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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 pushing really hard 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**

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.

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 **lan Rush** CFO **Djaffar Shalchi** Founder / Chair of Boar Ané Maro Founder / Board member















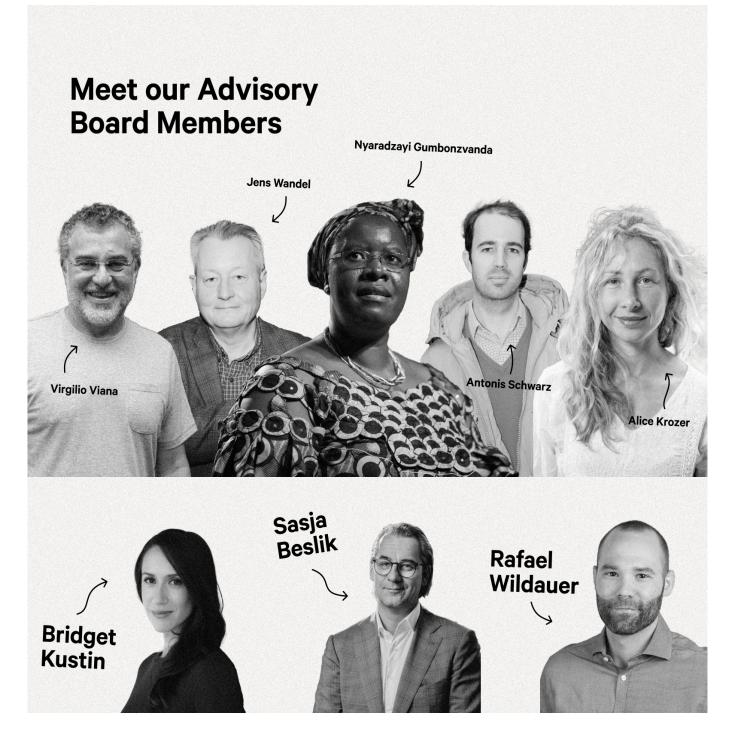






# The Team

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## Meet our Advisory Board

The Human Act and Millionaires Advisory Board is made up of seven 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

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

A just and sustainable world.

# Mission

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

# Values

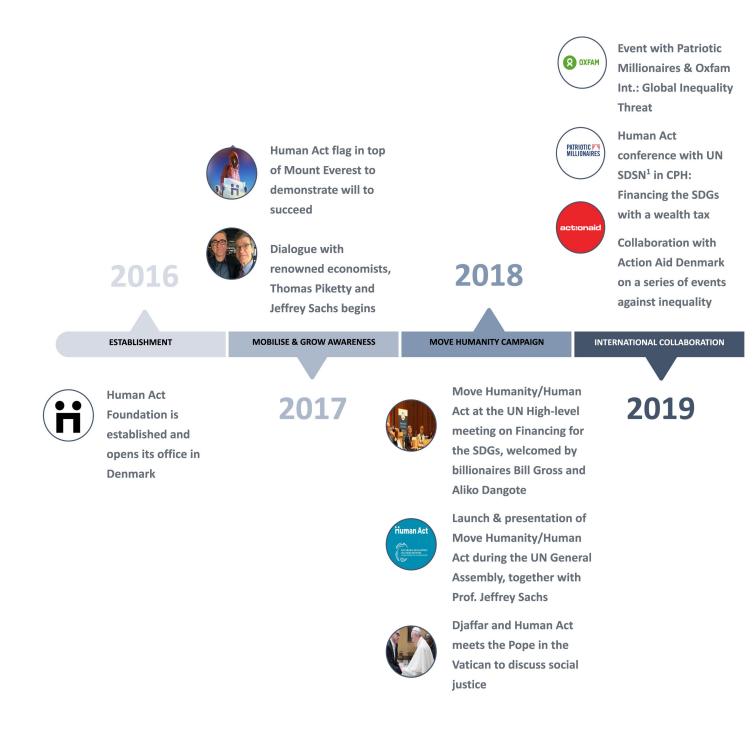
We believe that the ability to show **love, empathy**, and not least **generosity** towards our fellow human beings is essential if we are to make the world a better and more joyful place for all to live in.

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 2016-2023

#### PURSUING WEALTH TAXATION AND OTHER KEY RESULTS:





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



MFH was part of the Cost of Extreme Wealth Campaign at the WEF meeting

Our philanthropic donations

amounted to an impressive

\$6 million in total





We had events with the Blue elephant in Amsterdam and



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

2020

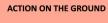


Secretary-General of the UN, António Guterres, endorses the MFH letter at the Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture 2020



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





wealth taxes.

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

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.



Vienna

2023



# 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 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.



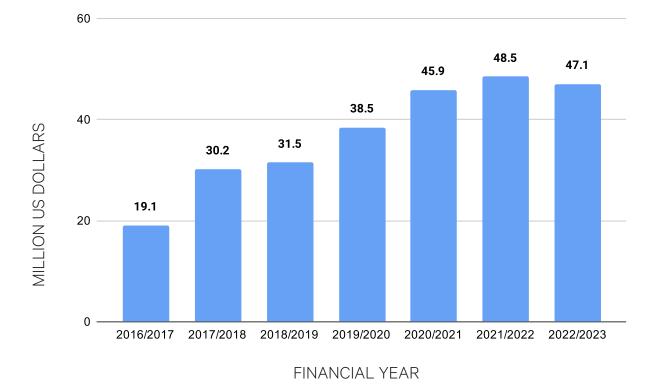
### **FINANCES**

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

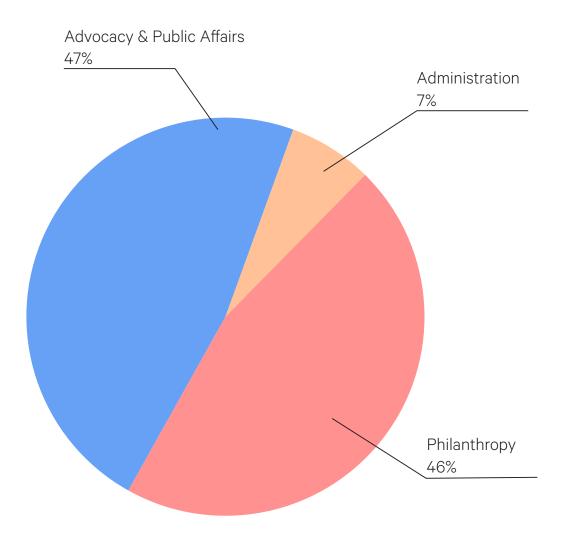
During the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, the foundation spent a total of USD 1.730.682 on projects and donations.

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







# WEALTH TAXES ARE THE WAY FORWARD

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.

Sustainable development requires long-term investments in areas such as education, healthcare, and environmental conservation. At Human Act, we believe that wealth tax provides a stable and sustainable source of funding for these initiatives, ensuring their continuity beyond short-term budget cycles. Wealth tax is not just a solution but the only way forward to halt the escalating disparities and inequalities in a capitalism-driven world. By redistributing wealth from the richest individuals and corporations, we can address systemic injustices and ensure that resources are allocated equitably to support the most vulnerable members of society.



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 realize this vision, and we are therefore working actively to secure strong partnerships with these organizations as well as other civil society organizations.

Implementing a wealth tax is not only a practical solution to generate revenue but also a powerful tool for advancing social justice, reducing inequality, and accelerating progress towards the SDGs. It represents a tangible step towards building a more equitable and sustainable future for all.



# 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. 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 letter**

In collaboration with our valuable partners, we created a new letter demanding higher taxes on the rich signed by hundreds of millionaires and billionaires worldwide. The letter <u>https://costofextremewealth.com/</u> received significant international press coverage with more than x press hits in over x countries and are a vital part of our advocacy work.

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

In our letter to political leaders attending Davos, we confront the stark realities of our time: rising poverty, growing wealth gaps, ecological degradation, and the challenges to democracy itself. We find ourselves questioning the acceptance of extreme wealth amidst these overlapping crises, particularly as the pandemic has only deepened the divide, enriching a select few while the majority face dwindling incomes.

Our message is unequivocal: the time for action is now. We call upon these leaders to rectify these injustices by imposing taxes on the ultra-rich. Such measures are not just necessary; they are overdue, aiming to forge economies that work for all, not just a privileged few.

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

Stay informed and connected with us by following our social media channels and regularly visiting our website. We share the latest news, updates, and exciting developments there, ensuring you're always in the loop with what's happening in the world of wealth taxes.

Millionaires for Humanity have through Social Media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn). related platforms for awareness and engagement around the Millionaires for Humanity initiative, as well as to attract more members to the network.



End the age of extreme wealth. Tax the ultra rich.



# THE BLUE ELEPHANT VISITED AMSTERDAM AND VIENNA

The Blue elephant TJ (Tax Justice) is an initiative of Millionaires for Humanity. Having appeared in Copenhagen and Berlin before, this time it traveled to Amsterdam in August 2022 and Vienna in May 2023. Similar to previous events, these appearances as well sparked a lot of interest and facilitated necessary discussions regarding wealth inequality around the world and the urge to address and fight the inequalities. The elephant in a room - or TJ, standing for Tax Justice, is a figure that wants us to address what is unspoken, yet visible to everyone. For Millionaires for Humanity, the elephant in the room is wealth inequality, and the fact that introducing wealth taxes on wealth for the world's richest people could be enough to help fund all the UN Sustainable Development Goals and create a fairer future for all.

Both events sought to address wealth inequalities in the countries where the TJ elephant made appearances. In Holland, extreme inequality undermines societies globally and perpetuates poverty, with the wealthiest 2,120 Dutch individuals collectively owning more wealth than the poorest 10.5 million. What's more, due to various tax benefits and strategies, the very rich contribute a lower proportion of taxes than the poorest households. Meanwhile in Austria, wealth distribution is visibly uneven compared to other European countries. Austria abolished inheritance tax in 2008, and growing financial inequalities can be also observed in terms of real estate assets. Only a small fraction of households (9.5 percent) own properties they don't reside in, and the richest ten percent receive 80 percent of rental income, as noted by Momentum economist Mattias Muckenhuber.



Marlene Engelhorn, an Austrian activist and journalist known for advocating the reform of inheritance tax policies, has been a vital voice in the discourse on wealth inequality. With her willingness to donate 90% of her wealth and her support for wealth tax, Marlene has become a symbol of progressive wealth redistribution efforts. Furthermore, as one of the founders of Tax me now, a German initiative lobbying for higher taxes on the wealthy, Marlene's participation in both Blue Elephant events hosted by Millionaires for Humanity has brought significant attention from the international press, strengthening the advocacy for wealth justice and equality. We are beyond grateful and proud of this exceptional collaboration.



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### **CONTRIBUTING** TO THE PUBLIC DEBATE

Human Act and Millionaires for Humanity have continued to make an impact and made their voices heard in the public debate around wealth inequality and the urgent need for taxation of the world's richest. From endorsing the open letter issued by over 200 millionaires to be taxed more, through the continuation of the collaboration with the Tax Me Now movement, to other successful "blue elephant" events in Vienna and Amsterdam - we were all about making a difference. Keep reading to learn more about Human Act's activity in the last year.

- August 2022 Blue Elephant goes to Amsterdam; On August 30, Oxfam Novib, Millionaires for Humanity, and Human Act gathered on Dam Square in Amsterdam with a 5-meter blue elephant to highlight inequality in the Netherlands. The event emphasized the need for political action to ensure fair wealth distribution through taxation. Michiel Servaes, former general director of Oxfam Novib, stated that wealth inequality in the Netherlands is among the world's highest, exacerbated by the corona and energy crises. Austrian millionaire's daughter Marlene Engelhorn also addressed the crowd at the event on Dam Square.
- December 2022 Interview with Marlene Engelhorn in "El País"; According to Forbes magazine, Engelhorn is expected to receive a share of the \$4 billion fortune left by her late grandmother, Traudl Engelhorn. Austria abolished inheritance tax in 2008. During an Amsterdam summit organized by Millionaires for Humanity in August 2022, Engelhorn expressed that she and her partners in the fight for a wealth tax perceive themselves as "products of an unequal society".
- January 2023 taking a stand at World Economic Forum in Davos; Led by Patriotic Millionaires, Millionaires for Humanity, and taxmenow, together they issue a letter "the cost of extreme wealth" to call government and business leaders to action at the virtual World Economic Forum. Supported by 102 millionaires and billionaires from nine countries, the campaign advocated for permanent wealth taxes to combat extreme inequality and generate revenue for sustained improvements in public services. The campaign gained much recognition from the media worldwide.

• May 2023 - Blue Elephant goes to Vienna; The Momentum Institute, affiliated with trade unions, promoted wealth taxes in downtown Vienna on May 9th. The initiative received support from Djaffar Shalchi, founder of "Millionaires for Humanity," and Marlene Engelhorn, heiress and activist of "Tax Me Now." The campaign aimed to address growing inequality and secure the welfare state through wealth taxes. Shalchi's "Millionaires for Humanity" initiative called for a global one percent wealth tax for the richest one percent to combat poverty and fund welfare states, emphasizing the need for "systemic change." Vienna was the fourth city where the Blue Elephant made its appearance, following past events in Copenhagen, Berlin and Amsterdam. The campaign received substantial recognition from the Austrian media.

#### Read more in these links:

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https://www.oxfamnovib.nl/nieuws/we-moeten-het-hebben-over-de-olifant-in-de-kamer

https://www.krone.at/3008646

### **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 Denmark, England, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Iran, Nepal, Palestine, and Uganda.

### ConnectHER

Throughout the past year, Human Act has sustained its collaboration and support for ConnectHER. ConnectHER is dedicated to investing in women and girls, and aims to elevate their status through impactful projects, thought-provoking films, and sharing the stories from a female perspective.

ConnectHER originated from the vision of its founder, Lila Igram, who noticed a lack of representation for faces and voices like hers in the media during her upbringing. Inspired by the story of Edna Adan, a Somali nurse midwife dedicated to providing maternal healthcare, Lila initiated a crowdfunding campaign that raised \$10,000, leading to establishing ConnectHER in 2011. Over the past decade, it has evolved into a formidable platform supporting impactful projects and stories worldwide.

Human Act has actively participated in various ConnectHER projects, including the "Girls Impact the World" festival, the "Educate a Girl" project in Bangladesh, and "Rohingya Women's Dev Network" project in Malaysia and USA. All of the initiatives fight for giving a platform for girls and women and making their voices heard.

#### ConnectHER FilmFestival



- **ConnectHER Film Festival.** With the mission to authentically amplify the voices and stories of women and girls globally, ConnectHER founder Lila Igram initiated an annual film festival in 2012 with support from Harvard students and groups. The ConnectHER Film Festival invites high school and college students to submit original short films addressing critical women's issues such as girls' education, ending violence against women, poverty & economic independence, and authentic beauty/body image. In 2016, ConnectHER expanded its impact by launching global chapters of the ConnectHER Film Festival. Now, from Nepal to NYC, students gather to watch films and support each other's endeavors to drive social change.
- "Educate a Girl", Bangladesh The "Educate a Girl" initiative aims to tackle the challenges faced by underprivileged girls in schools in Bangladesh. It serves as a pathway out of poverty, uplifting the living standards in their communities and fostering healthier, more productive lives. Education equips girls with the knowledge and skills needed for informed decision-making and self-sufficiency, making them active agents in their lives and positively influencing future generations. This impact extends to the control of birth rates, improvement of basic hygiene, healthcare, and the overall well-being of the community.

• "Rohingya Women's Dev Network", Malaysia/USA - The Rohingya Women's Development Network provides mental health training and support for displaced women. Confronted with past violence and displacement trauma, and ongoing threats like domestic violence, trafficking, and child marriage, Rohingya women are particularly vulnerable. To tackle this silent crisis, ConnectHER funded mental health support training sessions developed by and for Rohingya women through the Rohingya Women's Development Network. These sessions, conducted both online and at women's community centers in Malaysia, Bangladesh, and the US, helped to create a secure environment for survivors to share their traumatic experiences and collaboratively explore solutions with their peers.





# Harkat Ensani

Since 2016, Human Act has supported the Iranian NGO Harkat Ensani in Iran. Harkat Ensani is committed to eradicating extreme poverty, advocating for equality, and promoting the implementation of a wealth tax to finance initiatives for societal welfare.



# About Harkat Ensani

Launched at the start of 2017 and with a vision of achieving financial independence by 2030, Harkat Ensani has established a development division to secure various financial sources for its activities. Harkat Ensani believes in the transformative potential of wealth redistribution through taxation, viewing it as a key resolution to reduce inequality and fund efforts to combat extreme poverty. The foundation actively collaborates with partners to organize events and campaigns, raising public awareness about wealth disparities in Iran and advocating for a wealth tax.

Following the strategy practiced at Human Act, Harkat Ensani directs its financial support primarily to on-the-ground projects, focusing on education and inequality elimination. The foundation is dedicated to ensuring that underprivileged children, particularly talented and vulnerable students in impoverished families, have access to quality education.

The Iranian foundation, then, funds projects that support the education of underprivileged children, with the general hope of contributing to creating a more equal society. The foundation also engages volunteers to complement its efforts in supporting talented, vulnerable students, working towards the vision of leveraging education as a powerful engine for greater equality.

Awareness and Partnership: Harkat Ensani aims to create awareness about the current wealth distribution inequalities in Iran and fight for a fairer society. The Foundation attempts to raise awareness and facilitate setting up a fund to act as a pool for the wealth tax to close the gap for the SDGs. Their priority is raising awareness about and implementation of 1% wealth tax in Iran. In order to achieve that, the organization hosts events, campaigns and attempts to educate people in collaboration with partners and using advocacy. In line with our awareness agenda, we attempt to have more interactions with the press.

# Projects on the ground

One of major parts of our mission is action which appears in our projects on the ground. Hence, part of Harkat Ensani activities are focused on the works carried out in different parts of the country. Our activities can be categorized as follows:

- Supporting schools and Education centers,
- Providing Healthcare costs
- Crisis intervention
- Subsistence assistance
- Environmental measures (planting trees, clean up campaigns)

# **Education Support System**

Harkat Ensani funds projects that aim to improve the lives of children and youth in underprivileged and vulnerable parts of the country. Our concentration is on educating the youth who will be the next generation of decision makers. We attempt to provide a platform where the foundation acts as a guide that leads the students in their path toward growth and excellence. Social workers, research committees and experts would enable us to organize courses and workshops which facilitates our goal. i.e. educational justice.

Expanding Support for Students and Services Between July 2022 to June 2023, Harkat Ensani introduced approximately 1000 students to its education department. After the required screening and filtration processes, only 400 students were accepted as beneficiaries. Currently, Harkat Ensani supports 400 students, providing them with various services in partnership with benefactors to improve their quality of life. These services include basic necessities such as shelter, clothing, stationary, medical and legal assistance, as well as tuition fees and monthly grants.

Throughout our partnership with Harkat Ensani, Human Act has joyfully contributed to improving the quality of life for children and young individuals. We are hoping to expand our areas of work and collaboration in the upcoming years.



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# **Good Ancestor Movement**

In 2022, Human Act established many valuable collaborations - one of them being a notable partnership with the Good Ancestor Movement.

The Good Ancestor Movement is an advisory firm in the UK dedicated to disrupting the conventional private wealth industry. It challenges established notions about the economy, wealth accumulation, tax minimization, and advocates for the redistribution of resources and power.

As a movement, they are committed to supporting individuals and organizations in embracing radical wealth redistribution. Their mission is rooted in the vision of a just and sustainable world where all communities thrive within planetary boundaries. The movement serves thoughtful, courageous, and values-driven wealth holders and custodians who seek to transition from wealth accumulation to mobilizing resources for a more equitable and regenerative future.

Human Act enthusiastically supported an event on 8/12/2022 organized by the Good Ancestor Movement. The event aimed to bring together Europe's wealthiest progressive families with senior figures in the advisory industry for a vital conversation about inequality through hosted discussion panels. The goal was to address the limited interaction between these groups and highlight how the advisory industry might be hindering progressive wealth behaviors.

The project's expected results were to:

- Educate advisors on inequality, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues.
- Build confidence among progressive wealth holders to engage in meaningful conversations with their advisors.
- Foster confidence among progressive advisors to raise inequality issues within their firms.
- Support sign-ups to Patriotic Millionaires UK and Millionaires for Humanity, encouraging active participation in movements advocating for wealth redistribution.

Through collaborative efforts, Human Act and the Good Ancestor Movement sought to contribute to a paradigm shift in wealth management, aligning with principles of social equity, economic justice, and ecological resilience.

#### FRAK

In 2023, Human Act enthusiastically supported some of the local initiatives taking place in Copenhagen. One of these initiatives involved backing a 7-month project launched by FRAK.

FRAK, a social-economic enterprise, focuses on making young people from disadvantaged residential areas job-ready. Targeting girls and boys aged 13-17 in Copenhagen, FRAK provides them with work experience and payment, making them "fit for work" and enhancing their life chances.

The project at FRAK is all about a holistic approach to empower youth: Participants gain practical work experience, learning essential workplace skills, and understanding unwritten rules of employment. They acquire diverse professional skills, exploring areas such as painting, carpentry, gardening, and construction. Collaborating with FRAK and professionals, participants solve tasks for companies and the municipality, ensuring quality outcomes.

The project actively works to break down societal prejudices, empowering participants and challenging existing perceptions. FRAK provides equal opportunities for participants to apply for jobs, gaining valuable experience for their CVs. The initiative particularly supports those born into families without job or educational opportunities, aiming to create bridges to various types of education or labor.

Through Human Act's support, this initiative contributed to FRAK's operation and business consolidation, allowing the organization to empower more young individuals and provide them with better life chances and equal conditions.



#### **Street Society**

2023 brought many collaborations, including supporting local initiatives in Copenhagen. One of the notable projects is a six-month collaboration with Street Society, a non-profit organization founded in 2014 by three entrepreneurs dedicated to working with children and youth in vulnerable areas of Copenhagen.

Street Society's mission is focused on providing a conducive environment for children and young people to engage in street sports, while eliminating cultural and social barriers. The overarching goal is to empower vulnerable youth through sports and other activities, fostering positive change within their communities.

The project, supported by Human Act, aimed to achieve several key impacts:

Improved Physical and Mental Health: Through sports programs, the project aimed to enhance the physical strength and mental well-being of young participants within a safe and supportive environment.

Increased Self-Confidence and Self-Esteem: Participation in street sports and other activities provided a platform for building self-confidence and self-esteem, empowering participants to navigate challenges and pursue their goals.

Enhanced Life Skills: Street Society focused on developing essential life skills, including teamwork, leadership, communication, and problem-solving, equipping young people for success in various aspects of their lives.

Stronger Communities: By breaking down barriers, fostering empathy, and promoting understanding, the project sought to create stronger and more connected communities where everyone could thrive.

# Our Work in Nepal

- Namaste - "I bow to you"

Over the last few years, Human Act has been actively invested in bringing help to Nepalese communities. One of our initiatives was a comprehensive school support program in Nepal, with a primary focus on enhancing facilities at Guranse and Chandidevi schools. We did so by enhancing facilities with essential resources like furniture, gates, and computers to improve safety and enrich the learning experience.



# Helping children in Palestine

NAWA for Culture and Arts Association. In the passing year Human Act continued its collaboration with NAWA for Culture and Arts Association and Catharsis Holistic Healing, offering trauma healing support for children in the West Bank. The financial support enabled a three-month teacher training program in trauma healing across Gaza and the West Bank. This initiative focused on immediate intervention and building sustainable local capacity for trauma healing. Thanks to the funds provided by Human Act, we could offer a training in holistic approach for Palestinian healers, teachers, counselors, and psychiatrists the training enabled them to gain valuable skills to address the unique challenges faced by children suffering from multiple traumas.

The trauma healing project's primary goal was to develop an Arabic trauma healing curriculum for local schools. Moreover, the initiative aimed to create a training platform and an accessible website to ensure the knowledge and techniques remain available in the long term. The teacher training program, designed by NAWA and Catharsis Holistic Healing, included effective techniques such as: somatic practice, Kundalini Laya yoga, the Community Resiliency Model, and Emotional Freedom Technique, complemented by classes in active meditation, art, dance, and drama therapy.

The impact of these efforts was directed towards children aged 5 to 12 in the Gaza Strip dealing with severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and psychosocial issues. Healing retreats and meditation workshops were also provided.

In collaboration, Human Act, NAWA, and Catharsis Holistic Healing aimed to make a long lasting impact on the well-being of Palestinian children. By addressing trauma at its roots and equipping local professionals with necessary skills, this initiative aimed at bringing help to the children suffering from multiple traumas and to equip them with tools that fostered resilience.



#### **Autism Superhero**

Throughout 2022, Human Act collaborated with Autism Superhero Palestine in their projects in the West Bank and Gaza, working to improve opportunities for children on the autism spectrum. Our focus aimed at engaging them in educational and creative activities while providing essential education for parents.

Autism Superhero, founded by four mothers of children on the spectrum, has been working towards reshaping how Palestinian society perceives children and adults on a spectrum. Originally formed as a support group for mothers seeking guidance, it quickly evolved into a broader initiative addressing the lack of financial and educational support for families dealing with autism. The existing stigma and taboo around discussing the autism spectrum made it very complicated to find specialists and access an accurate diagnosis.

This initiative became essential for many Palestinian families, especially given the significant challenges they faced, including the financial costs of supporting a child on the spectrum. Families often struggled to find appropriate educational resources and therapy, and if they did, they were often out of their reach because of lacking financial resources.

Human Act, in partnership with Autism Superhero Palestine, remains committed to addressing the needs of children with autism and their parents. Our collective efforts have focused on ensuring a safe and dignified childhood for every child in Palestine.

Project's Accomplishments:

- Providing children with autism a platform to showcase their potential and hobbies, offering equal opportunities for self-expression and identity through art.
- Breaking societal stereotypes surrounding autism, emphasizing that these children deserve inclusion and participation in events, activities, and art exhibitions.
- Fostering a sense of achievement and accomplishment for children with autism, with a spotlight on their own artwork at art exhibits attended by families and friends.
- Raising awareness about autism and advocating for the neglected health and education needs of children on the spectrum, involving representatives from Palestinian ministries, journalists, and families in the project.

## Ard El Insan

Since 2021, Human Act has been supporting a collaborative initiative with the Palestinian NGO Ard El Insan, focusing together on combating malnutrition. The project addressed the increased vulnerability of Palestinians - including refugees - requiring improved access to essential services like education, health, and shelter. Such help was particularly necessary in the Covid-19 pandemic period, when the already strained health-care system demanded continuous support.

The goal of the project has been to provide a holistic approach to nutritional care and sustainable solutions and fight the rising food insecurity rates in Gaza. The project focused on ensuring sustained accessibility to specialized nutritional health services for targeted children through community and center-based activities. Aligned with the Humanitarian Response Plan 2021, the collaboration with Ard El Insan specifically addressed life-threatening childhood under-nutrition, especially in marginalized communities with many overlapping risk factors.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the project addressed the amplified risks, especially in the unique situation of the Gaza Strip. Ard El Insan offered health and nutrition care services for children under the age of five, systematically targeting vulnerable communities. 70 referred children received proper medical and nutritional treatment, micro-nutrient supplements, follow-up visits, and individual counseling sessions. The project has been following a human rights-based approach, promoting resilience, gender and age inclusion, environmental friendliness, and general children protection.

The initiative not only focused on immediate interventions but also aimed at achieving long-term self-sustainability goals. After six months, 70 children demonstrated improved nutritional states, and 70 families acquired skills and knowledge for proper child nourishment. 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.







# SEFU

Human Act is happy to announce another active participation of ours - this time, in supporting the efforts of Sustainable Education for Uganda (SEFU). SEFU, a Danish-based nonprofit organization, operates on the belief that education is the key to creating wealth, and a locally funded curriculum allows students to plan and build their lives around the local community.

SEFU focuses on establishing a foundation of humanistic and technical education at the high school level over three years. The organization collaborates with the local government to provide students with opportunities to become masons, carpenters, or electricians. The curriculums are built on locally sourced materials and sustainable energy sources.

In collaboration with Human Act, SEFU played a significant role in founding and running the Mariolette Ordinary & Advanced Level School in Kamdini, Uganda. The support extended to building and furnishing dormitories, providing essential water and electricity supplies, equipping the school with teaching aids, establishing a wellequipped kitchen, and constructing a sports field. Ever since the beginning of the project, Human Act has taken great pride in being part of this initiative.



## 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.

# **RECOMMENDED REPORTS**

#### Annual Report 2022/2023 - Oxfam America

This publication explores Oxfam's global impact, reaching 15.6 million people through 994 projects in over 80 countries last year. Dive into our Annual Report to learn about our COVID-19 response, care work progress, Mekong River ecosystem preservation, and Zambia's copper mining campaign. Explore opportunities to engage with our future initiatives.. <u>Read it here</u>.

#### **Global Wealth Report 2022 - Credit Suisse**

This year's review assesses the global household wealth impact of COVID-19 policymaker responses in 2021, focusing on regional and intra-country distribution. We emphasize demographic factors like gender, race, and age, and spotlight median wealth changes reflecting the majority of households. <u>Read it here.</u>

### World Inequality Report 2022

This report provides the latest synthesis of global inequality research, drawing on the work of over 100 researchers worldwide contributing to the World Inequality Database (WID.world). Over four years, this network collaborates with institutions, tax authorities, universities, and international organizations to collect, analyze, and share comparable international inequality data.. <u>Read it here.</u>

#### **Carbon Billionaires**

This study of 125 billionaires reveals an average annual emission of 3 million tonnes, over a million times higher than the bottom 90% of the population. These billionaires invest double the average in polluting industries compared to the Standard & Poor 500 companies. <u>Read it here.</u>

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