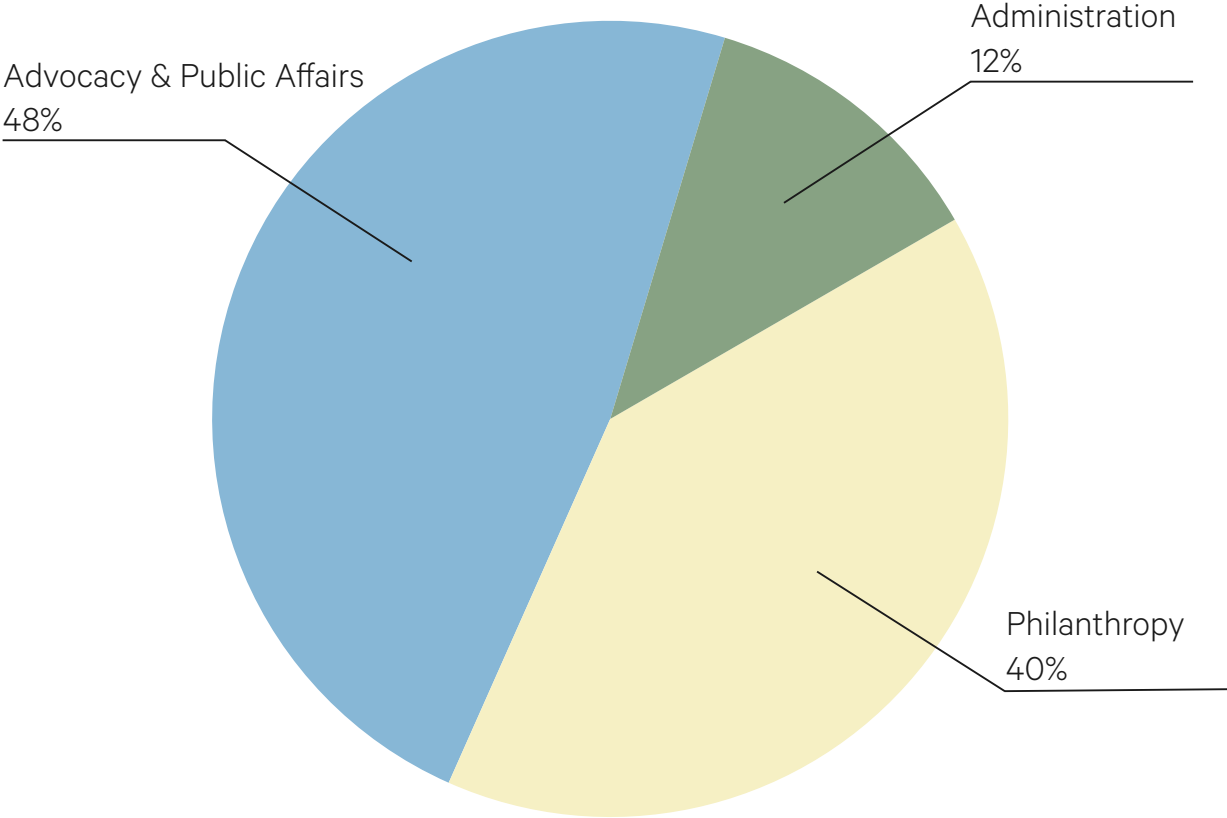
During the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, the foundation spent a total of USD 1.170.332 on projects and donations.

Human Act covers its own administrative costs. Human Act has funded all activities alone this fiscal year, and has not received any donations.

The pie chart on the right shows the percentage distribution of these funds into three categories: Administration, Advocacy, and Philanthropy









Photographer: Mohannad Darabee

## Human Act Award 2022

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Marlene Engelhorn was awarded for her incredible and relentless approach to working towards wealth taxes in german-speaking europe.

Marlene is the co-founder and one of the faces of the Taxmenow. Taxmenow is an initiative of wealthy people who are actively committed to tax justice.

*“Tax justice means redistribution of wealth in a transparent and democratic way. Everyone relies on those around them; in a society this translates to the fact that there is no wealth without societies that generate and secure it. The most democratic thing we can do is pay fair taxes in order to share the wealth we create together. Human Act is taking this seriously, which is why they also advocate for tax justice via the initiative Millionaires for Humanity.”*

Marlene has decided not to receive the cash prize of \$100,000 which comes with the Human Act Award, but that we could donate the money to others in need.

The money has therefore been donated to the poorest people in Nepal through our partner in Nepal.



# **WEALTH TAXES ARE THE WAY FORWARD**

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Human Act creates awareness about the current inequalities in the world and mobilizes people – grassroots as well as grassstops – to advocate a fairer distribution of the world's wealth. Through targeted advocacy and strategic partnerships, Human Act initiates campaigns, organizes events and raises awareness to fight extreme poverty and to promote freedom, peace and justice for all in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We envision a three-stage movement, where millionaires advocating a wealth tax play a central role. We also foresee that global organizations like the UN and the OECD will be needed to realise this vision and we are therefore working actively to secure strong partnerships with these organizations as well as other civil society organizations.



## MILLIONAIRES FOR HUMANITY

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In 2020, Human Act officially launched the Millionaires for Humanity network. In 2021 the focus was solely on the expansion of the network as well as advocacy for a wealth tax around the world together with millionaires and partnering organisations. In 2022, we have been ramping up on online campaigns and real life events.

Millionaires for Humanity is a growing international network of multimillionaires united in their concern for the challenges the world and its people are facing. The members go beyond philanthropy to work for systemic change. The mission is to advocate a 1% Global Wealth Tax on wealthy people to help support COVID-19 recovery, tackle poverty and climate change, and achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## Open letters

In collaboration with our valuable partners, we have created two more letters demanding higher taxes on the rich signed by hundreds of millionaires and billionaires worldwide. The letters have received significant international press coverage with more than 600 press hits in over 60 countries and are a vital part of our advocacy work.

The letters were published in connection to the annual DAVOS meeting hosted by World Economic Forum, where the world's most powerful people discuss the future of our world. Read both of the letters on the Millionaires for Humanity website.

**In Tax We Trust** was published in January and is a collaboration between Millionaires for Humanity, Patriotic Millionaires and taxmenow. The letter says that whilst the world has gone through an immense amount of suffering in the last two years, we have seen our wealth rise during the pandemic, and very few of us—if any—are paying our fair share in taxes. The letters have more than a 100 wealthy signatories, counting actor Mark Ruffalo, heiress Abigail Disney and brother Tim Disney; and early Amazon investor Nick Hanauer and our founder Djaffar Shalchi.

The second letter is a follow up letter, as DAVOS got postponed due to COVID. The letter was therefore a reminder that to really tackle global challenges and improve the state of the world, wealth must be taxed more, directed to the Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, Professor Klaus Schwab.

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**We ask for one thing from this year's World Economic Forum: from you, the millionaires, billionaires, and global leaders attending.**

**Do not sell the world empty words about turning points and trust. Show us that you deserve it.**

Millionaires  
for **Humanity**



### **Stay updated on our social media and website**

In 2022, the Millionaires for Humanity website had a makeover, featuring a new layout and a brand new blog and media section. The millionaire members have new profiles with quotes and pictures as well as news about wealth taxation by Millionaires for Humanity or members of the network.

Millionaires for Humanity have through Social Media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn). created platforms for awareness and engagement around the Millionaires for Humanity initiative, as well as to attract more members to the network. Especially, Twitter has proven to be a useful tool for this, as the page gained more than 3.300 followers since the launch last year.

### **Engaging our members at roundtables**

Millionaires for Humanity regularly hosts roundtables for our members, as a way to inspire each other and network with likeminded peers. By now, we have hosted 9 roundtables and have had the honor of a great variation of guestspeakers ranging from renowned economists and wealth taxation specialists, Gabriel Zucman, HNWI Behavioral Expert and Advisory Board member Bridget Kustin, Danish politician Mogens Lykketof, author and activist Ben Phillips, theatre director Tue Biering and journalist Sander Schimmelpenninck.



# SELECTION OF MEDIA FEATURES FROM OUR WEBSITE



”Vi megaförmögna bör betala mer i skatt”

Svenska Dagbladet / May 25, 2022



Millionaires at Davos say ‘tax us more’

BBC News / May 23, 2022



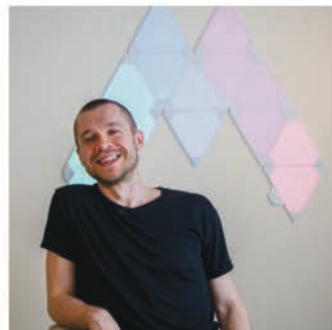
Millionaires protest, demanding to pay more taxes. “Tax me, tax the rich.”

The Byte / May 23, 2022



Taxing the rich could help fix the food crisis. Davos didn’t want to know

CNN Business / May 27, 2022



The UK government gave 450bn pounds to the richest – it should take it back for the people

The New Statesman / May 25, 2022



Millionaires join DAVOS protests, demanding ‘tax us now’

The Guardian / May 22, 2022



Total wealth of world’s billionaires has fallen to \$12.7tn, says Forbes

The Guardian / April 5, 2022



102 millionaires, including Abigail Disney, have signed another letter asking governments around the world to raise their taxes



As things fall apart, the super-rich spend \$2m on whisky. We need a wealth tax.

The Guardian / January 13, 2022

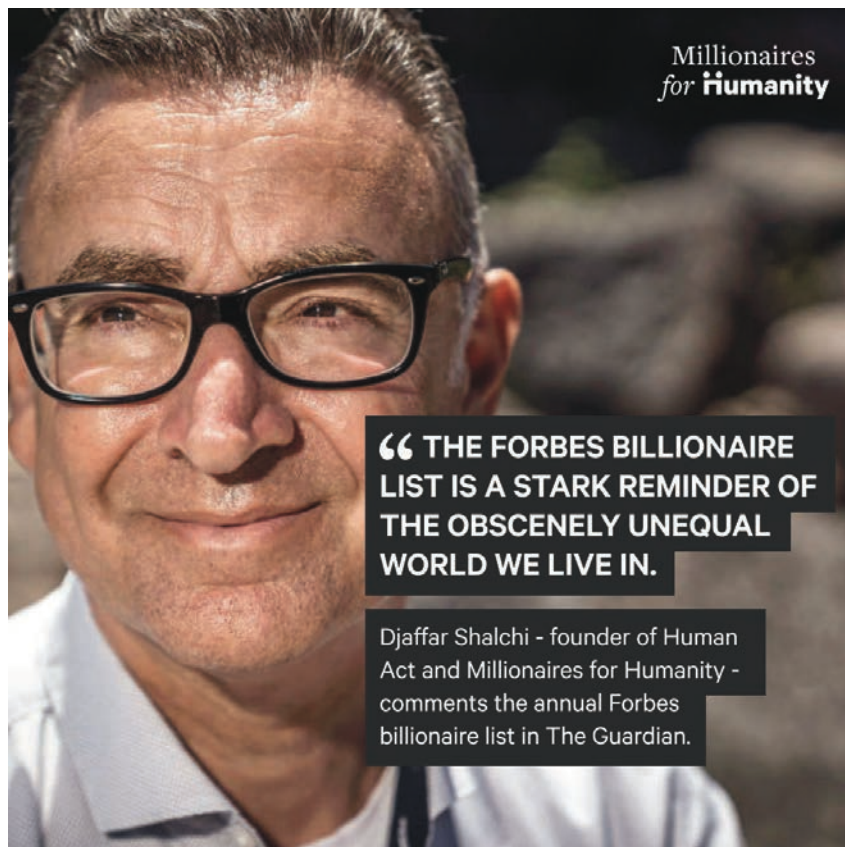
## **“A SLAP IN THE FACE OF SOCIETY” RESPONSE TO THE ANNUAL FORBES RICH LIST.**

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Every year in April, Forbes Magazine publishes their annual list of the world’s richest people. Millionaires for Humanity reacted to list as ‘a slap in the face of society’, and called for the introduction of a global wealth tax.

The annual publication of the Forbes Rich List tells us what we already suspected – that a certain privileged segment of the global population have done extremely well from COVID. While most people around the globe have struggled to adapt and survive to the pandemic, many having lost their jobs, plunged deeper into poverty, those on the Forbes rich list have been able to sit back and watch their wealth soar..

We want a world where democratic processes work and reflect the wishes of the people - not the wishes of the few people with the most money. The Forbes Billionaire List is a reminder that we have work to do.





# TAX WEALTH THE SAME AS WORK

## BERLIN, MAY 1ST 2022

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On International Workers' Day in front of Berlin's iconic Brandenburg Gate, Millionaires for Humanity revealed a giant Blue Elephant to call on governments to acknowledge 'the elephant in the room' - that taxing wealth is a solution to addressing inequality and funding the responses to the multiple crises the world faces today.

The Blue Elephant is an initiative of Millionaires for Humanity. It travels across Europe to highlight global inequality and the potential of a wealth tax to address inequality. The event on May 1st was a joint effort with German-based taxmenow.

The elephant in the room refers to obvious problems or issues that decision makers avoid discussing or acknowledging. For Millionaires for Humanity, the elephant in the room is wealth inequality, and the fact that introducing taxes on wealth for the world's richest people could be enough to help fund a sustainable and fairer future for all.



# CONTRIBUTING TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE

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Millionaires for Humanity and Human Act continued to make waves in the public debate surrounding wealth inequality and the need for increased taxation of the wealthy. From founder Djaffar Shalchi's powerful piece for the OECD to physical protests at DAVOS, these millionaires and their partners were vocal about their support for wealth taxes and their opposition to the Forbes Billionaire list. Keep reading to discover more about their activities throughout the year.



*Djaffar Shalchi on Al Jazeera*





- January: Founder Djaffar Shalchi wrote a powerful peice for the OECD Development Matters Platform titled *"To recover from the crisis, tax the wealth of multimillionaires like me."* The piece shows that major international organizations are starting to realize that a wealth tax is an effective and necessary tool to help raise the funding needed to tackle the world's major challenges.
- January: Founder Djaffar Shalchi was live on Turkish TRT World, discussing wealth inequality and why he and 101 other Millionaires from Millionaires for Humanity, taxmenow and Patriotic Millionaires signed a letter to advocate for a wealth tax.
- February: Event in Amsterdam: What can millionaires do about rising wealth inequality in the Netherlands & worldwide? A discussion on the content and outcomes of the Dutch documentary 'Sander en de kloof' in collaboration with VPRO.
- April: The Guardian publishes our reaction: "a slap in the face of society" to the Forbes Billionaire list.
- May: Physical protest at this years DAVOS. In connection with the "In Tex We Trust" letter directed at DAVOS participants, a handful of our members and partners gathered in Davos are calling on world leaders to tackle the cost of living crisis by pushing up taxes for people like them.
- June: Founder Djaffar Shalchi was live on Al Jazeera discussing: have the pandemic profiteers made too much money? The pandemic is one of the most profitable events in human history, while millions have been pushed into extreme poverty.

# WHAT DO THE MILLIONAIRES SAY WHEN THEY SPEAK UP?

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# OUR CALL HAS BEEN BACKED BY EMINENT GLOBAL LEADERS

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We need a new tax – a progressive wealth tax – to strengthen the social contract and to reduce rampant inequality. Campaigns like Millionaires for Humanity are key to enabling this change.

**Gabriel Zucman**

Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, and Director of the EU Tax Observatory.



For the world to meet the Sustainable Development Goals, we'll need quality universal services and fair taxation. This will require a greater contribution from the people who have prospered the most. It's a powerful message when even some of the wealthiest people are speaking out supporting the call for people like them to pay more.

**Helen Clark**

Former PM of New Zealand and United Nations Development Programme Administrator



Tax justice is fundamental for tackling global poverty. And taxing the wealth of the richest people is key to that. When rich people themselves make that case, as Millionaires for Humanity is doing, it makes it harder for leaders to ignore. Let's do this!

**Julia Sánchez**

Secretary-General of ActionAid International



We are seeing some of the richest men [and women] in the world saying that they are not paying enough taxes - that it is totally unfair. So, some rich people are understanding that this is becoming dangerous for everyone. That inequality brings instability, which is dangerous to everyone.

**Antonio Guterres**

Secretary-General of the UN (said as response to the Millionaires for Humanity 2020 Letter at the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture 2020).



# PHILANTHROPY

## FIGHTING INEQUALITY

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Human Act funds organizations and projects that aim to improve the lives of vulnerable people across the world, particularly children and young people. Within the time frame of this annual report, projects have been carried out in Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Nepal, Palestine, and Uganda.

## ConnectHER: Supporting children's and women's rights

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This year so far, Human Act has helped the organisation ConnectHER extend grants to one project partner every month in addition to the year-round support they provide students through our Educate a Girl programs. They have also changed their digital storytelling to include as many first-person narratives and videos as possible to make sure the voices being heard are the women they support around the globe:

- **Educate a Girl Scholarships in DR Congo and Bangladesh.** ConnectHER provide year-round support to 61 students in Congo and 51 in Bangladesh.
- **Rozaria Memorial Trust in Zimbabwe.** Our grant this year helped fund their library/resource center that allows 500 girls and young women both at Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Level of Education in Murewa have a place to read and study for their day to day education and also to prepare for exams. We also funded a soccer tournament for 500 girls to come together in the name of sport to also learn about the impact of child marriage.

*Workshop in Malaysia*  
*by Rohingya Women Development Network*



*Asma and other students from the scholarship program in Bangladesh participating in International Women's Day #BreaktheBias campaign*

- **Terrewode in Uganda.** Our grant allowed women who are healing from fistulas to go through their Reintegration Program. Specifically, the grant covered: training materials and supplies for 450 women, income-generating skills training for 10 women, two weeks of meals for five women during the Reintegration Program and round-trip transportation for 10 women to attend the Reintegration Program.
- **Rohingya Women Development Network in US.** They established a Rohingya-led in Malaysia, and they will use our grant to expand their education and advocacywork in the US. I attached a photo of their Malaysia workshop.
- **Edna Adan Hospital in Somaliland.** 60 women were able to deliver their babies safely thanks to our help.

- **Hazera's House in Bangladesh.** Our support means 18 girls are funded for education, accommodation and healthcare. Here is a video from Hazera about how she has her first student from her home for children of sex workers to be attending university this year.



*Hazera from Hazera's House in Bangladesh*

- **The ConnectHER Film Festival 2011** provides a powerful platform for young filmmakers to tell original, authentic stories about global women's issues and spark change. The Festival invites youth filmmakers to submit short films about such issues as global health, ending child marriage, educating girls, and redefining beauty. The festival has received more than 1,250 original films from 42 countries and has awarded more than \$175,000 in scholarships.
- **Hope for Haiti.** Tuition fees were paid for 25 children for a year in rural Haiti.

- **Women LEAD Nepal.** 20 women trained at their Young Women's Political Leadership Institute.

*I am Sarun Khadka, 2020 YWPLI Fellow and now a graduate student at University of Alberta, Canada. I joined Women LEAD's Young Women Political Leadership Institute (YWPLI) in 2020 with the goal of bringing transactional changes in my understanding level of the political dimension. It has been a life-changing journey for me ever since. After the completion of the program, I also worked as a Development Intern at Women LEAD Nepal.*



*Sarun Khadka from Women LEAD.*



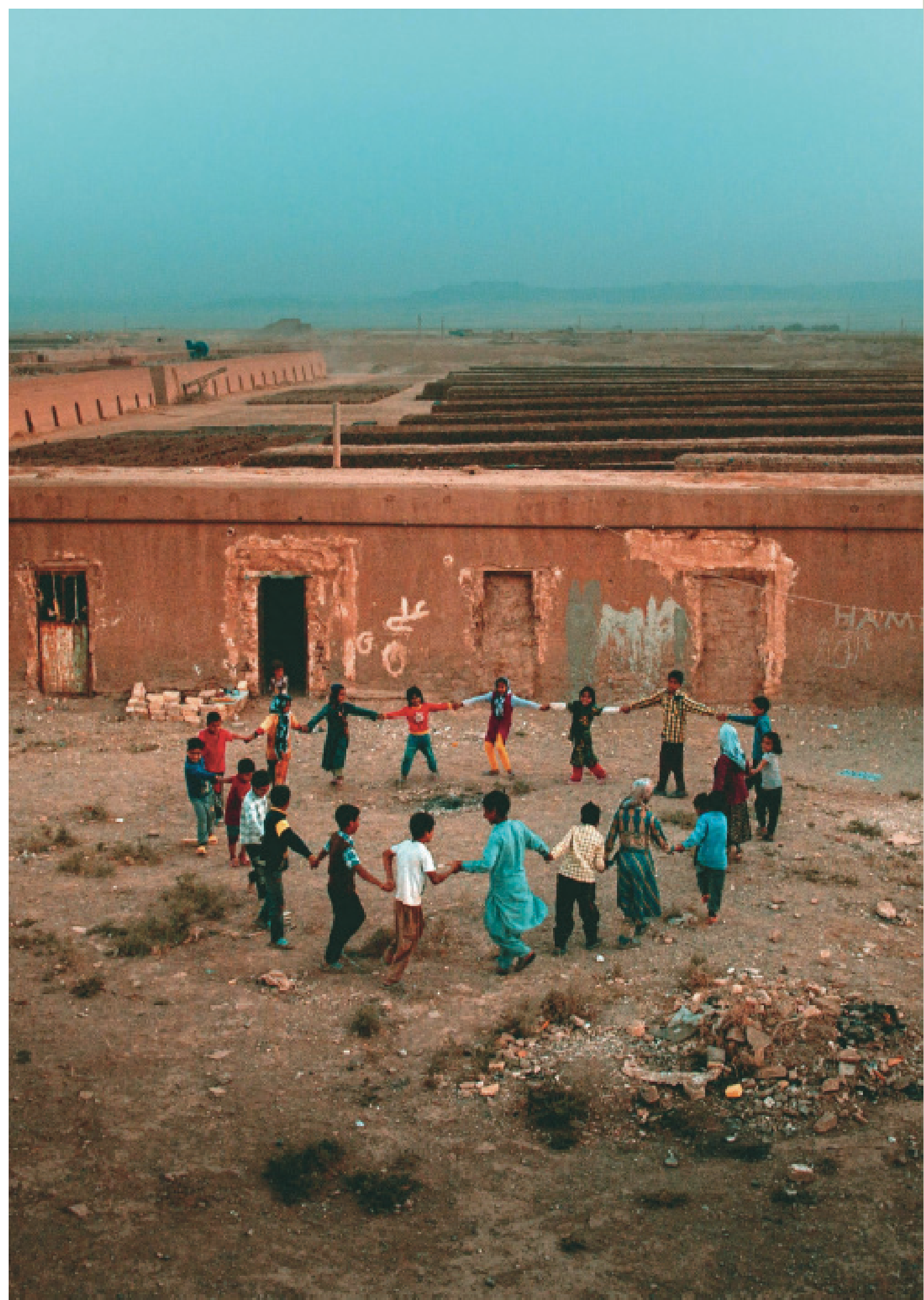


## Raising awareness and supporting children in Iran

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Since 2016, Human Act has supported the Iranian NGO Harkat Ensani in Mashhad. Harkat Ensani aims to create awareness about the current wealth distribution inequalities in Iran and intends to fight for a fairer society.





# About Harkat Ensani

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Harkat Ensani is a non-profit foundation (NGO) that aims to fight against extreme poverty in Iran through awareness, education, action, and partnership. With this in mind, the Foundation's activities have been primarily concentrated in the areas of wealth tax and education.

World leaders have made ambitious commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Yet, securing enough resources remains a major challenge in our country, Iran. Financing SDGs is hypothetically feasible in Iran partly via wealth tax. However, it is a very complicated process due to the economic and cultural structure of Iran. Harkat Ensani champions a wealth tax program to help finance the SDGs and make a difference in the lives of millions of people living in extreme poverty in Iran. Harkat Ensani has started its activities in 2016. The Foundation was founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist Djaffar Shalchi.

Harkat Ensani considers addressing the educational needs of the young generation, a mission corresponding to its agenda. We have attempted to focus a major part of our efforts on identifying and obviating those needs.

**Awareness and Partnership:** Harkat Ensani strives to raise awareness about wealth inequality in Iran and advocates for a more equitable society. The organization promotes the implementation of a 1% wealth tax on billionaires to finance Iran's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through events, campaigns, and collaborations, Harkat Ensani fights extreme poverty and fosters peace and justice.

**Projects and Education Support:** Harkat Ensani carries out projects to support schools, healthcare, crisis intervention, and environmental initiatives in various parts of Iran. Additionally, the foundation funds educational projects for underprivileged children and youth, focusing on cultivating the next generation of decision-makers. By collaborating with experts, Harkat Ensani organizes courses and workshops that promote educational justice.



# The First Harkat Ensani Event

Organizing an event is no small feat, and requires a significant amount of planning and decision-making. The process typically starts with content formation meetings, where the general direction and focus of the event is discussed. Next, two meetings are typically held to choose the event's name and motto, which will shape the branding and messaging of the event. Once these foundational elements are established, speaker selection meetings begin, where a primary list of potential speakers is compiled.

From there, the organizers will contact the list of speakers to gauge their interest and availability, before finalizing the lineup and defining any potential substitute speakers. Arranging phone and video conferences with the speakers is also crucial, to ensure that everyone is on the same page leading up to the event. Of course, the logistics of the event are also important, with travel arrangements needing to be made for any out-of-town speakers, and a guest reception and hosting process meeting will typically take place to ensure that everyone feels welcome and taken care of. With so many moving parts involved, it's no wonder that organizing an event requires careful planning and coordination.

# The Second Harkat Ensani Event

Hosting an event can be a powerful way to promote a brand, and the statistics from one recent event are truly impressive. Across the before, during, and after phases of the event, 521 public accounts mentioned the brand in their stories, reaching a total of 6-7 million followers. These accounts ranged from 90 followers to over 2/3 million, demonstrating the wide reach of the event.

While it's likely that there were additional mentions in private accounts, it's estimated that they account for around 30% of the total statistics. Furthermore, 30% of these accounts mentioned the brand at least three times, demonstrating a sustained and engaged interest in the event. With such strong results, it's clear that hosting an event can be an effective way to generate buzz and increase brand awareness.











# Increasing the Number of Students and Supporting Immigrant Afghan Students

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At the moment, Harkat Ensani foundation supports about 120 talented vulnerable students.

Our plan is to support 100 more students every month, and reach 1000 students at the end of the year.

Due to the current social-political condition in Afghanistan and a considerable increase in immigration among Afghans, we decided to develop and reinforce our supporting system to cover Afghan students. The initial steps are taken by forming a team of activists and caseworkers active in helping Afghan immigrants. This team visited some independent autonomous Afghan schools. We are currently examining suggestions for financially supporting students, substantial and financial support of displaced Afghan families and distributing educational packages.

## Orphanage

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Supporting orphaned children or children with irresponsible parents

Maintenance

Designing educational courses for the girls

# Awareness and Partnerships

## Harkat Ensani goals

- Creating awareness about the harms of inequality in society
- Inspecting the inequality caused by the unfair distribution of wealth to reinforce social solidarity.
- Developing humanitarian activities for the betterment of the society consistent with the Foundation's mission
- Advocating 1 % wealth tax;

## Harkat Ensani projects

### 1. Podcast

- A psychological podcast about the impact of different events on human brain. The content is provided by Dr. Matinfar and Harkat Ensani is the sponsor and producer of the podcast.
- Four episodes have been produced and broadcasted. Its reach has been 3800.
- 1st episode: What are the impacts of poverty on our brain?
- 2nd episode: big dictators, small dictators(the effects of power on the brain)
- 3rd and 4th episode: the digital world's opium: (the impacts of pornography on the brain.)

### 2. Animations

- The animation series called 'the Humans' are one-minute series that, using humor, discuss different topics such as poverty and inequality, poverty's impact on security, wealth tax, millionaires for humanity.
- 3 episodes have been produced.

### 3. Harkat Ensani events (Narrating the Challenges of Achieving)

- Harkat Ensani events were planned to achieve 3 main goals:
- 1-Making the foundation known to the public
- 2-Setting up a network with influential people (the speakers)
- 3-Presenting the foundation's discourse and mission





## **Virtual meetings on “Raising awareness about extreme poverty, inequality and unfair wealth distribution”**

These meetings, using the universities’ student scientific associations, were centered on clarifying and finding solutions for the extreme poverty, inequality and unfair wealth distribution.

3 meetings were held in May 2022 with more than 100 participants.

1st meeting: on May 4. Hosting Dr. Parvizia (Economist, professor of Ferdowsi university). “Clarifying and defining poverty and extreme poverty and its roots in Iran”

2nd meeting: on May 12. Hosting Dr. Parvizia (Economist, professor of Ferdowsi university). “Roots of inequality and discrimination in Iran, methods of eradication poverty, tax, fair wealth distribution “

3rd meeting: hosting Dr. Abbas Alavi (economist. professor of Yazd University). “Extreme poverty and relative poverty; unfair wealth and income distribution; the reason for unfair wealth distribution”.)



## Our Work in Nepal

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- *Namaste* - “I bow to you”

Our extensive school support program in Nepal, focuses on improving facilities at Guranse and Chandidevi schools. We provided furniture, gates, and computers to enhance safety and the learning experience for students. Additionally, our support extends to marginalized farmers by providing start-up capital for self-help schemes. We advocate for wealth tax to address extreme income inequality and establish a scholarship fund for underprivileged students to continue their education. Furthermore, our program aims to offer logistical support to elderly individuals lacking proper care.

*Photo: Chandidevi school*







# Helping children in Palestine

**NAWA for Culture and Arts Association**, in partnership with Catharsis Holistic Healing, is expanding trauma healing support for children in the West Bank. The donation will fund a three-month teacher training in trauma healing in Gaza and the West Bank, training Palestinian healers, teachers, counselors, and psychiatrists in holistic approaches.

The project's goals include developing an Arabic trauma healing curriculum for schools and creating a training platform and website. The teacher training encompasses various techniques such as somatic practice, Kundalini Laya yoga, the Community Resiliency Model, Emotional Freedom Technique, active meditation, and art, dance, and drama therapy.

By extending healing retreats and meditation workshops to children aged 5-12 in the Gaza Strip suffering from PTSD and psychosocial issues, the project aims to make a lasting impact on their well-being and future.







Human Act continued its support for children with autism and their families mainly from marginalised communities who do not receive any assistance or special education to obtain the tools and resources needed to improve their learning, develop new skills, strengthen their motor skills, control their meltdown and sensory disorder challenges, and learn essential- life skills. We also used this project as an opportunity to educate the parents on how to work with their children and set monthly goals and create a strong bonding between the child and the parent. By continue providing workshops for parents on how to help their kids with autism and providing therapy and psychology workshops to help mothers overcome stress and anxiety. This year, more learning kits were distributed monthly to children located in Ramallah, Nablus, Hebron, Salfit, Jenin, Tulkarm, Abu Dis, and Bethlehem. The kits aim to support the children's sensory development; they will also receive a learning activity box, stress- relief kit, and sensory disorder kit.



## Management of malnourished and Anemic Children

Human Act continued supporting the fighting of malnutrition in Gaza through Ard El Insan Association. Support was provided to 40 children aged 0-5 years who suffers from malnutrition after medical assessment children were put in 3 categories anemia, wasting (low weight-for-height), and Growth Faltering. Children were provided with medication, nutrition's and meals. Awareness sessions were also provided for children's parents to assure a better healthy growth for the children. By the end of the intervention 74% of children have recovered while 14% were referred to another specialized treatment.



*Malnutrition is a serious problem in Gaza, a recent study by the World Food Programme stated. It found that 86 percent of children under the age of 5 living near Gaza's boundary with Israel did not have a minimal accepted diet.*



*A doctor from Ard Al Ensan organization examines one of the children being supported by the management of moderately and severely malnourished and Anemic Children in Gaza.*



Through Human Act's support to **The National Centre for Community Rehabilitation (NCCR)** we were able to provide three months of psychological support through home care visits by a physician, a nurse physiotherapist, an occupational therapist and a psychologist to 30 people suffering from disabilities, as well as training to 60 families.







*Daniel stands with Brian, who is now in year Senior 3. It is Brian in a red t-shirt, the school's dress code for the students' free time. Brian is the school's first student, he is an elite student. It was Brian who, before his first day of school, walked 2 x 30 km to a market where he could buy shoes and the notebook he needed for the first day of school, 1 February 2019.*

## The Mariolett School in Uganda

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This year, we are proud to announce a significant expansion of the school capacity in Northern Uganda, marking a crucial milestone for the Mariolett School. The school, previously transformed into a boarding facility to provide a home for orphaned children, can now accommodate additional sleeping spaces and a cafeteria. The project's primary focus is on orphans and other vulnerable children in Northern Uganda, offering them a safe haven and advanced education at the Mariolett O&A Level boarding school.

Our initiative rescues children from homelessness and prevents them from resorting to dangerous jobs, prostitution, and poaching to make ends meet, while simultaneously providing them with an education. Since its inception in 2019 with just 15 students, the school has grown to house over 70 students, continually making a positive impact on their lives. The success of the Mariolett School showcases our unwavering commitment to transforming the futures of vulnerable children in Northern Uganda.



*The new building with the three extra class rooms that Human Act funded, built in 2021. In the foreground the new well from which the locals get water. The original is water supply for dormitories, with associated bathrooms. The picture was taken from the volleyball court, the pole on the right is one of the uprights for the net. Behind the building is the avocado field.*



*A photo from the last assembly before summer holidays.*

# HUMAN ACT DEVELOPMENT

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Human Act Development invests in businesses to create additional financing for our work and thus have a bigger impact. The investments are focused on technology that improves quality of life and supports equality in all of its shapes. The goal is to return profit to Human Act Foundation by the end of 2025 going forward.

Human Act Development was established in the spring of 2021 to support Human Act Foundation with additional financial assets to strengthen the awareness and capabilities of the organization.

The investment portfolio is diverse and includes direct investments in companies (technology and trends of the future), established venture capital funds that focus on early-stage investments (primarily European companies) and through public opportunities like stocks, currencies and IPOs.

An Investment Committee composed of investment experts and leading branch representatives supports Human Act Development when making critical decisions.



# RECOMMENDED REPORTS

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## **Oxfam's Inequality Kills**

A powerful well designed report highlighting the current global issues exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic, including a foreword from support Abigail Disney. Easily digestible and understandable, the Oxfam report is clear in its message. Inequality kills. The report presents multiple solutions, one of which being the redistribution of wealth through wealth taxation. [Read it here.](#)

## **State of Tax Justice**

Highlights the current state of tax inequality across the globe, including tax abuses. The report recommends the introduction of wealth taxes along with other methods of fighting the covid-19 response and curing the inequalities exacerbated by the crisis. [Read it here.](#)

## **World Inequality**

The world Inequality report, a necessary read for anyone who wants to develop their understanding of global inequality issues. Chapter 8 focuses specifically on the role of taxation as a means to fight inequality, but the whole report is a valuable asset for anyone interested in the topic. [Read it here.](#)

## **Global Wealth**

Credit Suisse's wealth report, a one stop shop for facts and figures relating to wealth distribution across the globe. The report contains a good summary of the trends relating to wealth over the past years and provides data alongside to justify its findings. [Read it here.](#)

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