

The Giving Pledge: Fact Sheet

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About the Giving Pledge

- The Giving Pledge is a promise by the world's wealthiest philanthropists to give the majority of their wealth to charitable causes in their lifetime or wills.
- Founded by Warren Buffett, Melinda French Gates, and Bill Gates, the Giving Pledge launched in 2010 to unlock resources to address the world's most urgent issues and to make philanthropy a central consideration for the wealthy.
- Today, building on that promise, the Giving Pledge has grown into a global community that actively connects to each other and to changemakers across critical sectors—learning and engaging deeply to support progress on the most urgent issues around the world.

Key Figures

- Since then, over 250 of the world's wealthiest philanthropists from 30 countries have joined together in this promise.
- Signatories represent the following countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China (mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan), Colombia, Cyprus, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- Giving Pledge signatories range in age from their 30s to over 100.
- The full list of signatories can be seen at [GivingPledge.org: Who has taken the Pledge.](https://givingpledge.org/who-has-taken-the-pledge)

How the Giving Pledge Works

- The Pledge specifically focuses on those with a net worth of at least one billion U.S. dollars (or who would be billionaires if not for their giving) due to the enormous potential of the resources they can deploy.
- Philanthropists join the Giving Pledge through making a public commitment, and many choose to write letters to explain their reasons behind joining. Signatories' names and Pledge letters are publicly available on [GivingPledge.org: Who has taken the Pledge.](https://givingpledge.org/who-has-taken-the-pledge)
- Joining the Giving Pledge is more than a one-time event. The Pledge offers a space for philanthropists to connect with one another and with changemakers on the front lines of the world's most urgent issues to share ideas, learn, and overcome barriers to giving.
- Community members pursue their philanthropy independently and often come together to learn or embark on collaborative giving efforts.

- Pledgers give at their own pace and in a multitude of ways, supporting a wide array of issues in every corner of the globe. What unites them is a shared promise and a commitment to creating an impact.
- The Giving Pledge does not pool or grant funds or require signatories to support any particular causes or organizations. The Giving Pledge does not distribute funds, grants, or donations.

About the Giving Pledge Next Gen Community

- The Giving Pledge Next Generation (Next Gen) group is a community of children and grandchildren of Pledgers who are actively engaged in philanthropy.
- The goal of the Next Gen group is to enable participants to achieve the impact they hope to see in the world—either through their own philanthropy, or by supporting their family's philanthropic endeavors. The group provides learning opportunities, resources, tools, and a trusted network of peers to deepen the knowledge and connections among this next generation of philanthropists.
- The Next Gen group was created in 2014 in response to interest from children and grandchildren of signatories who were engaged in their family's giving and wanted a space to connect. They wanted to share ideas and learn from each other and global experts how to make a real difference in the world, while acknowledging the unique families and roles into which they were born.
- The passions and philanthropic ambitions of the Next Gen group are as varied as the Giving Pledge community as a whole. Today, the Next Gen group has more than 300 active participants around the world, ranging in age from 18 to 75.

For More Information About the Giving Pledge

- Visit [GivingPledge.org](https://givingpledge.org)
- Check out our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- For media inquiries, please email Media@GivingPledge.org.
- For general inquiries regarding the Giving Pledge, please visit [GivingPledge.org/ContactUs](https://givingpledge.org/ContactUs).