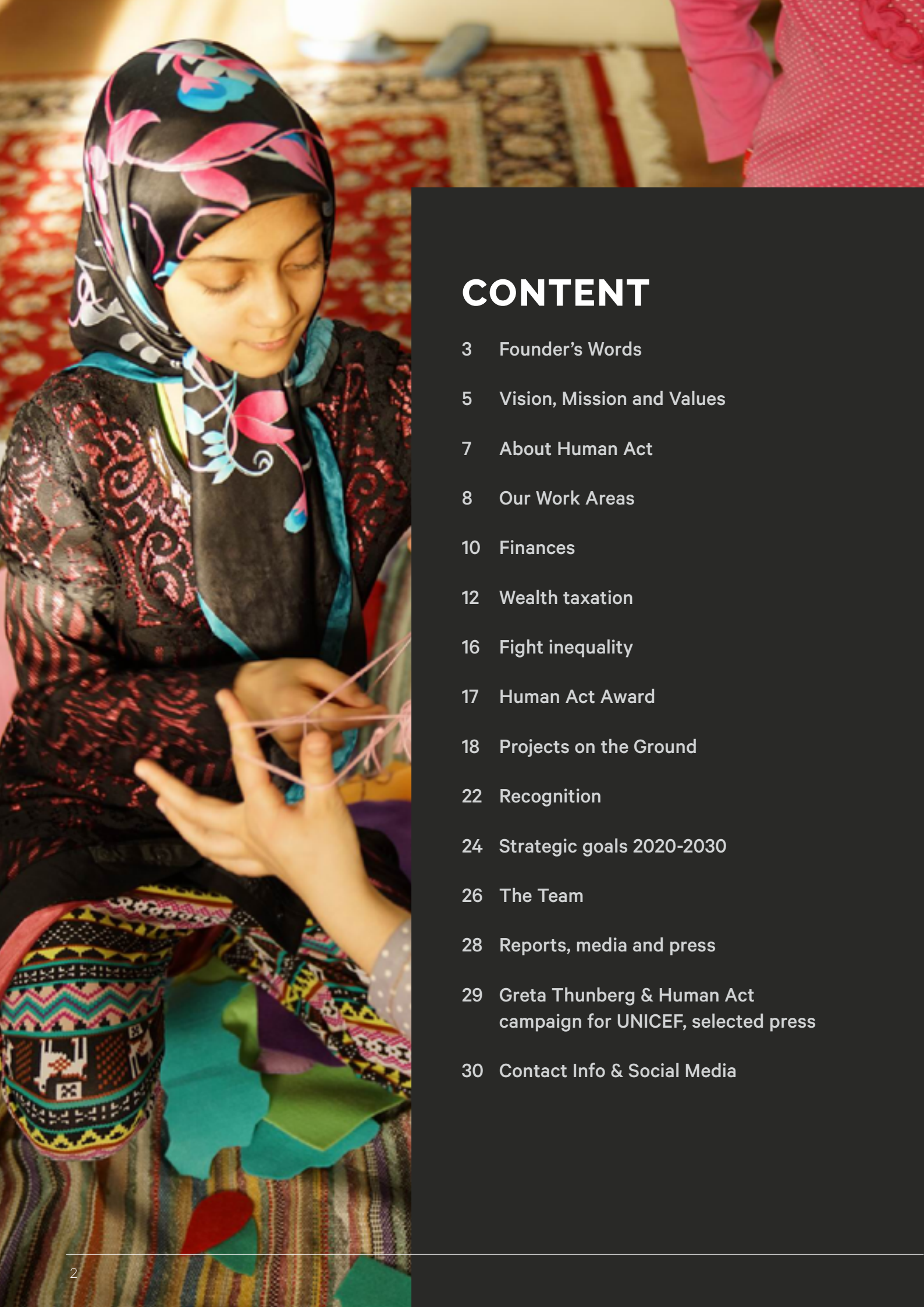




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FOUNDER'S WORDS GO BEYOND PHILANTHROPY

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 and finally a philanthropist.

However, I want to go beyond philanthropy. Philanthropy alone will never be enough to solve global problems such as the millions of people still living in poverty. A wealth tax of 1% on millionaires around the world could raise approximately USD 3 trillion to support the COVID-19 recovery, tackle poverty and climate change and contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Without any doubt, my personal highlight of this very special year was when I presented Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg with the first Human Act Award 2020. Together with Greta, we raised more than USD 1.3 million for children suffering from the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in a joint campaign for UNICEF.

Take good care of yourself.

**Yours sincerely,
Djaffar Shalchi**



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



*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.*

Vision

A just and sustainable world free from extreme poverty.

Mission

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

Values

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.



ABOUT HUMAN ACT

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 fight for a fairer distribution of the world’s wealth. Human Act focuses its efforts on a way forward to SDG 10 to reduce inequality within and among countries.

In 2018 Human Act launched Move Humanity – a movement that advocates a global wealth tax on billionaires to help finance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and make a difference in the lives of the millions of people living in extreme poverty.

In 2020, Human Act launched the Human Act Award which is presented to a passionate changemaker who is dedicated to take action on the world’s most pressing issues in the context of the SDG Decade of Action. The award consists of a diploma and a cash award of USD 1 million spread over 10 years (USD 100 000 per year). The awardee is made public every year until 2030 on 22 April, International Mother Earth Day.

In addition to this, Human Act makes donations to ‘projects on the ground’, such as humanitarian assistance and advocacy, 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 2016. The foundation is based in Copenhagen, Denmark.



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CFO

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Founder / Chair of Board

Ané Maro
Founder / Board member

OUR WORK AREAS

Global Wealth Tax

Human Act creates awareness about the current inequalities in the world and mobilizes people – grassroots as well as grasstops – to fight for a fairer distribution of the world's wealth.

Projects on the Ground

Human Act funds organizations and projects that aim to improve the lives of people in vulnerable parts of the world, particularly children and young people.

Partnerships

Through targeted advocacy and strategic partnerships, Human Act initiates campaigns, organizes events and raises awareness to fight extreme poverty in the context of the UN SDGs.



FINANCES

The bar chart below shows the total net worth of the Human Act Foundation for every financial year since it was founded in 2016. Since its inception, Human Act has had an average turnover of approximately USD 8.6 million per year.

During the financial year 01-07-2019 to 30-06-2020, the foundation spent a total of USD 896,271 on projects and donations.

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



Projects on the ground
USD 241,262
27%

Administration
USD 78,526
9%

Advocacy
USD 576,483
64%

ADVOCACY WEALTH TAXATION



The launch of Move Humanity in collaboration with UN SDSN

In partnership with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) and economics professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Human Act has developed and launched the Move Humanity initiative – a movement seeking to address the widening inequality in the world and find solutions to close the financing gap for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Move Humanity advocates a 1% wealth tax on the world's billionaires to contribute to the implementation of the 17 SDGs. Human Act, UN SDSN, and Prof. Jeffrey Sachs have carried out the following projects:

• UN High-Level Meeting at UN Headquarters, New York

In June 2018, Move Humanity was launched and presented at the UN High-level meeting on Financing for the SDGs at the UN Headquarters in New York.

• UN General Assembly

In September 2018, Move Humanity was presented at the UN General Assembly.

• Global Citizens Festival in New York City

In September 2018, Move Humanity was presented at the Global Citizens Festival in Central Park, New York City. Prof. Jeffrey Sachs held an engaging speech for more than 80,000 people about the growing fortunes of the dollar billionaires and the urgent need to find financing for the SDGs.

• UN SDSN Report

The UN SDSN report “Closing the SDG Budget Gap” was published in December 2018. Read the report here: <https://movehumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/PICA-HUMANITY-REPORT-WEB-V7-190319.pdf>

• Conference in the Danish Parliament

In collaboration with ActionAid Denmark and the Danish All-Party Parliamentary Group for the SDGs, Human Act and UN SDSN held a two-day Move Humanity conference titled: “Financing the SDGs: Wealth Taxes, Development Aid and Ending Extreme Poverty” on 27-28 March 2019 in the Danish Parliament.

Sign-on letter from M/Billionaires to M/Billionaires

More than 170 millionaires (and one billionaire) from 14 countries signed the Millionaires against Pitchforks open letter asking governments to tax them and asking the largest corporations to stop their abuse of tax havens during the World Economic Forum at Davos (January 2020): <https://www.millionairesagainstpitchforks.com/>



ADVOCACY

FIGHT INEQUALITY

In addition to advocating a wealth tax, advocacy initiatives by Human Act to fight inequality include supporting human rights initiatives and awareness raising campaigns

Supporting children's and women's rights

Human Act supports ConnectHer, an NGO investing in women and girls and working to make women and girls seen, heard, and encouraged to reach their full potential. For the third year in the row, Human Act has supported The Girls Impact the World film festival (now called ConnectHer Festival), featuring short films focusing on critical girls' and women's issues such as education, ending violence against women, poverty and economic independence, and authentic beauty/body image.

Award for a passionate changemaker

The first Human Act Award was presented to Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg on 22 April 2020, for her fearless and determined efforts to mobilize millions of people around the world to fight climate change. The award includes a cash prize of USD 100 000, a handmade bronze sculpture and a certificate. Greta and Human Act undertook a joint fundraising-campaign for UNICEF for vulnerable and at-risk children because of COVID-19. The campaign resulted in more than USD 1.3 million which was spent on COVID-19 health-protection supplies for Yemen, hygiene products for refugee families in Syria and education via radio for school students.

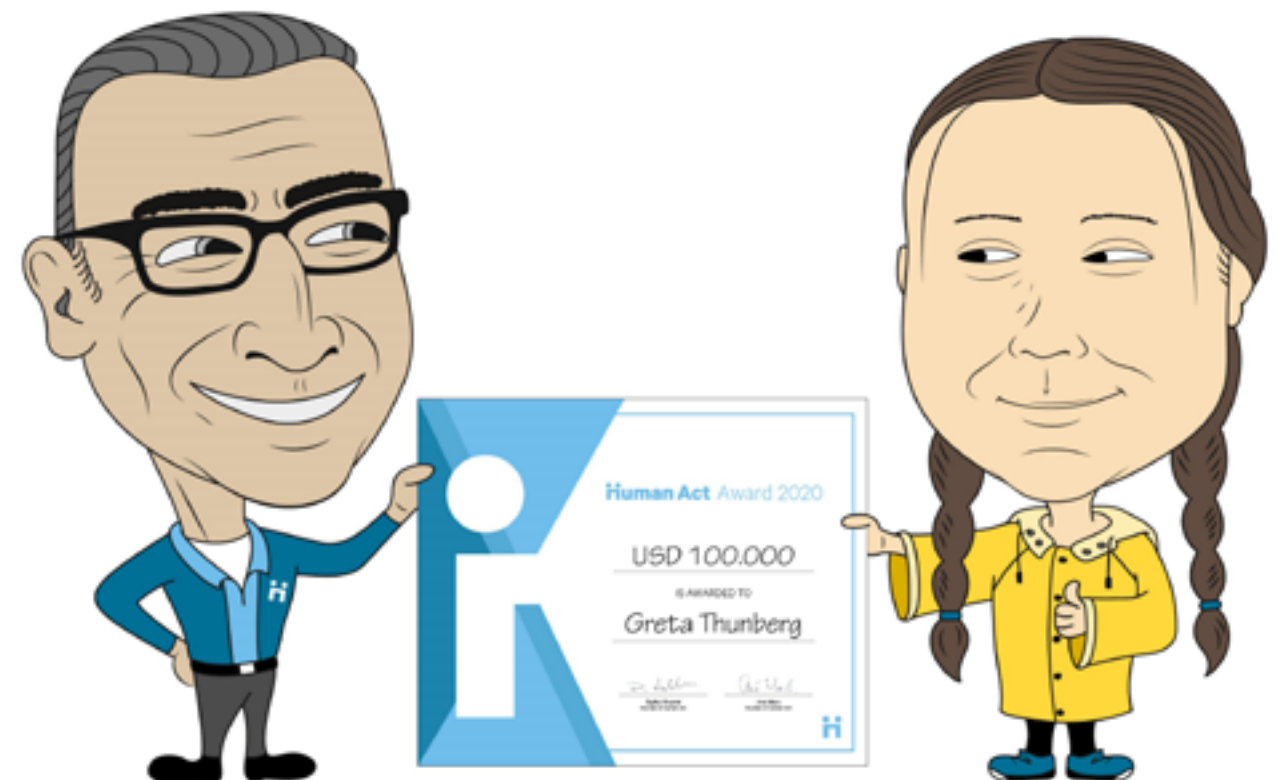


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PROJECTS ON THE GROUND



Human Act funds organizations and projects that aim to improve the lives of people in vulnerable parts of the world, particularly children and young people. Projects have been carried out in Bangladesh, Iran, Nepal, Palestine and Uganda.

Nepal

Together with local partners, Human Act has assisted with the re-construction of two primary schools (destroyed by the April 2015 earthquake), so that nearly 100 children from the Thami indigenous group can continue their education in a safe environment. Human Act has also helped rebuild private homes for some of the poorest families in the Dolakha district, which is located close to the border to Tibet. In addition, local authorities and Human Act have lent poor farmers a small piece of land for free to produce their crops, such as chili.

Uganda

Together with Sustainable Education For Uganda (SEFU), Human Act continues, for the 3rd year in a row, to support and to promote education in Uganda that has been affected by war. This year support has specifically been given to the construction of a dorm room for Mariolett Senior Secondary School with room for approximately 70 children in the Oyam-district in northern Uganda.

Iran

Since 2018, Human Act has supported the Iranian NGO Harkat Ensani in Mashhad. This year's contributions have included:

- Humanitarian work in cooperation with Red Crescent after the floods in Sistan and Baluchestan;
- Contributing to the fight against COVID-19 by spraying disinfectants in key public locations in Mashhad; and
- A national photo competition and exhibition showing poverty and inequality issues.

Palestine

Human Act supports five NGOs in Palestine, most of them with a special focus on children and young people:

- The Catharsis-initiative, which helps child prisoners suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) after incarceration in prisons through peaceful methods of trauma release and resilience such as yoga, active meditation and art therapy;
- Autism Superhero Palestine, which develops creative projects for children with autism and raises awareness about autism;
- The Middle East Children's Alliance, which has built a new water system for the Rafah Preparatory Boys School & New Rafah School serving approximately 2,200 pupils, including 5 years of water system maintenance;
- Medical Aid for Palestinians, which works with children aged 0-5 years in Gaza to avoid malnutrition and which has contributed COVID-19 sanitary supplies for the medical personnel in Gaza; and
- The National Centre for Community Rehabilitation, which provide home care for people with physical disabilities by a qualified multidisciplinary and internationally trained medical team that includes a physician, a physiotherapist, a nurse, an occupational therapist and a psychologist.

Bangladesh

In collaboration with the US-based NGO ConnectHer, Human Act has been involved in two projects in Bangladesh:

- The orphanage Hazera's House in Bangladesh, which helps children of sex workers; and
- Girls Global Education Fund to support the education of 25 young women.



Photo: Nasrin Shahmohamadi



Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive
Dalai Lama, 14th Tibetan spiritual leader (1935 -)

RECOGNITION

Djaffar Shalchi, founder of Human Act, was honored to accept the Danish Community Prize 2019 (in Danish: Fællesskabsprisen).

In presenting the award, the jury of the Danish Community Prize 2019 highlighted that: Real estate owner and multimillionaire Djaffar Shalchi raises the issue of growing inequality in Denmark and globally in the public debate. Djaffar Shalchi lives by the motto: “The rich must contribute more to society.” As Djaffar says, it is not the poor and the bottom of society who must lift society and save the world.



Djaffar Shalchi with grandson Alexander at DFDS Oslo Boat where the Danish Community Prize 2019 ceremony took place in August 2019.

STRATEGIC GOALS

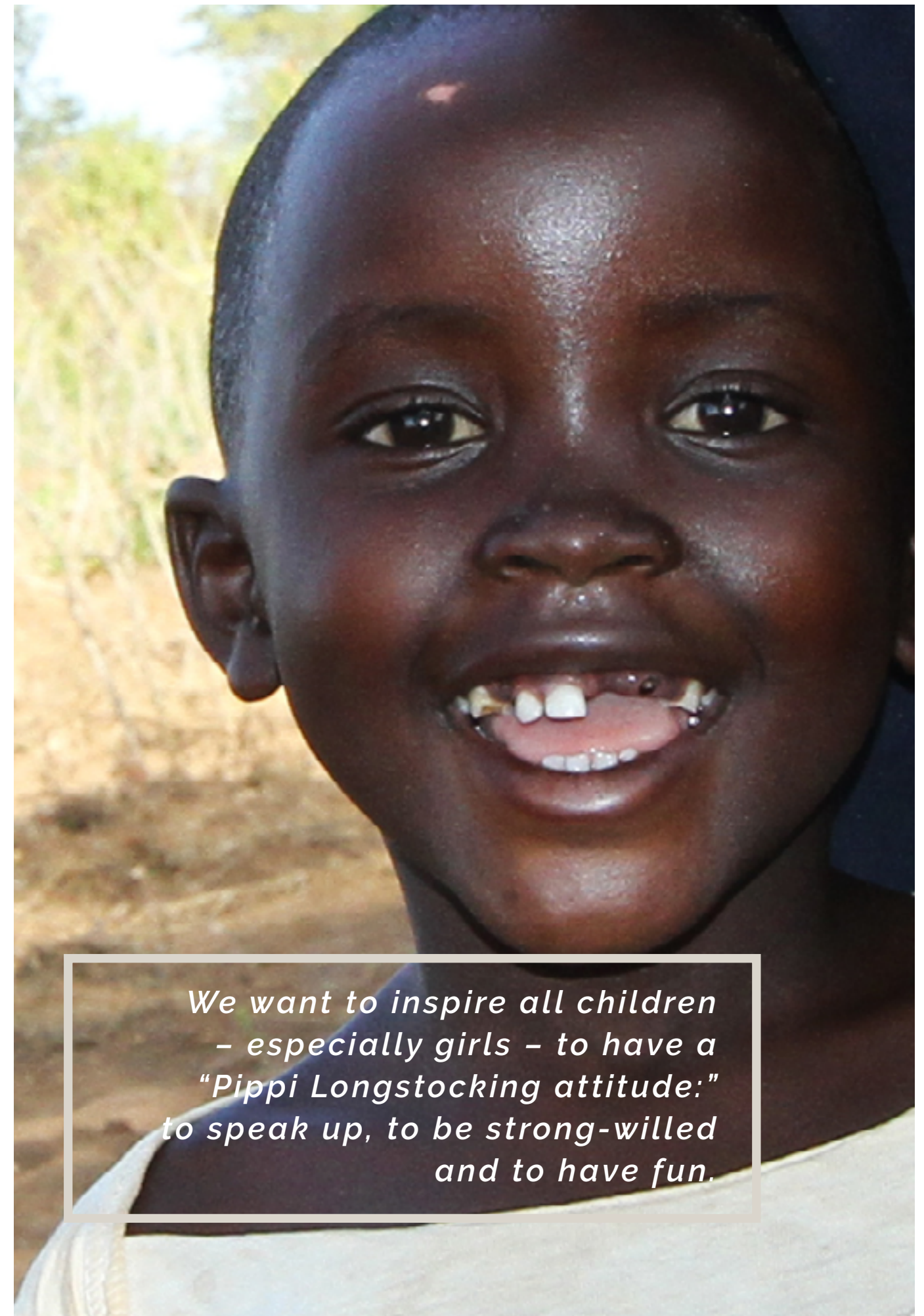
2020-2030

Go beyond philanthropy: advocate for wealth taxation by

- working on a global UN wealth tax resolution with international strategic partners and member states of the United Nations;
- collaborating with national strategic partners and “millionaire voices” to pass wealth taxation in at least seven countries; and
- expand and strengthen the Millionaires for Humanity network to thousands of members, from all continents, actively using their “millionaire voice” to advocate wealth taxation on themselves.

Empower the next generation to stand up for their rights and to fight inequality through joint activities and awareness-raising campaigns and;

Improve living conditions for 10 000 children and young people by supporting primarily educational and health projects in selected low-income countries.



*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.*

THE TEAM



Jonas
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Lyng Zandar

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REPORTS AND SELECTED MEDIA AND PRESS INTERVENTIONS 2019-2020

Reports

Closing the SDG Budget Gap by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (2018):
<https://movehumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/PICA-HUMANITY-REPORT-WEB-V7-190319.pdf>

SDG Costing & Financing in Low-Income Developing Countries by UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (2019):
<https://sdgfinancing.unsdsn.org/>

Wealth taxation

Dear Mr. Deutsch: Come to “F***ing Denmark.” Comparing the American and Danish tax systems and what Americans and Danes get in return for their taxes (November 2019):
<https://medium.com/@humanact/dear-donny-deutsch-come-to-f-ing-denmark-ea6995bb684d>

More than 170 millionaires from 14 countries signed the Millionaires against Pitchforks open letter asking governments to tax them and asking the largest corporations to stop their abuse of tax havens: Over 175 pieces of press coverage plastering North America and Europe, as well as parts of South America and Africa in connection to World Economic Forum at Davos (January 2020): <https://www.millionairesagainstpitchforks.com/>

The Millionaires against Pitchforks letter was cited in Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-COVID-19 World, a report from World Economic Forum (2020) (page 38, Business Leadership http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Challenges_and_Opportunities_Post_COVID_19.pdf

Memo from a Multi-Millionaire: COVID-19 Proves Business Case for Taxing the Rich, co-ed by Djaffar Shalchi, Founder of Human Act, and Ben Phillips, advisor to governments and international institutions on how to tackle inequality (May 2020): Read the article.
<http://www.ipsnews.net/2020/05/memo-multi-millionaire-covid-19-proves-business-case-taxing-rich/>

“Tax the rich” (video):
<https://www.facebook.com/humanact.org/videos/2567224990163830/>

Wealth inequality sugar coated (video):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abYAHMDsVu0>

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<https://www.expressen.se/nyheter/klimat/greta-stottar-unicef-i-kampen-mot-corona/>

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United Nations News (Global):
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/04/1062942>

The Washington Times (US):
<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/apr/29/greta-thunberg-launches-campaign-fight-coronavirus/>

CNN World (Global):
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/02/world/greta-thunberg-coronavirus-donation-trnd/index.html>

Daily Mail (UK):
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Independent (UK):
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/greta-thunberg-coronavirus-relief-fund-donation-prize-money-un-a9492496.html>

AFP/VOA (France/Global):
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Nau (Switzerland):
<https://www.nau.ch/news/europa/greta-thunberg-spendet-in-corona-krise-100000-dollar-an-unicef-65700649>

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