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About the SDG Philanthropy Platform

Since their adoption in 2000, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have been critical in mobilizing resources and driving real progress on some of the world’s most pressing problems. With the MDGs ending in 2015, world leaders have been engaged in establishing a “Post-2015 Development Agenda” to expand upon the successes and learnings of the MDGs.

In parallel with the creation of a Post-2015 Development Agenda has been a growing interest on the part of governmental and philanthropic leaders in facilitating greater cooperation and collaboration in international development funding. To support this objective, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA), and Foundation Center have joined together with the support and participation of the Ford Foundation, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, and The MasterCard Foundation to establish the SDG Philanthropy Platform (the “Platform”). Important partnerships with networks such as WINGS (Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmakers Support) have enhanced this undertaking.

The Platform, which includes the SDGfunders.org website, helps funders identify opportunities for engaging and collaborating in global, national, and local development processes. At the same time, it helps to enable governments and the UN system in understanding the value of philanthropy’s direct engagement. And, crucially for the philanthropic sector, it will help to leverage the scale and impact of funding from individual foundations and other sources of private giving.

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Methodology

The analysis presented in this report reflects grants made by 125 U.S.-based foundations, one Ghana-based foundation, and 25 foundations based in other countries. Grants from these foundations were awarded to organizations headquartered in Ghana for work in Ghana and in other countries/regions, as well as to organizations headquartered in other countries for work that specified a geographic focus on Ghana. In cases where a grant focuses on multiple geographic areas, including Ghana, the full value of the grant has been counted as benefiting Ghana for the purpose of this analysis.

Some foundations included in this analysis engage in fundraising and therefore may receive grants from other foundations. To avoid overrepresenting giving focused on Ghana, the analysis excludes all grants made by foundations in the data set to other foundations included in the set. However, lists identifying top funders by amount of overall giving do include these grants to ensure that the full value of foundation commitments is represented.

This analysis includes representations of foundation giving and official development assistance aligned with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Foundation Center developed algorithms for identifying foundation grants and overseas development assistance that were consistent with the eight MDGs. Therefore, these representations should not be interpreted as indicating that foundations and other donors intentionally aligned their giving with the MDGs, although this may be the case for some funders.

In addition, figures identifying funding related to specific MDGs include the full value of all relevant grants. For example, a grant providing support to reduce child mortality by enhancing women’s reproductive health and rights would be counted in totals for MDGs 3, 4, and 5. As a result, a tally of funding for Ghana across the MDGs for the period 2002-2012 exceeds the $394 million overall total for MDG-related funding during this period. Nonetheless, the figures may also underrepresent funding aligned with specific MDGs.

Finally, while this report is based on the most comprehensive data set currently available for examining the distribution of foundation giving globally, it nonetheless vastly underrepresents foundation engagement in supporting Ghana—particularly for foundations based outside of the United States. A central goal of the SDG Philanthropy Platform initiative is to expand the data available on global foundation philanthropy and provide ever more complete updates on foundation support for development.
This report on the role of foundations in supporting development in Ghana comes out at a very opportune moment. The UN system in Ghana was very pleased to have collaborated with the Government and our partner foundations to formally launch the SDG Philanthropy Platform for Ghana on 9 July 2015 in Accra. This convening brought together more than 90 leaders from philanthropy, civil society, social investment, academia, the UN System, and government.

Data on philanthropy—its roles as well as areas of contribution and alignment—was a critical issue at the workshop. While it was evident from the discussions that took place that there was considerable charitable giving and corporate socially responsible investment, it was also clear that there was little data formally available and many of us were unaware of the extent of philanthropic engagement as portrayed in the report.

As we all come to the end of the era for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which helped to focus global attention on poverty and other key development priorities, it is useful to be able to take stock as to where philanthropic contributions went and to start to explore where they could make more of a difference, particularly how to facilitate a process of engagement and closer alignment with national and global development priorities.

The text for the outcome document for the new, much more ambitious Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which will take forward the unfinished agenda and replace the MDGs, will be formally adopted by world leaders at the General Assembly in New York in September 2015. Further, Ghana just launched the process for developing its own 40-year long-term plan wherein there will be alignment to the SDGs, amongst other commitments. So in this sense as well, the timing is opportune.

The 2030 Agenda integrates social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability into a universal and transformative agenda that encompasses 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The level of ambition and imperative to adopt new ways of undertaking development calls for new types of collaborations at both global and national levels, wherein philanthropy is also recognized as having a critical role to play.

For a middle income country, such as Ghana, philanthropy is likely to become ever more important. While Ghana has achieved significant progress in a number of areas, strong partnerships with philanthropic entities can help it to ensure greater inclusivity and identify and implement transformative solutions that can be more effective in addressing complex challenges ranging from growing youth unemployment to ensuring access to safe drinking water to promoting inclusive economic growth. Meeting these imperatives requires broad-based partnerships as many of the resources, networks and skills lie outside the government, the private sector, and local communities.

As the UN, we welcome the opportunity for a much more structured engagement with philanthropy to help it achieve its full potential for development.
Ghana has come a long way from the three tumultuous decades that followed its 1957 independence. During that time, Ghana suffered its first successful coup d’état and subsequent political instabilities, poor governance and weak state institutions, weak civil society, economic crises, increasing poverty, and a devastating brain drain.

By the early 1990s, however, Ghana was back on a developmental track, albeit with some bumps along the way (as in the circumstances that led Ghana to adopt the controversial Debt Initiative for Heavily Indebted Poor Countries – HIPC in 2001). This change occurred thanks to a combination of factors on both sides of the governance equation: a spike in citizen engagement in governance and policy issues, as embodied in the social movement animated by the slogan “Speak Up Now” (“Kasa Preko”), and the emergence of responsive leadership. The result is a country that is now often held up as a model of democratic development in Africa.

Yet, in developmental terms, Ghana still has a long way to go. With a Human Development Index (HDI) of 0.573, Ghana ranks a low 138 among the 187 countries in the UN system. Infant and maternal mortality rates and life expectancy continue to lag behind the expectations and prospects of a country with such remarkable stability. Natural resource governance begs for reform to heighten accountability and transparency, and gender equity continues to be hampered by many powerful structural and systemic obstacles.

These challenges can be addressed, as Ghana’s development potential requires little more than domestic ownership and agency for full realization. Ghana, like most African countries, has a huge natural resource base, including gold, diamonds, oil, manganese, bauxite, forest, rivers, and more. The main gaps are in human resource development, infrastructure, citizen engagement in shaping development policies, and government responsiveness and accountability. And this is where foundations can be of significant help.

Foundations have three very important advantages as they support the quest for development in a country like Ghana. First, foundations are not encumbered by the perceptions of geopolitical and foreign policy agendas that bilateral donor agencies often carry. As such, it can be easier for foundations to provide support addressing policy, advocacy, and governance issues bearing on development. Second, foundations can take a longer-term approach to grantmaking than most development partner agencies, due to their political independence. Third, because foundations tend to support work across several countries, they are well positioned to foster cross-national peer learning of best practices, lessons, and innovations and develop partnerships in stable and open societies, like Ghana’s, where local philanthropy is also fast emerging.

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Foundation funding focused on Ghana over the past decade has encompassed all aspects of the global development agenda and beyond. Among foundations whose grants are tracked by Foundation Center, their giving focused on Ghana totaled $499 million between 2002 and 2012. While few foundations intentionally aligned their grantmaking priorities with the MDGs, over half of grants (54 percent) made by the 151 foundations included in this analysis and most of their grant dollars (79 percent or $394 million) supported activities consistent with at least one of the eight MDGs.

According to a recent report on MDG progress prepared by the National Development Planning Commission, Ghana has made great advances since 2000. But a substantial amount of work remains to achieve many of the goals by 2015. While significant progress has been made in areas such as poverty eradication, education, and access to safe water, the report indicates that progress has been slower with respect to under-five, infant, and maternal mortality, as well as sanitation.²

Among foundations’ funding for Ghana, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation accounted for more than half of giving between 2002 and 2012. The Gates Foundation ranked as the top funder based on grant dollars consistent with six of the eight MDGs, while the MasterCard Foundation ranked first in giving consistent with MDG 2 and the Ford Foundation ranked first with MDG 3. Excluding the Gates Foundation, foundation giving focused on Ghana totaled $230 million during this period, and annual commitments from 2008 forward totaled more than double the $7.5 million in support recorded in 2002.

Change in Overall Foundation Funding for Ghana

TOTAL 2002 - 2012
$499 Million

Share of Overall Foundation Funding for Ghana by Selected Populations, 2002 - 2012*

- Women & Girls
  - Dollars: 18%
  - Grants: 31%
- Children & Youth
  - Dollars: 18%
  - Grants: 19%
- People with Disabilities
  - Dollars: 4%
  - Grants: 6%
- People with HIV/AIDS
  - Dollars: 0%
  - Grants: 6%

* Figures represent only grants awarded to recipient organizations that could be clearly identified as serving specific populations or grants whose descriptions specified a benefit for a specific population. Grants benefiting multiple population groups are counted in each applicable category. The chart excludes groups that were the focus of less than 5 percent of grant dollars. Finally, 12 percent of grant dollars and 35 percent of grants could not be coded for a specific population group.

Foundation Funding for Ghana by Recipient Location, 2002 - 2012

- Ghana: 29% (Dollars), 73% (No. of Grants), 69% (Recipients)
- Other Countries: 71% (Dollars), 27% (No. of Grants), 31% (Recipients)

Top Foundation Funders Overall for Ghana, 2002 - 2012

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Top Recipients of Overall Foundation Funding for Ghana, 2002 - 2012

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Change in Foundation Funding for Goal 1 for Ghana

**Change in Foundation Funding for Goal 1 for Ghana**

Total 2002–2012: $159 Million

2002: $0.4 M
2003: $0.3 M
2004: $1.0 M
2005: $0.3 M
2006: $18.2 M
2007: $10.8 M
2008: $20.5 M
2009: $19.9 M
2010: $30.9 M
2011: $46.3 M
2012: $11.0 M

Percent of Population Undernourished

2002: 15%
2003: 14%
2004: 13%
2005: 12%
2006: 11%
2007: 9%
2008: 8%
2009: 7%
2010: 5%
2011: 5%
2012: 5%

Change in Official Development Assistance (ODA) Funding for Goal 1 for Ghana*

Total 2002–2012: $1.1 Billion

2002: $27 M
2003: $86 M
2004: $99 M
2005: $56 M
2006: $56 M
2007: $72 M
2008: $94 M
2009: $135 M
2010: $153 M
2011: $146 M
2012: $129 M

* Figures based on Foundation Center analysis of ODA commitments compiled by OECD.

**Top Funders, 2002–2012**

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**Selected Foundation Grants**

**EMpower-The Emerging Markets Foundation** to Northern Sector Action on Awareness Center to reach rural, unemployed youth through two complementary strategies: a vocational and life skills training focused on bicycle maintenance; and life skills, financial literacy, and business management training for young women to encourage them into nontraditional areas of work and help expand their existing income generation strategies (2012).

**Ford Foundation** to Innovations for Poverty Action to test its Ghana Microfinance Graduation Pilot, an asset transfer, training, and support services program to prepare the extreme poor for active membership in a microfinance program (2010).

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to CHF International to improve access to services for Ghana’s urban poor through municipal revenue reform (2011).
Koch Foundation

The Koch Foundation supports Roman Catholic organizations that propagate the faith. Among its specific grantmaking priorities, the foundation provides funding to Catholic schools in impoverished areas globally where these schools serve as a “primary means of evangelization” and for school programs that may help to cultivate future leaders of the Catholic Church. The Koch Foundation’s grants for Ghana made during the period 2002 to 2012 consistent with MDG 2 exclusively funded Ghana-based recipients.

Change in Foundation Funding for Goal 2 for Ghana

![Graph showing change in foundation funding for Goal 2 for Ghana from 2002 to 2012.]

Change in Official Development Assistance (ODA) Funding for Goal 2 for Ghana*  

![Graph showing change in official development assistance (ODA) funding for Goal 2 for Ghana from 2002 to 2012.]

% of Children Enrolled in Primary Education

![Graph showing percent of children enrolled in primary education from 2002 to 2012.]

Top Funders, 2002–2012

- MasterCard Foundation    $8,270,595
- Comic Relief UK           2,339,289
- Rockefeller Foundation    795,622
- Human Dignity Foundation  328,296
- Tides Foundation          275,000
- Alaska Community Foundation 253,924
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation  250,000
- Koch Foundation, Inc.      214,378
- EMpower - The Emerging Markets Foundation  69,500
- American Jewish World Service  60,000

Note: Figures include support for funding intermediaries also included as funders in this analysis.

Top Recipients, 2002–2012

- Camfed International     $780,622
- Afrikids                  328,296
- Forum for African Women Educationalists  259,924
- Link Community Development  250,000
- Solace International      250,000
- Innovations for Poverty Action  132,000
- Omega Schools Foundation  50,000
- Trading Visions           33,949
- Challenging Heights       30,000
- Diocese of Sekondi/Takoradi  25,000

Note: Figures include support for funding intermediaries also included as funders in this analysis.

SELECTED FOUNDATION GRANTS

- Disability Rights Fund to Special Attention Project to create awareness of the challenges street children with learning disabilities face and to empower them to advocate for reintegration into educational and family structures (2009).
- Rockefeller Foundation to Forum for African Women Educationalists for construction of an FM broadcasting facility that will enhance the ability to promote positive social change in support of the status of girls and women in Ghana and, in particular, the education of girls (2003).
African Women’s Development Fund

African Women’s Development Fund supports women-led initiatives across the continent that advance women’s empowerment and rights. The Fund supports activism, capacity building, and shared learning, among other priorities. Examples of its giving include a 2009 grant to the Network for Women’s Rights in Ghana to complete and disseminate a documentary film, The Witches of Gambaga, to educate the public on one of the most underreported human rights abuse cases in Africa.

Top Funders, 2002–2012

- Ford Foundation: $5,150,000
- Comic Relief UK: $3,608,361
- African Women’s Development Fund: $1,923,109
- Carnegie Corporation of New York: $1,600,000
- NoVo Foundation: $1,000,000
- UN Women’s Fund for Gender Equality: $835,000
- Rockefeller Foundation: $522,622
- Global Fund for Women: $430,256
- Sigrid Rausing Trust: $310,529
- Open Society Institute: $250,000

Note: Figures include support for funding intermediaries also included as funders in this analysis.

Top Recipients, 2002–2012

- University College of Education: $1,600,000
- Women Peace and Security Network Africa: $548,790
- Forum for African Women Educationalists: $526,322
- African Initiatives: $433,889
- Trinity Theological College: $350,000
- Ghana Gender and Climate Change Coalition: $300,000
- Moremi Initiative for Women’s Leadership in Africa: $290,000
- Network for Women’s Rights in Ghana: $162,000
- Nana Yaa Memorial Trust for Good Quality Reproductive Health Services: $105,000
- Women in Law and Development in Africa: $100,000

Note: Figures include support for funding intermediaries also included as funders in this analysis.

SELECTED FOUNDATION GRANTS

- **Body Shop Foundation** to African Initiatives to improve women’s rights and access to sexual and reproductive health services in Ghana (2011).
- **Ford Foundation** to Trinity Theological College for the Institute of Women in Religion and Culture to bring African women’s religious perspectives to bear in the struggle for equal rights and the renewal of African societies and cultures (2002).
- **Global Fund for Women** to the Moremi Initiative for Women’s Leadership in Africa to organize a regional leadership summit in Accra, Ghana, to equip young women with the skills to become catalysts for social change in multiple sectors of society (2010).
**Foundations Making a Difference**

**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Through its Global Health Program, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation seeks to harness advances in science and technology to save lives in developing countries. The foundation works with partners to deliver proven vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics and discover solutions that are affordable and reliable. Among its funding, priorities focused on children are significantly reducing the impairment of children under age five by enteric and diarrheal diseases and childhood deaths from pneumonia. Examples of its giving include a 2008 grant to Grameen Foundation USA to improve outcomes for children age 0–28 days by researching, identifying, and piloting mobile phone–based health applications in the Dangbe West district of Ghana.

**Abbott Fund**

Abbott Fund to University of Louisville for pediatric/neonatal life-support training and services for Tamale Teaching Hospital and Northern Ghana (2010).

**Alcoa Foundation**

Alcoa Foundation to Mercy Ships for the Ashaiman Center, a health center for children, youth, and families developed in collaboration with the Ghana Health Services and the community of Ashaiman (2006).

**Comic Relief UK**

Comic Relief UK to the University of Ghana School of Public Health to reduce levels of sickness and death among women and children under five by helping to develop a sustainable ambulance service suited to local conditions and adapting the Community Health Planning and Services model to urban areas (2012).
As part of its Global Development & Population program, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation supports an International Women’s Reproduction Health strategy. Funding in this area focuses on ensuring that no woman has an unwanted pregnancy, particularly in Francophone West Africa and East Africa, to ensure that no woman dies from an unsafe abortion; and making family planning and reproductive health an integral part of broader development goals. For example, the foundation made a 2008 grant to INDEPTH Network to evaluate reproductive health interventions in Ghana.

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**

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**Top Funders, 2002–2012**

- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: $9,254,383
- Comic Relief UK: $5,193,061
- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation: $3,200,000
- Rockefeller Foundation: $2,610,237
- John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation: $350,000
- African Women’s Development Fund: $256,000
- UN Women’s Fund for Gender Equality: $235,000
- American Jewish World Service: $160,000
- Global Fund for Women: $74,000
- Mama Cash: $62,668

**Top Recipients, 2002–2012**

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement: $9,254,383
- Ministry of Health of Ghana: $2,221,030
- Population Council: $1,777,291
- University of Ghana: $1,000,000
- INDEPTH Network: $500,000
- Yale University: $250,000
- African Initiatives: $235,000
- Columbia University: $182,907
- Women Peace and Security Network Africa: $161,500
- Forum for African Women Educationalists: $160,000

**Focus on MDG 5**

**Improve maternal health**

**Change in Foundation Funding for Goal 5 for Ghana**

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**Total 2002–2012: $18.3 Million**

**Percent of Births Attended by Skilled Health Personnel**

- 2002: N/A
- 2003: N/A
- 2004: N/A
- 2005: N/A
- 2006: 50%
- 2007: 55%
- 2008: 57%
- 2009: N/A
- 2010: N/A
- 2011: 68%
- 2012: N/A

**Change in Official Development Assistance (ODA) Funding for Goal 5 for Ghana**

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**Total 2002–2012: $196 Million**

*Note: Figures based on Foundation Center analysis of ODA commitments compiled by OECD.*

**SELECTED FOUNDATION GRANTS**

- **Compton Foundation** to Gender Action to respond to the request of GrassRootsAfrica (GRA), a Ghanaian research and advocacy organization, to partner in a sexual and reproductive health (SRH)/HIV and gender capacity-building workshop (2011).

- **Mama Cash** to Women’s Development Initiatives for improving the status of women in the Volta region by raising awareness about women’s rights, with a special focus on sexual and reproductive health and land and property rights (2009).

- **Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund** to Akpafu Traditional Birth Attendants Women’s Association for training of traditional birth attendants in pre- and postnatal care and sexual and reproductive health (2009).
American Jewish World Service (AJWS) seeks to end poverty and promote human rights in the developing world. AJWS provided the second-largest number of Ghana-focused foundation grants related to HIV/AIDS during the period 2002 to 2012. Its HIV/AIDS-related funding focused on the urban poor, sex workers, and LGBTI populations. For example, AJWS made a 2012 grant to empower LGBTI communities to fight stigma and discrimination and prevent HIV and AIDS by establishing an office and wellness center that will offer comprehensive services.

Selected Foundation Grants

- **ExxonMobil Foundation** to the American Red Cross National Headquarters for African Health Initiative: Follow-up Survey of insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs) distribution in Ghana (2005).

- **Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies Foundation** to the Carter Center for a guinea worm eradication program in Ghana and Sudan (2004).

- **King Baudouin Foundation** to Together Ghana to organize a football tournament to raise awareness among youngsters about HIV and AIDS and avoid new contamination (2011).
In 1990, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation began making grants focused on ensuring access to safe water and currently seeks to improve the well-being of the water-stressed ultra-poor through support for sustainable access to safe water in target countries. In addition to service provision, the foundation supports capacity-building, coordination, and advocacy for water-related activities. Approximately one-third of its funding in this area has focused on Ghana. Examples of its support include: a 2014 grant to IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre to strengthen the capacity of government agencies to effectively manage water supply assets, a 2013 grant to Safe Water Network to develop viable market-based approaches for safe water delivery, and continuing grants to partners World Vision and WaterAid aimed at increasing the reliability of water access points.

**Global Greengrants Fund** to Third World Network to produce copies of a film documenting the voices of Ghanaian community members affected by mining operations and distribute them to government officials, mining companies, and other civil society actors with the goal of creating a stronger network mitigating these issues (2012).

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** to Forest Trends Association for Strengthening National and Project-Level Capacity for REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) in Ghana (2009).

**TrustAfrica** to Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology for technical and economic feasibility studies for the development of biofuels for small- and medium-size enterprises in Ghana (2007).
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**Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to World Resources Institute for a joint initiative with the Rural Development Institute to conduct interactive mapping to strengthen property rights in Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Uganda, and Tanzania by providing policymakers in government, donors, and development agencies with the information and ideas needed to make well-informed decisions and to take appropriate actions (2010).

**Ford Foundation** to Third World Network for research, monitoring, and advocacy on regional trade, free movement, and investment policies in Africa (2003).

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** to Oxfam America for civil society to participate in developing a transparent system for managing Ghana’s oil wealth (2010).

**Hivos** to the International Institute of ICT Journalism for enabling governance and economic transparency in Ghana through tracking of post-election accountability using new media (2011).


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**Change in Foundation Funding for Goal 8 for Ghana**

![Graph showing change in foundation funding for Goal 8 for Ghana from 2002 to 2012.](image)

**Change in Official Development Assistance (ODA) Funding for Goal 8 for Ghana**

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**Top Funders, 2002–2012**

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**Top Recipients, 2002–2012**

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Note: Figures include support for funding intermediaries also included as funders in this analysis.
Focus on Other Areas of Foundation Support

Foundation funding for Ghana between 2002 and 2012 targeted priorities beyond those outlined in the MDGs. In fact, close to half of all grants included in this report (46 percent) supported activities not represented in the MDGs, such as education beyond the primary level; health improvements not related to Goals 4, 5, and 6; and religion. The vast majority (80 percent) of these 500 grants went directly to organizations headquartered in Ghana. By grant dollars, over half (60 percent) of the $105 million tracked supported recipients located in Ghana. In contrast, only 21 percent of MDG-related grant dollars directly funded organizations headquartered in Ghana.

Health ranked as the top priority based on grant dollars and included support for activities not captured by the MDGs. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation accounted for more than three-quarters of this funding. Among the foundation’s awards during this period were a 2012 grant to Marie Stopes International to improve health outcomes through the provision of quality...
Focus on Ghanaian Funders

Ghana is home to a growing foundation community serving to advance the well-being of Ghanaians and others across the African continent. This community encompasses a diverse array of foundation structures and priorities. For example, the Ghana Research and Advocacy Programme provides grants to organizations in Ghana engaged in public policy research and advocacy focused on addressing the needs of the economically disadvantaged. The Vodafone Ghana Foundation, established in 2009 by Vodafone Ghana and the Vodafone Group Foundation, provides support in areas of company operations for programs offering sustainable solutions to pressing social challenges. Among its initiatives are the World of Difference program, which enables people to take time off and be paid to work at a charity of their choice in Ghana, and the Social Intervention program, which focuses on improving the quality of life in rural Ghanaian communities by funding activities ranging from education to entrepreneurial development to fighting child labor.

Of Ghana-based foundations providing support both within the country and beyond, the Africa Women’s Development Fund supports women-led initiatives across the continent that advance women’s empowerment and rights. Its funding supports activism, capacity building, and shared learning, among other priorities. Another regional funder is the Newmont Ahafo Development Foundation (NADF). Established in 2008, the foundation supports development in Ghana, particularly focusing on the country’s Brong Ahafo Region, and throughout West Africa. NADF receives its support from the Newmont Mining Corporation, and its board currently includes both Newmont representatives and community members. Specific areas of focus include human resource development, economic empowerment, provision of infrastructure, natural resources, cultural heritage, sports, and social amenities.

Finally, while information is available on some Ghana-based foundations, currently there is no comprehensive portrait available of the overall size and composition of Ghana’s foundation community. A central role of the Post-2015 Partnership for Philanthropy initiative will be to provide a mechanism for capturing and sharing this information, thereby fully reflecting the critical role of Ghana-based funders in advancing the progress of their country and beyond.

3 Includes support for religious facilities and sacramental activities.
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