Our Planet, Our Health

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Who we are

An independent global charitable foundation active since 1936, dedicated to improving health.

We fund research to pursue new understandings of the body, disease, or the environment we live in, ideas about how to change medicine, culture or even the world.

We support thousands of curious, passionate people all over the world to explore great ideas, at every step of the way from discovery to impact.

Sir Henry Wellcome
Investments: We are funded from a private endowment – the assets stand at around £18 billion (€24.9 billion)

To improve health, we have spent (and plan to spend):

- 1936 £1 BILLION
- 2005 £6 BILLION
- 2015 £5 BILLION
- 2020

Our strategic approach. Describes our philosophy and establishes a framework that sets out our modes of working. It gives us the flexibility to set new priorities over time, allowing us to be directive and purposeful when the time is right.
Our framework

Advancing ideas
We support great ideas and inspired thinking

Seizing opportunities
We bring ideas together to make a difference

Driving reform
We change ways of working so more ideas can flourish
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• Understanding and tackling the threat to health posed by a dramatically changing world.

• £75 million over the next five years:
  ➢ 3-5 major interdisciplinary research programmes.
  ➢ Enhancement of the most promising pilot projects.
  ➢ Partnerships.
Defining our future world

We invest in high-quality transdisciplinary programmes of research that investigate how complex changes in our environment affect our health.

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Predicting the Human Nutrition and Health Toll of Global Fishery Declines
Future diets and health: environmental change, food availability, consumption and health
Seasonal drivers of human movement and aggregation in a changing climate
Partnerships

New EAT Foundation will change the way we feed the world

The third EAT Stockholm Food Forum (3-14th of June) brings together some of the world’s brightest people in the fields of science, politics, business and civil society to shift food systems towards greater sustainability, health, security, and equity within the boundaries of our planet.

New EAT Foundation launching today will change the way we feed the world

A new foundation launched mars 16th with the ambition to reform the global food system, enabling us to feed a growing global population with healthy food from a healthy planet. The EAT Foundation is a major new initiative co-founded by the Welcome Trust, the Stordalen Foundation and Stockholm Resilience Centre. The three organisations will use their unique range of experience in health, science, policy and sustainability, to convene experts and decision makers who together can transform the way we eat.

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The impact of the global food system on the natural world and on human health is serious. From the climate system to rising global temperatures, food production and consumption are major drivers in many global trends and in the battle to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels. Without reform in the next 30 years, as the world’s population increases and climate change continues, these problems will be magnified. But the extraordinary impact of food also means that reforming the system is an unmissable opportunity to make a positive impact on the health of people and the planet.

Many people recognise the need for change, but efforts to help are often restricted to a single issue, lacking a holistic understanding of the current system or falling to gain traction without political support or commercial backing. For example, the rise in obesity in the UK is a concern for health professionals because eating too much meat is a risk factor for obesity, for environmentalists who know that ruminants for meat produce large amounts of greenhouse gases, for retailers who compete to sell meat at ever lower prices and for cattle farmers who frequently operate at a loss. If these communities could address these issues, the world could be on the way to a healthy and sustainable food system.

The EAT Foundation will break down established barriers between sectors and bring together policy makers, industry leaders, researchers and civil society to develop solutions that are practical and have support from all sides. The foundation will act as a catalyst, funding and supporting collaborations between individuals and organisations across the globe, with a focus on producing realistic solutions that can be put into practice and have a big impact, all driven by what’s best for the planet and its people.

To begin with, the EAT Foundation will focus its work on three topics: Metrics for health and sustainable food, multifunctional landscapes and ecosystems and consumer behaviour and choices.
Engagement

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Thank you

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