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| FIRST EDGE LOOK AT THE BEST CHARITIES  TO DONATE TO IN 2021 AND 2022 |

When you care about making a difference in the world, it's natural to ask: "Where can my donations do the best around the world.

The great news is that we live in unprecedented times where small companies and major institutions donations can do an astonishing amount of good.

However, not all giving opportunities are equal: depending on where you choose to give, your impact can vary by orders of magnitude.

Our current recommendation for most donors is to donate through Effective known Charities may help to place your Funds.

It’s easy, and it let us at First Edge support the experts in promising fields in Charities.

Keep scrolling down to find our list of top recommended individual charities.

How to Donate Effectively

**1. Identify a promising cause to support.** We find that the most promising problems are generally:

* **Bigger** (i.e., they strongly impact many lives)
* **More tractable** (i.e., there are clear and practical ways of making progress)
* **Less crowded** (i.e., they are still in need of more funding and support)

**2. Find which charity is working most effectively to support the cause:** Indicators of reputable, worthwhile organisations include: reliance on evidence, cost-effectiveness, transparency, room for funding, and track record.

**3. Pick an efficient way to donate:** Try getting your donation set up a recurring donation, organisation, or donate using other type of funds.

**4. Free Advertisement with an efficient way to donate:** Upon the receipt of your donation to our office we will let you know how much of a space you’ll receive as advertising space in FE Magazine.

**Cause selection** and **charity evaluation** can take a lot of time and effort, and many donors aren’t able to work it into their busy schedules. To help you get started, we’ve put together a list of trustworthy, effective charities working on some of the most pressing causes.

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Our Effective Giving Recommendations

The following recommendations are listed roughly in order of convenience and suitability for most donors. The right giving opportunity for you will depend on your particular values and circumstances.

Give together, as a community

We will always recommend donating through a reputable regranting fund that's focused on charity effectiveness.

Funds are both easy for donors and highly effective. They help donors to pool their money together so that they can find outstanding giving opportunities that are evaluated by expert grant makers and trusted charity evaluators.

Using a regranting fund is similar to using an investment fund instead of trying to pick which individual stocks will be the best investments. The regranting fund distributes your donation among multiple grantees. Just as diversifying your investment portfolio increases the safety of your investments, diversifying your giving portfolio increases the chances that your donations will have a positive impact.

You can donate to the following funds using [**Effective Altruism Funds**](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/). Donations are tax-deductible in the U.S., the U.K., and the Netherlands:

| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Donate** | **Learn More** |
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| UNICEF | Effective Known Charity | [Donate](https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/) | [Learn More](https://www.unicef.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMItvKKnfPn8gIVBGHmCh1yDwvHEAAYASAAEgKCX_D_BwE) |
| OXFAM | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://www.oxfam.org.uk/_donate/?amount=50.00&frequency=single&campaign=292) | [Learn More](https://www.oxfam.org.uk/?pscid=ps_ggl_Google+-+Communications+-+Brand+-+BAU_oxfam&gclsrc=aw.ds&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIuZqC-PPn8gIVStPtCh2BnQSNEAAYASAAEgI16vD_BwE) |
| Save The Children | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate?cid=pse-gpgenericbau_A17038001-go_001-2Q47669DX&ppc=true&matchtype=e&s_keyword=help%20the%20children&adposition=&s_kwcid=AL!9048!3!385252595667!e!!g!!help%20the%20children&gclsrc=aw.ds&&ppc=true&matchtype=e&s_keyword=help%20the%20children&adposition=&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI4bOAuPXn8gIVYIBQBh37fg7HEAAYASAAEgJTpvD_BwE) | [Learn More](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/) |
| WaterAid | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate?fq=recurring&val=5) | [Learn More](https://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate/donate-today?gclsrc=aw.ds&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIoOXJ-PXn8gIVKYBQBh1tzQ10EAAYAiAAEgJlxvD_BwE) |
| Cancer Research UK | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://donation.cancerresearchuk.org/my-donation/?type=regular&frequency=monthly&amount=#regular) | [Learn More](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/donate?gclsrc=aw.ds&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIoOXJ-PXn8gIVKYBQBh1tzQ10EAAYBCAAEgK9r_D_BwE) |
| Global Health and Development Fund | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bglobal-development%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/global-development) |
| Animal Welfare Fund | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Banimal-welfare%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/animal-welfare) |
| Long-Term Future Fund | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bfar-future%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/far-future) |
| EA Infrastructure Fund | Effective Altruism Funds | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bea-community%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/ea-community) |
| Maximum Impact Fund | Give Well | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bgivewell-current-recommendation%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://www.givewell.org/donate/more-information#discretion) |
| Center on Long-Term Risk Fund | Center on Long-Term Risk | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Breg-fund%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://longtermrisk.org/grantmaking/) |
| Climate Change Fund | Founders Pledge | [Donate](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bfounders-pledge-climate-change-fund%5D=100) | [Learn More](https://founderspledge.com/funds/climate-change-fund) |

Donate using local grantmaking organisations

The best donation advice will vary based on your personal circumstances, such as the country you live in. (Our community has members from 94 countries!)

The following grantmaking organisations help donors from around the world to support outstanding charities individually or to pool their donations together to direct funding to where it is most needed.

Please bear in mind that some giving opportunities can be [**hundreds of times**](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity-comparisons/) more effective than others, so it [**might be best**](https://forum.effectivealtruism.org/posts/jq4ENfSYjuD5PbTCv/donating-effectively-does-not-necessarily-imply-donating-tax) to donate abroad while incurring international fees and missing out on a tax deduction if you believe the international organisation will do more to improve the lives of others.

| **Organisation** | **Causes** | **Tax-deductible countries** |
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| [EA Funds](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/organizations) | Various | United States, United Kingdom, Netherlands |
| [GiveWell](https://www.givewell.org/charities/top-charities) | Global Health & Development | United States, Netherlands |
| [Animal Charity Evaluators](https://animalcharityevaluators.org/donation-advice/recommended-charities/) | Animal Welfare | United States, Netherlands |
| [Long-Term Risk Fund](https://longtermrisk.org/grantmaking/#donate) | Long-Term Future | Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands |
| [RC Forward](https://rcforward.org/donate/) | Various | Canada |
| [Effective Altruism Australia](https://effectivealtruism.org.au/donate) | Global Health & Development | Australia |
| [EA Foundation](https://ea-foundation.org/donate-ea/) | Various | Switzerland |
| [Effective Altruism New Zealand](https://effectivealtruism.nz/donate/) | Global Health & Development | New Zealand |
| [The Life You Can Save](https://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/best-charities/) | Global Health & Development | United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Netherlands |
| [Fundación Ayuda Efectiva](https://ayudaefectiva.org/) | Global Health & Development | Spain |
| [Effektiv Spenden](https://www.effektiv-spenden.org/) | Various | Germany |
| [Effektiv Altruisme](https://effektivaltruisme.no/ea-giverportal) | Various | Norway |
| [Gi effektivt](http://gieffektivt.no/) | Global Health & Development | Norway |
| [Ge effektivt](http://geeffektivt.se/) | Global Health & Development | Sweden |
| [Doneer Effectief](http://www.doneereffectief.nl/) | Various | Netherlands |

Follow the advice of trusted charity evaluators

Another easy way to identify highly effective charities is to follow the advice of [**charity evaluators**](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity-evaluation/#4-review-advice-of-charity-evaluators) who prioritise effectiveness in their charity reviews. We recommend checking out the following evaluators:

* [**GiveWell**](https://www.givewell.org/charities/top-charities) (Global Health & Development)
* [**Animal Charity Evaluators**](https://animalcharityevaluators.org/donation-advice/recommended-charities/) (Animal Welfare)
* [**Founders Pledge**](https://founderspledge.com/research) (Various Cause Areas)

You can donate to many of the charities they recommend in one place using [**EA Funds**](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/).

Donate to reputable and effective charities

It can be valuable to do your own research to find the most worthwhile giving opportunities. If you're going to do your own research, consider how much time to invest given (a) how much you're giving; and (b) how much you might give in the future. If you're giving a lot — now or in the future — it can be worth investing significant time.

If you're donating to individual charities, we also recommend: (i) discussing your options with other people interested in effective giving (such as the Giving What We Can [**community**](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/events/)), (ii) looking at the research conducted by charity evaluators, and (iii) reading our guide on [**how to evaluate charities**](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/choosing-a-charity).

Our current recommended charities and non-profit organisations

Our recommended charities work on a range of causes. Some use established, evidence-based strategies and some use strategies that are more innovative or speculative ([**but potentially higher impact**](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/about/risk)).

We recommend donating to the following high-impact charities, and we regularly update this list. These highly effective charities are selected in collaboration with our evaluation partners and [**Effective Altruism Funds**](https://app.effectivealtruism.org/funds/). You can also use the Effective Altruism Funds platform to donate directly to most of these organisations.

| **Charity** | | **Cause Area** | | **Donate** |
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| [Albert Schweitzer Foundation (ASF)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/albert-schweitzer-foundation) | | Animal Welfare | | [Donate](https://donations.albertschweitzerfoundation.org/) |
| [Fish Welfare Initiative](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/fish-welfare-initiative) | | Animal Welfare | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bfish-welfare-initiative%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) |
| [The Humane League](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/the-humane-league) | | Animal Welfare | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bthe-humane-league%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) |
| [The Good Food Institute](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/good-food-institute) | | Animal Welfare | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bgood-food-institute%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) |
| [Wild Animal Initiative](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/wild-animal-initiative) | Animal Welfare | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bwild-animal-suffering-research%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Clean Air Task Force](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/clean-air-task-force) | Climate Change | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bclean-air-task-force%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Against Malaria Foundation](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/against-malaria-foundation) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bagainst-malaria-foundation%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Development Media International](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/development-media-international) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bdevelopment-media-international%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [END Fund (Deworming Program)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/the-end-fund) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bend-fund%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Evidence Action (Deworm the World Initiative)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/deworm-the-world) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bdeworm-the-world-initiative%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Evidence Action (Dispensers for Safe Water)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/dispensers-for-safe-water) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bdispensers-for-safe-water%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [GiveDirectly](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/givedirectly) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bgivedirectly%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Helen Keller International (VAS program)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/helen-keller-international) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bhelen-keller-vitamin-a%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Iodine Global Network](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/iodine-global-network) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Biodine-global-network%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Malaria Consortium (SMC only)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/malaria-consortium) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bmalaria-consortium%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [New Incentives](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/new-incentives) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bnew-incentives%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Project Healthy Children](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/project-healthy-children) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bproject-healthy-children%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [SCI Foundation](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/sci-foundation) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bschistosomiasis-control-initiative%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Sightsavers (deworming only)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/sightsavers) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bsightsavers%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Suvita](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/suvita/) | Global Health & Development | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bcharity-science-health%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Alliance To Feed The Earth In Disasters (ALLFED)](https://allfed.info/) | Long-Term Future | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donate/allocation?allocation%5Balliance-to-feed-the-earth-in-disasters%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Global Catastrophic Risk Institute](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/global-catastrophic-risk-institute) | Long-Term Future | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bglobal-catastrophic-risk-institute%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Johns Hopkins Center For Health Security](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/johns-hopkins-center-for-health-security) | Long-Term Future | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bcenter-for-health-security%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Machine Intelligence Research Institute](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/machine-intelligence-research-institute) | Long-Term Future | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bmachine-intelligence-research-institute%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |
| [Nuclear Threat Initiative (Biosecurity Program)](https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/charity/nuclear-threat-initiative) | Long-Term Future | | [Donate](https://funds.effectivealtruism.org/donations/new/allocation?allocation%5Bnti-biosecurity%5D=100&utm_source=gwwc&utm_campaign=gwwc) | |

Donate to meta-charities

Donating to meta-charities can help you increase the impact of your donations.

Seek trustworthy philanthropic advice

Donors with specific needs and a substantial amount of funding can benefit from working with a philanthropic advisor. Start-up founders should consider connecting with [**Founders Pledge**](https://founderspledge.com/), which provides philanthropic advice to their members. If you're an individual donor interested in working with an advisor, please fill out [**this form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A75NBauII5qcer9UL1cZ3E1hvvgZDv7Ms8MuRrnmeHI/edit) and we will connect you with an appropriate person or organisation.

Make a bequest

Donating money from your estate to effective charities could help you to leave behind an incredible legacy.

Leaving a gift in your will to charity is typically called a bequest, but can also be known as planned giving.