

# Bill Gates Secretly Dictates Global Food Policy Too

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## STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- › Bill Gates wields powerful influence over global food and agriculture policy through his funding of a large number of organizations involved in agricultural development and policy making
- › Eleven of just 12 people urging the UN to retain Agnes Kalibata, the president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), as its special envoy to the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit, were funded by Gates
- › This is in stark contrast to those who opposed Kalibata: 176 civil society organizations and farmer groups, plus 500 additional signatories, called for withdrawal of her appointment due to her clear conflicts of interest with corporate actors
- › Gates' massive investments in global food production have failed to solve any real problems. The solutions he backs are "Band-Aid solutions" that only deepen the root problems
- › Examples include the funding of the development of GMOs. These crops end up replacing local diversity with just a few GE varieties that don't take local conditions into account. By pushing GE crops, malnutrition actually deepens, as biodiversity is reduced
- › Gates is a perfect example of a philanthrocapitalist. He has "donated" tens of billions of dollars over the years, yet his net worth hasn't dropped — it has doubled, and this is largely because his donations are treated as tax deductible investments

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Bill Gates has built a global empire around his technologies and "philanthropic" endeavors, the magnitude of which is now becoming increasingly clear. His sheer wealth has allowed him to become a veritable superpower in his own right. He's not only risen to become the largest funder of the World Health Organization and the unelected global COVID-19 health czar but he's also a secret powerbroker of the global food system.

As revealed in the AGRA Watch report,<sup>1</sup> "The Man Behind the Curtain: The Gates Foundation's Influence on the UN Food Systems Summit," published August 2020, Gates wields powerful influence over global food and agriculture policy through his funding of a large number of organizations involved in agricultural development and policy making.

## **Gates-Funded Organizations Defend Gates-Funded UN Envoy**

While Gates is just one man, his clout is significantly leveraged and magnified by the fact that he funds such a large number of companies and organizations that can then do his bidding on the sly.

When you see long lists of groups, you automatically think there are many players in the game when, in fact, Gates is the singular thread running through most or all of them. The AGRA Watch report<sup>2</sup> makes a perfect case in point with the story of Agnes Kalibata.

Kalibata is the president of Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), an organization funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In December 2019, Kalibata was appointed special envoy to the 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit by the secretary general of the UN, Antonio Guterres.

In response, 176 civil society organizations and farmer groups from 83 countries urged Guterres to withdraw the appointment of Kalibata due to her clear conflicts of interest with corporate actors. A second statement, signed by more than 500 academics and organizations, also opposed Kalibata's appointment to, and her organization of, the Summit.

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~ AGRA Watch ”**

That's significant pushback, illustrating there's widespread concern about Kalibata's appointment. Coming forward in her defense were a dozen individuals representing development banks, academic institutions and the private sector.

They urged Guterres to retain Kalabata, citing her leadership qualities and work ethic, among other things. However, of those 12 defenders, "11 had past or current connections to the Gates Foundation," AGRA Watch says, adding:<sup>3</sup>

*"In some instances, the organizations were directly funded by the Gates Foundation, and in others, the Gates Foundation funded specific programs in which the signers had played roles. One organization was funded by AGRA, which is funded by the Gates Foundation."*

## **Gates' Undue Influence Over UN Food Systems Summit**

In other words, while it may look like Kalabata had support from a dozen separate and independent individuals or groups, in reality, there are really only two voices speaking in her defense. It's just that Gates' voice is magnified times 11. What's more, his name is never actually mentioned, so to the uninitiated, it would appear he has nothing to do with it at all.

*"These findings illustrate the influence of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) on global food and agricultural policy. AGRA Watch has continually documented the role of the BMGF in influencing agricultural development, which has grown immensely in recent years," AGRA Watch writes.*

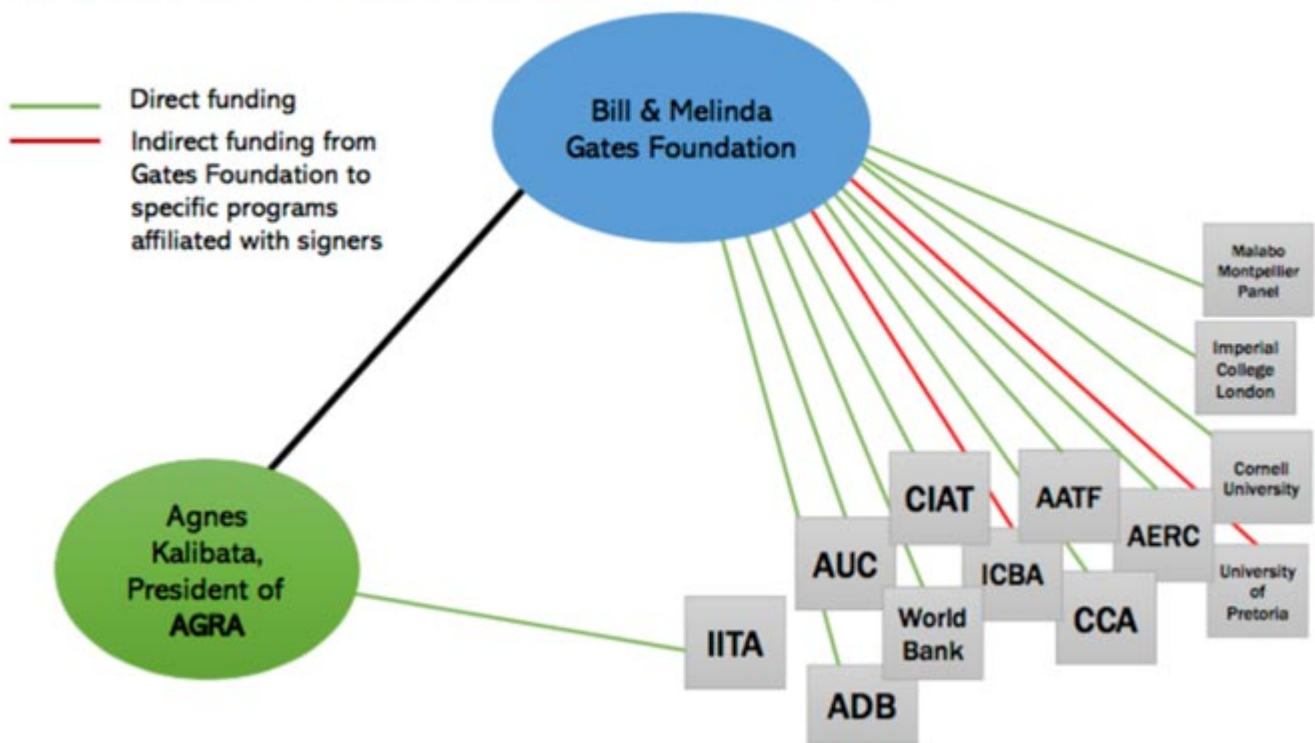
*"The Gates Foundation seeks to exercise influence not only through its funding of projects and shaping of expertise, but also in funding the governance platforms that determine food and agricultural policy. This role of the BMGF in driving policy decisions based on its proprietary and technological model of agricultural development is often overlooked ...*

*In this report, we have demonstrated just some of the connections between the Gates Foundation and those who have supported Kalibata's appointment as head of the UN Food Systems Summit.*

*While hundreds of civil society organizations called for her removal, only twelve signatories were willing to support her appointment, almost all of whom were direct beneficiaries of the Gates Foundation. This raises critical questions about the role of Bill Gates in shaping the agenda of the UN Food Systems Summit as well as its outcomes."*

The following graphic, included in the AGRA Watch report, illustrates the direct and indirect funding ties between the Gates Foundation and the UN Food Systems Summit's special envoy, Kalibata.

Figure 1: Gates Foundation Influence on the UN Food Systems Summit



## Gates Foundation's Revolving Door to Monsanto

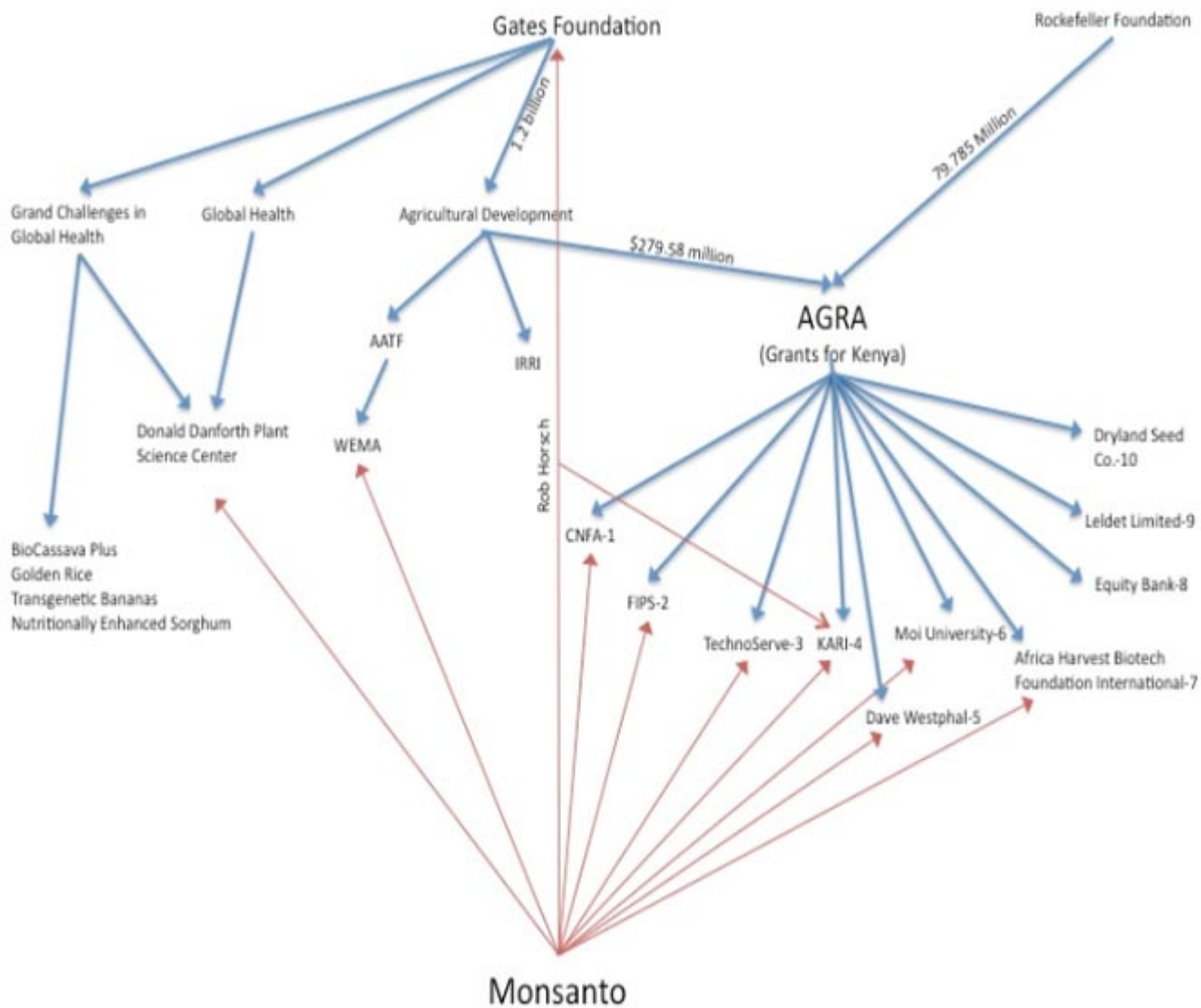
AGRA Watch has raised concerns about the Gates Foundation's influence on the agribusiness for many years.

For example, among its many research reports<sup>4</sup> is the 2010 report "The Revolving Door: Monsanto-Gates Links,"<sup>5</sup> which details the direct links between the Gates Foundation and Monsanto representatives Rob Horsch, Florence Wambugu, Don Doering,<sup>6</sup> the late Sam Dryden and Lawrence Kent. Another 2010 report, "Gates Foundation Links to Monsanto and GE Crops Development in Kenya," points out:<sup>7</sup>

*"AGRA Watch formed in 2008 to challenge the Gates Foundation's participation in the problematic Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), and to support sustainable agro-ecological alternatives already practiced in Africa.*

*We have witnessed acceleration in the push for genetic engineering (GE) as a 'solution' to hunger in Africa, a criminalization of GE's opponents as eco-imperialists unwilling to accept scientific advancements, and a misplaced*

*reverence for philanthropic support for corporate solutions to global food issues. Corporate interests are clearly exhibited in the AGRA agenda, as seen below."*



## **Gates Foundation Isn't in It to Solve Real-World Problems**

In its 2014 report,<sup>8</sup> "Three Examples of Problems with Gates Foundation Grants," AGRA Watch highlights why Gates' massive investments in global food production have failed to solve any of the very real problems we face. First and foremost, many of the solutions that he backs are "Band-Aid solutions" that in fact worsen the root problems.

Examples include the funding of the development of genetically engineered (GE) foods designed to be higher in certain nutrients. The problem is that these crops then end up replacing local diversity with just a few GE varieties that don't even take local conditions into account. So, by pushing for "fortified" crop varieties, malnutrition actually deepens, as biodiversity is reduced.

Secondly, "a stubborn focus on yield" is at odds with research showing that low yield or insufficient production is not causing world hunger. "There is ample evidence today that the problem instead is poverty and lack of access, which is deepened by destruction of local food systems and commercialization of food," AGRA Watch notes, adding:

*"Grants by the Gates' Foundation and AGRA continue to focus on yield, priming Africa for a system suited to the needs of the profit-seeking, yield-oriented commercial farmer rather than the peasant or small farmer producing diverse crops for a local community."*

A third problem highlighted in the report is Gates' funding of European and American research organizations and scientists rather than African ones, even though the programs are being implemented in Africa.

According to AGRA Watch, "This may not be a result of conscious intentions but of a deeply embedded structural bias that casts African scientists and scientific institutions as not qualified or legitimate enough to receive grant funding."

## **Gates' Specialty: Philanthrocapitalism**

Additional observations can be found in the AGRA Watch article<sup>9</sup> "Philanthrocapitalism: The Gates Foundation's African Programs Are Not Charity," published December 2017, in which philanthrocapitalism is described as "an attempt to use market processes to do good," but which is inherently problematic "as markets are ill-suited to producing socially constructive ends."

Put another way, Gates' brand of philanthropy creates several new problems for each one it solves. As noted in the article, advocates of philanthrocapitalism:

*"... often expect financial returns or secondary benefits over the long term from their investments in social programs. Philanthropy becomes another part of the engine of profit and corporate control. The Gates Foundation's strategy for 'development' actually promotes neoliberal economic policies and corporate globalization:*

*'It is ... likely that Bill Gates, who has regular access to world leaders and is in effect personally bankrolling hundreds of universities, international organizations, NGOs and media outlets, has become the single most influential voice in international development.*

*Closer examination of the BMGF is critical given that its influence is vast, indeed greater than most donor governments. The BMGF provides more aid to global health than any country donor and is the fifth largest donor to agriculture in developing countries.*

*In 2013, only 11 countries spent more on aid than the BMGF, making it the world's 12th largest donor. The Gates Foundation has become a bigger donor than countries such as Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland and Italy.<sup>10</sup>*

## **Gates' Medical Plan: Global Immunization and Surveillance**

One of the reasons many are now becoming aware of just how powerful Gates has become is because of his frequent appearances as the COVID-19 expert du jour. It's an odd choice, considering his complete and total lack of formal medical training. It's particularly perplexing in light of how the opinions of actual medical doctors, award-winning scientists and researchers who conflict with his views are being scrubbed off the internet.

Gates has repeatedly stated that life cannot go back to normal until and unless we vaccinate the entire global population against COVID-19. This, despite the fact that scientists and medical researchers have discovered a variety of safe, simple and inexpensive strategies to prevent and treat COVID-19.



The fact that Gates' irrational and scientifically unsound opinions are shaping pandemic responses around the globe while real medical professionals are being censored by mainstream media and social media platforms is proof positive that we're no longer operating from a base of science and medical truth.

Instead, the whole world is expected to fall into line with the self-serving agenda created by Gates and his many allies in technology and medicine. In an April 30, 2020, GatesNotes post,<sup>11,12</sup> Gates even states he "suspect[s] the COVID-19 vaccine will become part of the routine newborn immunization schedule" – a nice little piece of predictive programming, if you ask me.

Mind you, the mRNA vaccines being developed against COVID-19 will alter your genetic expression, turning your body into a viral protein factory. Is it really wise to consider using such a novel vaccine on newborns? In a sane and rational world, the answer would be a resounding no. Unfortunately, we now live in a world run by Gates' goons, and thus reason and logic have largely vanished from the equation.

In predictable Hegelian dialectic problem-reaction-solution fashion, the problem of COVID-19 led to illogical and ill-conceived pandemic responses such as mask mandates and house arrest of healthy people, followed by the "ultimate solution" of a hastily thrown together vaccine using novel mRNA technology.

Radical as all of that may seem, Gates' plans for the world do not stop here. He's also pushing for the implementation of a vast, global surveillance system to track and trace everyone's infection and vaccination status. He's even funding the contact tracing group Partners in Health, along with George Soros. (The William J. Clinton Foundation has also funded Partners in Health in the past.<sup>13</sup>)

Not surprisingly, Gates' recommendations end up benefiting himself most of all, with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donating billions to the very same companies and industries that the Foundation owns stocks and bonds in.

Using nonprofit money to advance research for companies you're invested in is illegal, yet he's been getting away with this for many years. At the same time, his Foundation

gets tax breaks for the charitable donations it makes money from.<sup>14</sup>

Remember, he has "donated" tens of billions of dollars over the years, yet his net worth hasn't dropped – it has doubled, and this is largely because his donations are treated as tax deductible investments. It's philanthrocapitalism at its finest.

## **Gates Is Major Benefactor of Pandemic Fear-Mongering**

The COVID-19 pandemic is undoubtedly Gates' biggest philanthrocapitalist project to date, and he stands to cash in big, as he's funding/investing in both therapeutics and COVID-19 vaccines.

In March 2020, the Gates Foundation announced<sup>15</sup> a new partnership, dubbed "The COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator," with Wellcome and Mastercard to "coordinate R&D efforts and remove barriers to drug development." According to the press release:<sup>16</sup>

*"The COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator will play a catalytic role by accelerating and evaluating new and repurposed drugs and biologics to treat patients with COVID-19 in the immediate term, and other viral pathogens in the longer-term."*

The Gates Foundation has also teamed up with Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture 100 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines developed by AstraZeneca and Novavax. The vaccines, which will cost less than \$3 per dose, are slated for delivery to low-income countries.<sup>17,18</sup>

The funding is being funneled as an interest-free forgivable loan to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, founded by the Gates Foundation in 2000, which will then provide the needed capital to SII. Over the next five years, the Foundation has also pledged to provide Gavi with a total of \$1.6 billion in additional funds.<sup>19</sup>

## **Gates' Attempt to Improve Education Was a Massive Failure**

Having an overarching influence over technology, food and medicine (vaccines in particular) still doesn't adequately describe Gates' influence on our daily lives. He's also had a profound influence over education. The much-criticized Common Core curriculum was the Gates Foundation's attempt at remaking American education,<sup>20</sup> and most parents can tell you how dumb that was.<sup>21</sup>

Despite that abysmal failure, May 6, 2020, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the state is partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to develop "a smarter education system" for the post-COVID world that will focus on online learning and permanently integrate technology into every aspect of civic life.<sup>22</sup>

The state is also partnering with Google, and Cuomo has asked former Google CEO Eric Schmidt to head a new panel to plan the state's technological infrastructure.<sup>23</sup> As noted by The Intercept,<sup>24</sup> the surveillance apparatus that consumers have been railing against is now being rebranded as the answer to everyone's health concerns.

## **Gates Is the Most Visible Figurehead of Modern Technocracy**

Whether preplanned or not, the COVID-19 pandemic is clearly being used to usher in highly controversial changes that are unmistakably totalitarian-building, including the private take-over of government through public-private partnerships.

Surveillance has become the biggest for-profit industry on the planet, and your entire existence is now being targeted for profit. Among those who stand to profit the most is Gates himself.

For a better understanding of what you're giving up by going along with the mainstream narrative that we need Big Tech to save us, see my interview with Patrick Wood, featured in a previous article. I've embedded that interview below for your convenience.

He paints a picture that can be hard to swallow, especially if you're just coming around to hearing about all of this for the first time, but it's really crucial that everyone begin to understand what we're facing. Time is running out. To have any chance of stopping it,

we must understand our trajectory, and unite to change the course Gates and others like him have set for us.

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