

Course:

Counselling Skills (M6X01442)

Title:

Critically explore one Humanitarian Care organisation
that support people with:

Health and Nutrition

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Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

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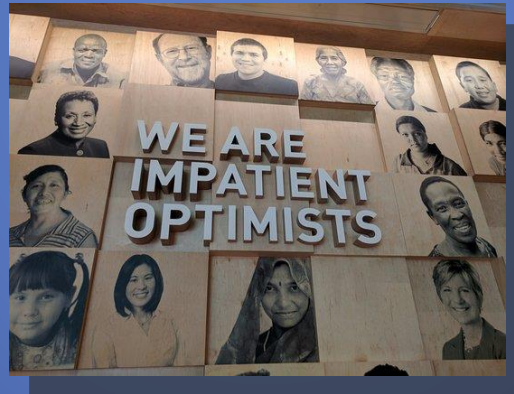
BILL & MELINDA
GATES *foundation*

- “We can save lives by delivering the latest in Science and technology to those with the greatest need.” (BMGF.org)

The Foundation

Their ethos is:

- “All lives have equal value we are impatient optimists working to reduce inequalities.”



Their vision is:

- “We believe the path out of poverty begins when the next generation can access quality health care and great education.” (gatesfoundation.org)

The Vision

- To save lives
- Partnership with other philanthropists, and other agencies
- Innovative approaches in health and nutrition
- Prevent Infectious Diseases and eradicate Malaria and HIV by developing vaccinations
- Accelerate progress

The Positive outcomes

- It has an endowment of \$50 billion
- Introduced other philanthropists
- Established GAVI
- Reduction of Malaria, and other infectious diseases
- WHO
- Invested \$ millions into “off the wall” research



The Negative Outcomes

- There is very little research into the foundation.
- There is no accountability for the foundation – there are only three trustees.
- People will not speak out for fear of funding being withdrawn
- Use of technology based programs
- Pay grants to rich countries
- Network with governments, WHO etc.

- Does not focus on health infrastructure or chronic illnesses.
- Focus on technology or new drug therapies.
- No generic availability of vaccines for many years.

Conclusions Drawn

- There is little impartial writing on the foundation's work from unrelated agencies
- Virtuous beliefs: My way or no way.
- Conflict of interest, investments and goals.
- Requirement for further research, legislation and policy setting.

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