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**MILLIONAIRES
FOR HUMANITY
GROWS**



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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. That's why I have established the Millionaires for Humanity network.

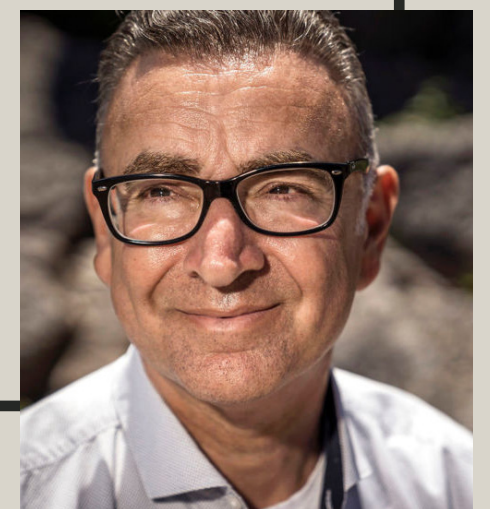
We are a growing international network of multimillionaires all over the world, united in our concern for the challenges the world and its people are facing. We go beyond philanthropy to work for systemic change. The mission is to advocate a 1% Global Wealth Tax on wealthy people to help support COVID-19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

Our message is clear: tax us.

Our roadmap is clear: pursue the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind.

Our timeline is clear: latest by 2030.

**Yours sincerely,
Djaffar Shalchi**



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

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 advocate 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.

Since 2016, Human Act has been advocating a wealth tax on significantly wealthy people through different initiatives. The Move Humanity initiative focused on building the scientific research to describe the model and the effect of a wealth tax as well as on building awareness around this. 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
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The Team

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THE HUMAN ACT ECO SYSTEM

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 other words, they transformed their business into a foundation.

By donating the properties, 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. Human Act can also decide to sell some of its properties if necessary.

As the ambitions of Human Act grew, Djaffar and Ané 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

A just and sustainable world.

Mission

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

Values

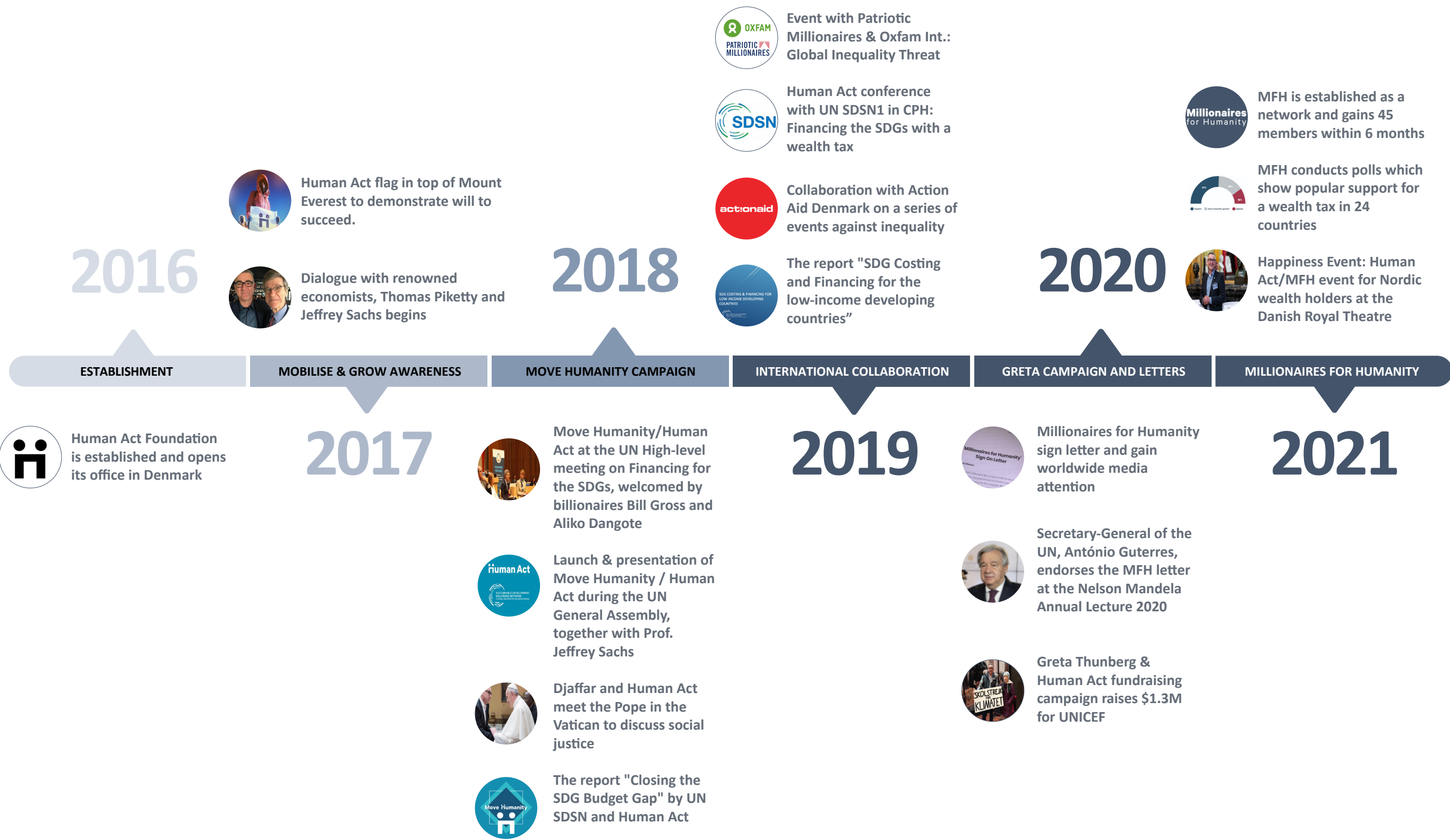
We believe that the ability to show **love, empathy**, and not least **generosity** towards our fellow human beings is essential if we are to make the world a better and more joyful place for all to live in.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS 2016-2021

PURSuing WEALTH TAXATION AND OTHER KEY RESULTS:



1: Sustainable Development Solutions Network – A Global Initiative for the United Nations (President: Jeffrey Sachs)

STRATEGIC GOALS

2020-2030

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 at least seven countries.
- 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.



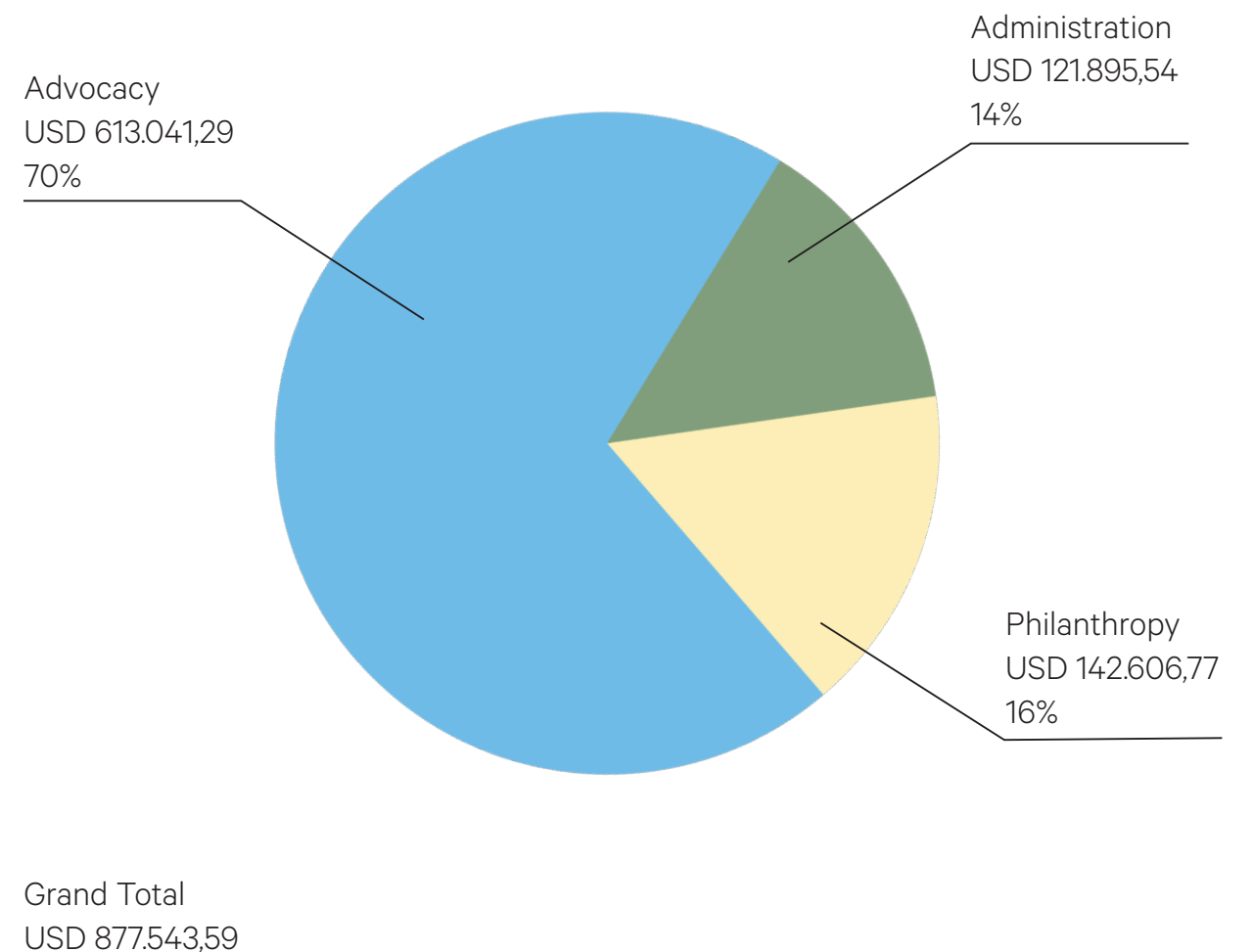
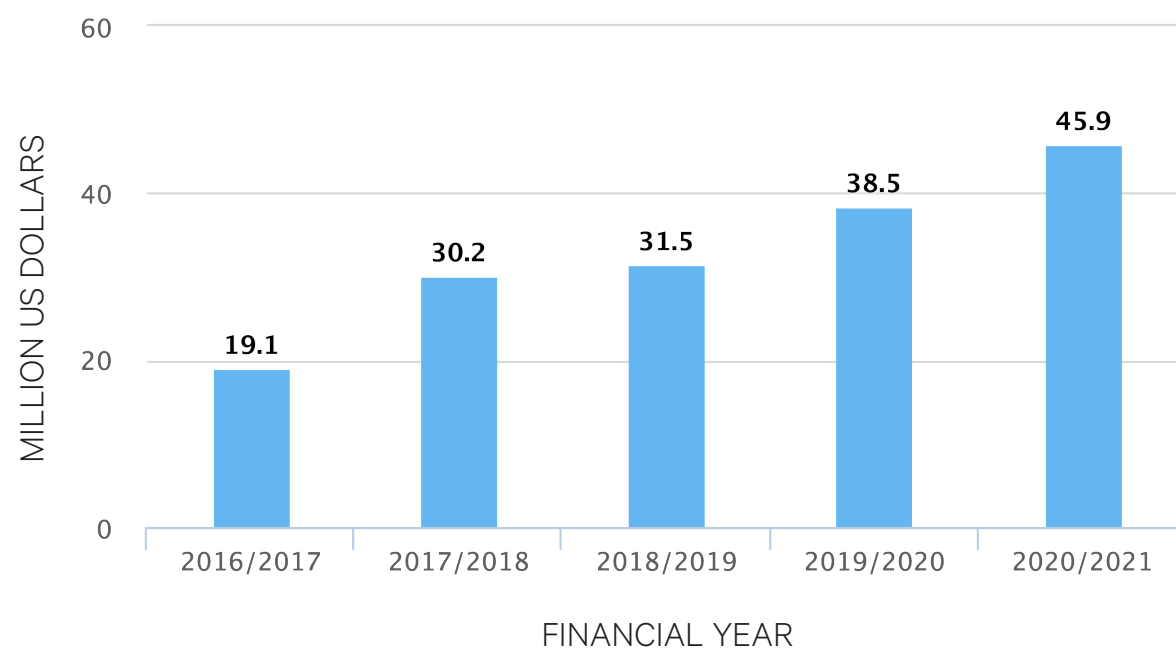
FINANCES

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 7.67 million per year.

During the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, the foundation spent a total of USD 877.543,59 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



FINANCE THE SDGs

WEALTH TAXATION

Human Act creates awareness about the current inequalities in the world and mobilizes people – grassroots as well as grasstops – 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.

Three Stages of the Movement

Global **UN resolution on wealth tax/** OECD actively working on passing a **Global Minimum Wealth Tax Agreement**

Wealth taxation is passed in at least seven countries

Hundreds of wealthy MFH members from all continents are actively advocating wealth taxation on themselves.

Wealth taxation in 50 countries, the proceeds of which are being deployed to meet the SDGs.

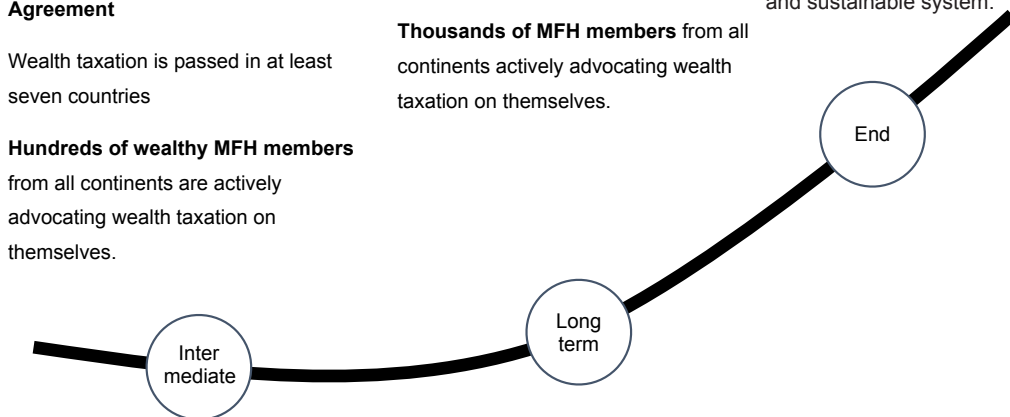
Wealth tax is the new normal

Thousands of MFH members from all continents actively advocating wealth taxation on themselves.

Extreme poverty has ended, and inequality is reduced

There is almost **no one without school, health, water or who is earning less than they need** to fulfil their basic needs.

A just distribution of wealth, towards a more transparent, democratic, and sustainable system.



Launch of MILLIONAIRES FOR HUMANITY

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.

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.

Since its launch in mid-February 2021, Millionaires for Humanity has gained

numerous members from countries around the world. The network is a formal follow-up to the “Millionaires against Pitchforks”/Davos letter (January 2020) and “Millionaires for Humanity”/Covid-19 letter (July 2020) www.millionairesforhumanity.org/about/letter/ which were signed by more than 200 multimillionaires from 18 countries asking their governments to raise taxes on themselves to contribute to our societies’ pressing challenges. The letters received significant media attention worldwide and were a collaboration with Patriotic Millionaires, Oxfam International and other partners.


In April 2021, Millionaires for Humanity launched its own website, featuring quotes and pictures of the millionaire members and ambassadors as well as news about wealth taxation by Millionaires for Humanity or members of the network. Along with the website, Millionaires for Humanity has been launched on four Social Media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn). The channels are used to create 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 1500 followers within three months of its launch.

Millionaires for Humanity has hosted two roundtables with renowned economists and wealth taxation specialists, Gabriel Zucman (France) and Rafael Wildauer (Austria), and has co-hosted a webinar in collaboration with Copenhagen Business School, called “How to Finance the SDGs with a Wealth Tax”, attended by students at Copenhagen Business School and members of the Millionaires for Humanity network.

In May 2021, members of the Millionaires for Humanity and Patriotic Millionaires networks, wrote a letter to the incoming Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Mathias Cormann, to congratulate him on his new appointment and to encourage him to lead the global debate on how to tax personal capital.

millionairesforhumanity Millionaires who support a wealth tax???

Yes, they actually exist! They are called Millionaires for Humanity.

Here you can hear why [@shalchidjaffar](#) thinks it is so important that wealthy people speak up for a wealth tax 

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flyingwolfdonuts I had no idea you existed! I'm emotional right now over the discovery... happy tears... There's hope for humanity after all!



Why is it important that millionaires speak up for a wealth tax?

Millionaires have a unique role to play in advocating wealth taxes and they are very effective in this role. Many people believe that a wealth tax is anti-rich, that it would hurt business development and that it would cause rich people to leave the country and damage the economy to the extent that a wealth tax would be counter productive. None of this is true, although it is all widely believed. Wealthy people can debunk these narrative obstacles and people who are not wealthy cannot do much about this. Policymakers, the media, and the public listen when rich people explain why a wealth tax is needed – and this gives them a unique responsibility.

Millionaires advocating a wealth tax accelerates progress so that fewer people get hurt before it happens. It is like white South Africans saying they are against apartheid, or men engaging as gender advocates. Besides, most people who are not rich are too busy trying to put food on the table or pay for rent to engage in advocacy work as well.

Their message also restores faith in humanity which can be seen in one of the comments on the Millionaires for Humanity’s Instagram page:

WHAT DO THE MILLIONAIRES SAY WHEN THEY SPEAK UP?



It's time for a wealth tax. It's the only thing that's fair, and it's the only thing that will take some of this vast store of wealth that has unnaturally amassed among a handful of people, and ensure that it benefits people who really need it. Therefore, we need people who are willing to stick up for the BIGGER thing, which is other human beings and not their own narrow self-interest. That's why Millionaires for Humanity is important.

Abigail Disney (US),

Walt Disney heiress, documentary filmmaker, co-founder of Fork Films, and podcast host of "All Ears."

When you have a class of people who live entirely different lives from the vast majority and have so much wealth and power, it's just not good for any society. By reinstating some taxes on wealthy people, there's a lot of incredible things that the money can be used for, that, honestly, I truly believe will improve the lived experience for every American. Count me in as a happy [wealth] taxpayer.

Nick Hanauer (US)

Successful business leader, entrepreneur, and venture capitalist. In recent years, Hanauer has established himself as a civic innovator, public speaker, and fierce critic of America's growing income inequality.



We need redistribution of wealth, land and power and we need this to be a transparent and democratic process – to me, this means: wealth taxes!

Marlene Engelhorn (Austria)

Millionaire heiress who gained media attention after she said in an interview that she wants to donate 90 percent of her wealth and is in favor of a wealth tax.

Speaking up for wealth taxes together with Millionaires for Humanity has been a transformative experience. The group has managed to put tax justice on top of the agenda for the post-Covid recovery where it rightly belongs. We have to reverse the decades of deregulation and ensure a progressive taxation of wealth globally.

Antonis Schwarz (Germany)

Founder of Guerrilla Foundation, impact investor, philanthropist and activist of Greek-German descent who advocates for tax justice in Germany and internationally.



OUR CALL HAS BEEN BACKED BY EMINENT GLOBAL LEADERS



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

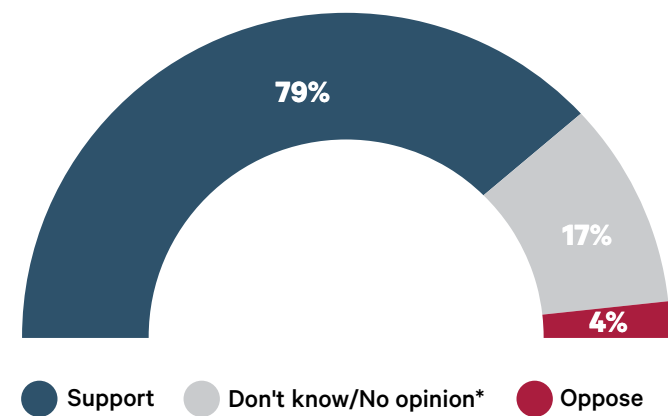
Secretary-General of the UN (said as response to the Millionaires for Humanity 2020 Letter at the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture 2020).

GREAT SUPPORT FOR A WEALTH TAX IN 24 COUNTRIES

Millionaires for Humanity has conducted opinion polls in 24 countries across five continents showing overwhelming popular support for a 1% annual wealth tax on people with a net wealth of USD 10 million. Out of the 24 polls, 11 have been released together with a strategic partner, which resulted in approximately 30 news articles including interviews with members of the Millionaires for Humanity network. The opinion polls were conducted together with the international market research agencies, Glocalities and Avanta.

The surveys confirm broad support for redistributive policies, which can take the form of a wealth tax and shows how voters who have suffered the economic crisis caused by the covid 19 epidemic are looking to governments to ask that those who have the

Results from Indonesia



Source: Millionaires for Humanity and Glocalities, March 2021.
* Includes Don't know and neither support/oppose.
Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

POLL RESULTS 2021

Indonesia	79	17	4
Brazil	72	16	12
Chile	72	15	13
India	72	13	15
Morocco	70	22	9
Germany	66	25	10
Italy	66	25	8
UK	66	18	16
Ireland	65	19	16
Philippines	65	16	19
Peru	64	22	14
Belgium	63	27	10
France	63	27	10
Spain	62	28	10
Austria	60	26	14
South Africa	60	24	16
Finland	58	25	17
Netherlands	57	30	14
New Zealand	57	23	20
Canada	55	27	18
Australia	54	34	12
Mexico	51	30	18
Denmark	50	26	24
Sweden	50	35	15

● Support ● Don't know / no opinion ● Oppose

CONTRIBUTING TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE

Millionaires for Humanity and Human Act have been contributed to the public debate throughout the year. Djaffar Shalchi, founder of Millionaires for Humanity has participated in several podcasts, including American entrepreneur and multi-millionaire Nick Hanauer's podcast Pitchfork Economics. Here is a selection of the media coverage:

- **How rich is too rich?** Rafael Wildauer, senior lecturer in economics at the University of Greenwich, Djaffar Shalchi, founder of Millionaires for Humanity, and others in the Al Jazeera programme moderated by Femi Oke (14 April 2021, 25 minutes): www.aljazeera.com/program/the-stream/2021/4/14/how-rich-is-too-rich



The Stream with Femi Oke Al Jazeera



- **Hundreds of millionaires advocating a Wealth Tax:** The Spark, Germany, (March 2021, 17 minutes): www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRSnHnlzzZM
- **The American dream is now in Denmark:** Get inspiration from this (fun) conversation between Anand Giridharadas, American journalist and author of *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World* and Danish businessman and founder of Human Act, Djaffar Shalchi about why Djaffar Shalchi wants to “go beyond philanthropy” and to make rich people like himself pay more in taxes (23 February 2021): www.the.ink/p/the-american-dream-is-now-in-denmark
- **Financing the SDGs through a wealth tax:** Webinar co-organized with the student organization CBS Aid, Copenhagen Business School (20 May 2021, 60 minutes): www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vV-FQi3gfw
- **Inequality is bad for everyone:** Djaffar Shalchi in dialogue with Nick Hanauer and David Goldstein on the Pitchfork Economics podcast (8 June 2021, 39 minutes): www.pitchforkeconomics.com/episode/inequality-is-bad-for-everyone-with-djaffar-shalchi/
- **Indonesian government is encouraged to implement a wealth tax to overcome the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic:** Tirto, Indonesia (April 2021) www.tirto.id/jokowi-didorong-terapkan-pajak-kekayaan-untuk-pemulihan-pandemi-gd9N

PHILANTHROPY FIGHTING INEQUALITY

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.

Supporting children's and women's rights

For the 4th year in a row Human Act supported the ConnectHER Film Festival, including financing film awards and scholarships for the winners of multiple film categories at the ConnectHER Film Festival. The film festival features short films by young people (girls and boys) focusing on critical girls' and women's issues such as education, ending violence against women, poverty and economic independence and authentic beauty/body image.

In 2020, more than 200 films from students and young people in 40 countries competed at the festival. The 2020 ConnectHER Film Festival was held virtually because of the Covid-19 circumstances. The Grand Prize was awarded to "Yellow Card" which is the story of the American Burlington High School girls' football (soccer) team and the launch of their equal pay campaign. Watch the 5-minute film here: www.connectherfilmfest.org/2020/02/14/yellow-card/

Supporting children in Bangladesh

In collaboration with ConnectHER, Human Act has supported Educate a Girl. Schools in Bangladesh were closed for much of 2020 because of the Covid-19 lockdown. Nevertheless, Human Act contributed with educational support for 60 girls through ConnectHER's Girls Global Education Fund (28 girls in Chattogram, 27 girls in the remote ethnic minority region of Bandaran, and 5 girls in Dhaka). About half of the scholarship recipients are in primary school and half in secondary school.



This is Alaching Chak, one of the 60 schoolgirls receiving a scholarship. Alaching attends the sixth grade at Donbosco High School in Bandaran, Bangladesh. Her family is struggling to keep up with the costs of educating all their children. Her father believes it would be easier to take Alaching out of school, because her older brother will soon be taking his secondary school certificate exam and her two younger brothers are still in primary school. Human Act is supporting Alaching so that she can continue her studies, and her father has agreed.

Human Act also supports Hazera's Home in Bangladesh. 18 girls and 28 boys – all children of sex workers – have been safely cared for throughout the pandemic at Hazera's Home. Children who might otherwise have been on the streets at far greater risk. During school closures in 2020, the girls attended online classes, and Hazera continued to pay the girls' school fees and for Internet service (school fees must be paid even during shutdown to maintain enrollment and pay teachers).



Hazera Begum (in yellow/orange scarf) and some of Hazera's "daughters". Two of Hazera's girls (including Farzana, 18, to the right of Hazera) graduated in June 2021.

Keep girls in school in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Together with ConnectHER, Human Act has engaged in a new partnership with the non-profit organization Génération Epanouie (Blooming Generation in French) in the rural areas in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to support children's right to education., Human Act provided scholarships to 70 girls of whom 20 attend primary school and 50 attend secondary school in North and South Kivu. With the scholarships come school materials and monitoring of the students' academic and social progress.



Faradja Amani, 8 years old, is in grade 4 at Complexe Scolaire La Gloire/Kasha school near Bukavu in Eastern DR Congo. Faradja's mother, Ombeni, sells flour to takes care of her family. Her father, Amani, has no occupation. Faradja was at risk of dropping out of school due to lack of money when Génération Epanouie (supported by Human Act through ConnectHER) took her school fees in charge. Watch an inspirational 6-minute film on the Scholarship here:

www.ConnectHERfilmfest.org/2019/03/18/tumaini-the-hope/



Raising awareness and supporting children in Iran

Since 2016, Human Act has supported the Iranian NGO Harkat Ensani in Mashhad. The 2020-2021 Harkat Ensani activities to increase focus on wealth awareness have included:

- Development of a report on the optimal plan of the wealth tax in Iran in collaboration with the Sharif University Policy Research Institute.
- Public awareness campaigns on wealth inequality and wealth taxation – including motion-graphics and animation – have been shared on social media. An animation series called “The Humans” consists of 1 minute series using humour to discuss poverty, equality, wealth tax etc.
- Podcasts on the ways the brain works when it comes to money, power and happiness have been streamed.
- Virtual summer school about wealth tax in collaboration with professors from Ferdowsi University, which donates to Harkat Ensani.Partnership with Mashhad Municipalities to use the online school for poor students.

The 2020-2021 Harkat Ensani philanthropic activities have included:

- Harkat Ensani also organized a “clean-up campaign” which was held on May 31 2021 on the annual World No Tobacco Day in one of the parks of Mashhad with about 50 volunteers. The volunteers picked up trash - including large amounts of used cigarette filters – to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use.
- The second Photography Festival with themes such as economic poverty, cultural illiteracy, children’s rights and philanthropic activities took place in Iran. The purpose was to raise awareness about the positive effects of economic equality and to encourage artists to educate society. A total of 3,314 photos were submitted to the competition. Of the 3,314 photos, a total of 61 taken by conventional cameras and 14 taken by mobile phones were accepted as finalists by a distinguished and knowledgeable jury consisting of two women and three men. Cash prizes were distributed to the three winners of each category. The festival was visualized on two Instagram sites and got more than 26.000 views and a reach of 3.000. Selected photoes were exhibited in the Harkat Ensani building.



- Support of more than 1.000 vulnerable and talented students.
- Education materials for 100 talented students.
- Scholarships end enrollment to schools for more than 100 talented students.
- Economic support for five schools in the poor suburbs of Mashhad that involve more than 750 vulnerable and talented students.
- 60 kids have been supported with medicals and glasses.
- Support of an orphanage for 40 girls covering everything from expenses for beds and tables to education expenses and renovation of the buildings.
- Support for 60 of the most vulnerable kids’ families for living expenses such as food, clothes, medicine etc.



Supporting farmers in Nepal

Namaste - “I bow to you”

Together with local partners in Nepal, Human Act has helped rebuild private homes for the poorest families in the Dolakha district who (still today) have suffered from the consequences of a massive earthquake in 2015 which killed 9000+ people. Human Act also supports poor farmers such as Govinda Shiwakoti on the opposite page.

Photo: Govinda Shiwakoti, a farmer in the Kalinchok rural municipality (district of Dolakha, Nepal), is preparing to plant seeds of a local chili which can also be used as medicine for gastritis (inflammation of the stomach). The local authorities and Human Act have lent Govinda a small piece of land for free to produce his crops.



Helping children in Palestine

In 2018 Human Act initiated the initiative Humanity 4 Palestine – a group of activists, journalists, and scholars on a mission to spread awareness and build a solidarity campaign to support Palestinians by advocating and working for equality and by supporting organizations behind much needed medical and social projects for children in Palestine.

The Catharsis initiative provides healing support to former child prisoners suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the West Bank. Peaceful methods of trauma release and resilience such as yoga, active meditation and art therapy are used in the holistic healing process. Human Act is supporting Catharsis' expansion in Gaza by partnering with the Nawa for Culture and Arts Association allowing for hundreds of children to receive holistic healing and trauma therapy at five of the organization's centres. The Catharsis initiative also plans to conduct teacher training for professionals working with children on methods for trauma therapy.



Palestinian girls aged 16-20 during a two-day healing retreat in Jericho in 2019 funded by Youth For Action Denmark. On the far left: Ahed Tamini who – at 16 – was detained for six months in an Israeli prison for slapping an Israeli soldier who shot her cousin in the head and attacked her in her home. In the centre: AshiraPrem Rachana, Catharsis project leader. Ashira dreams of opening a meditation center in Jericho to create an oasis of inner peace for everyone who needs healing.



Human Act supported **Autism SuperHero** in providing workshops for parents on how to help their kids with autism by providing therapy and psychology workshops to help mothers overcome stress and anxiety. This year, 28 activity kits were distributed monthly to families with children with autism in the West Bank for six months. 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. With Human Act's support, Autism SuperHero has been able to transform from a project into a full-fledged organization run by mothers of children with autism.



Palestinian girls aged 16-20 during a two-day healing retreat in Jericho in 2019 funded by Youth For Action Denmark.

Human Act also partnered with **The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA)** on the construction of a water purification unit Al saqia maia unit. It was established in July 2020 and it helps around 200 families with each family counting around 8-10 members (a total of 1,800-2,000 persons). The families are dependent of the water purification unit to provide clean water for drinking and cooking.

Human Act supported **Medical Aid for Palestinians** in providing support to fight malnutrition in clinics for children aged 0-5 years in Gaza and in providing more than 200 hygiene kits to be used by 800-1,200 people in quarantine having returned to Gaza from countries where the coronavirus had taken hold.



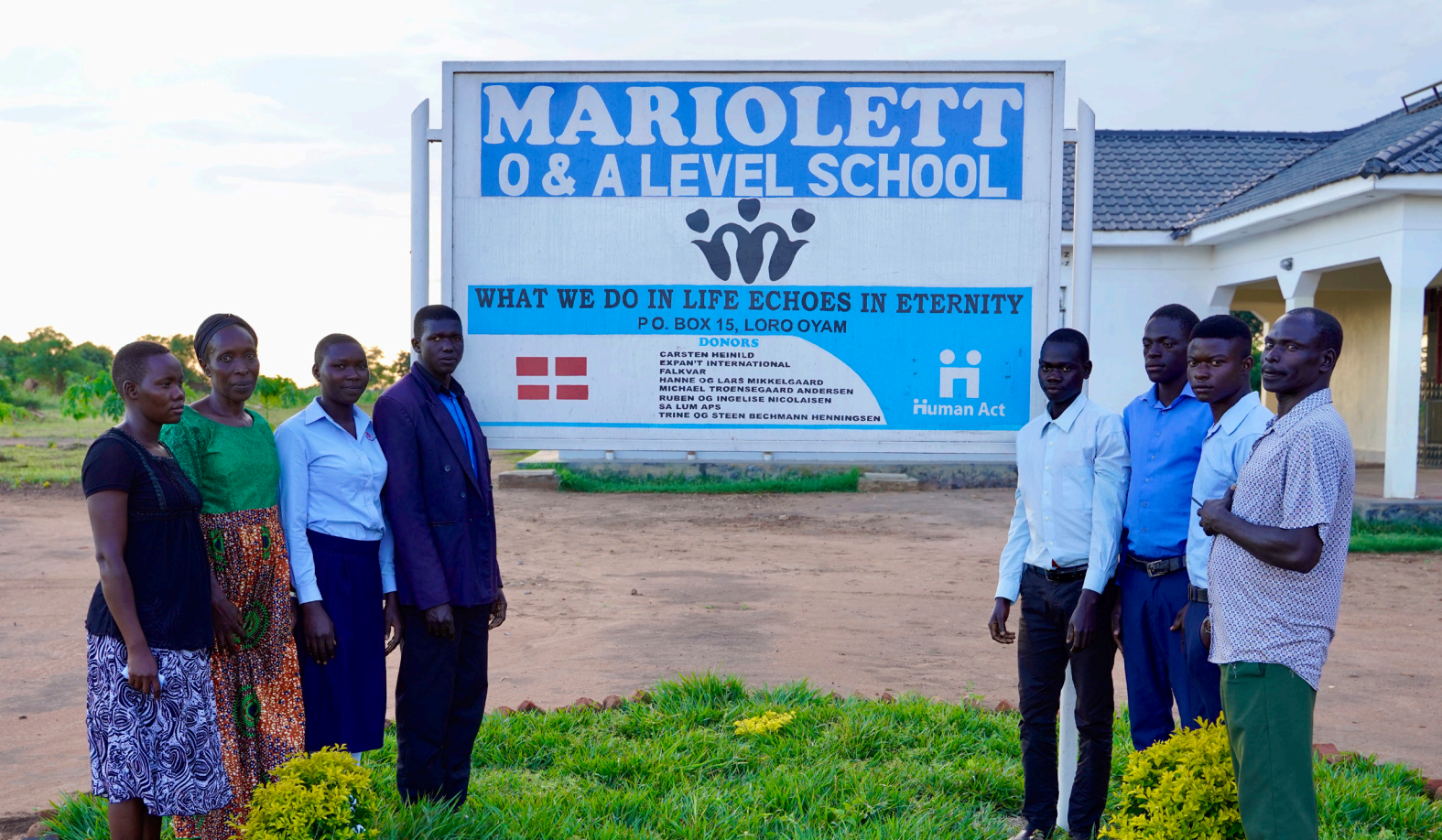
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) distributing hygiene kits during a home visit in Gaza in 2020

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.





The head team of the Mariolett School in front of the administration building. Left: Store Manager, Lolly Akullo, Head of School, Alice Akello, Head Girl, Ruth Apio, Janitor, Moses Onyanga. Right: Security Guard, Jackson, Head Boy, Eugene Mukasa, Head Prefect, Justine Aliro, and Deputy Head Prefect, Awany William.

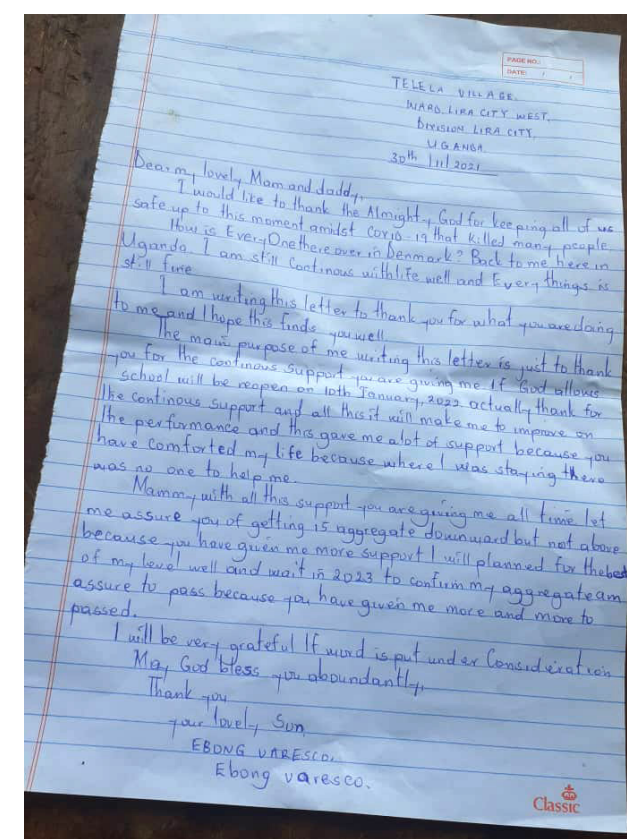
The Mariolett School in Uganda

Human Act envisions a world where every human being has access to quality education. That is why Human Act has supported the Mariolett School in the Oyam district in Northern Uganda for the fourth year in a row.

The school has been built from scratch, starting in 2017, and is a combination of school and boarding school. In normal circumstances (read “in non pandemic times”) the Mariolett school teaches 90+ children and young persons (a majority of girls) between the ages of 13 and 18. The ambition is to enlarge the school with additional three class rooms, a dormitory for boys and a dining area. With school fees and income from crops sold on the school’s land, Mariolett plans to offer 15% of all students a scholarship prioritized for those students in most need.



Mariolett's school bus
Illustration by Sicas Lyng Zandar



A “thank you letter” from a former student.



*Sikandar Siddique, Member of Parliament and political leader of Independent Greens (Danish: Frie Grønne) receives the Human Act Award 2021 sculpture from Djaffar Shalchi, founder of Human Act, 22 April 2021 at Human Act's office..
Photographer: Nanna Meersohn.*

Human Act Award 2021

Human Act Award was awarded to Sikandar Siddique, Danish Member of Parliament, in 2021.

Mr. Sikandar Siddique, Danish Member of Parliament and political leader of Independent Greens (Danish: Frie Grønne), was awarded the Human Act Award 2021 on 22 April 2021 in recognition of his targeted efforts to fight inequality, racism, discrimination and climate change. Djaffar Shalchi handed over the prizes to Mr. Siddique and expressed his pride in awarding Mr. Siddique for being a great example to others of diverse Denmark and a strong voice in the debate about inequality, climate and Danish democracy.

Mr Siddique, who is 35 years old, was born and raised in Nørrebro in Copenhagen as the son of parents who originally came to Denmark from Pakistan in the 1970s.

The Human Act Award is awarded to passionate change-makers who are dedicated to action on the world's most pressing issues in the context of the SDG Decade of Action (2020-2030). It consists of a diploma, a bronze sculpture by Danish artist Asmund Havsteen-Mikkelsen and a cash award of USD 100,000. The winner is announced every year on Mother Earth Day, April 22. Greta Thunberg, Swedish environmental activist, was the first recipient of the award in 2020.



Greta Thunberg received the Human Act Award in 2020

HUMAN ACT DEVELOPMENT

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.

Three investments in venture funds and 5-7 investments directly in startup companies are expected to be made for 2021-2022.

HOW TO FIGHT

RECOMMENDED READING

How to Fight Inequality – And why that fight needs you

by Ben Phillips

[Order the book here](#)

State of Tax Justice 2020: Tax Justice in the time of COVID-19

The very first report of it's kind.

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World Happiness Report 2021

[Read it here](#)

Policy brief: A European Wealth Tax

by Rafael Wildauer, Stuart Leitch and Jakob Kapeller

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