

## Quick Facts

### **About Giving What We Can**

Giving What We Can is an organisation that finds and recommends the most effective charities, and an international society of members pledging to donate at least 10% of their incomes to effective charity.

Giving What We Can celebrated its five year anniversary in November 2014, having grown from an independent organisation in Oxford, to an international charity, with over 1100 members from 49 countries and chapters established in the UK, the US, Australia, Canada, and across Europe & Asia.

To date our members have collectively pledged to give away more than \$430 million (£276 million) over the courses of their lives, a promise that, if fulfilled, will save more than 4.3 million years' worth of healthy life<sup>1</sup>.

### **Everyone Can Make a Difference**

A person in the UK on the median salary of £21,000 is within the wealthiest 4% of the global population, and at least 20 times richer than the typical person in the world.

If they took the pledge, they would donate £84,000 over the course of their career, which could save more than 840 years of healthy life.

### **A Focus On Effectiveness**

Giving What We Can constantly searches for the most cost-effective charities in the world.

Aid and development programs can vary dramatically in their cost-effectiveness. The most cost-effective charities may be more than 100 times more effective than other charities.

Our sources include the peer-reviewed scientific literature, the World Health Organisation's cost effectiveness and strategic planning programme (WHO-CHOICE), and the Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries Report, as well as Givewell, another excellent charity evaluator.

### **Our Top Charities**

- **The Against Malaria Foundation**, which distributes insecticide treated bednets in India and sub-Saharan Africa for around £3 (\$5) each;
- **Schistosomiasis Control Initiative**, which can prevent one of the world's most debilitating parasitic diseases for around £1 (\$1.50) per treatment;
- **Project Healthy Children**, which can fortify a child's meals with nutrients for around 6 pence (10 cents) a year; and

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<sup>1</sup> We use Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) for these calculations, equivalent to an extra year of life at full health. We estimate that the most effective charities can save a DALY for under \$100.

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### **Further information and interview opportunities**

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- **Deworm the World Initiative**, which can provide treatment for intestinal worms for around 25 pence (\$0.40) per person.

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