

Global Change Data Lab Donations Policy for Our World in Data

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1. Scope

Our World in Data is a collaborative effort between researchers of the Oxford Martin Programme on Global Development at the University of Oxford, who are the scientific editors of the website content; and the non-profit organization Global Change Data Lab, who publishes and maintains the website and the underlying data engine.

Gifts made to Our World in Data through the donations page, go to the Global Change Data Lab (GCDL). This document specifies the rules that define the legal and ethical basis for GCDL's cooperation with benefactors and are intended to ensure that the interests and integrity of the parties involved are safeguarded.

2. General Principle

The Global Change Data Lab (GCDL) is a non-profit think tank in the education sector. Its purpose is to advance education in how global living conditions and the earth's environment are changing, through the production and maintenance of public online resources and related products.

GCDL's purpose constitutes the basis on which a decision is taken whether a donation can be accepted or not: All donations must be compatible with, and contribute to, promoting the accomplishment of GCDL's charitable purpose.

3. Forms of donations

It is GCDL's policy to accept donations from any donor as long as the acceptance does not impair GCDL's independence to pursue its mission, nor endanger its integrity and good reputation.

GCDL's acceptance of a donation does not imply any endorsement of the donor's opinions, policies or records, regardless of the donor being a private individual, business or other organisation.

Donations may be given as an unspecified donation, or for a specific cause within the purpose of GCDL. Such specific donations shall not result in undue influence over GCDL's priorities and execution within the project.

GCDL does not accept donations as payment or compensation for lectures, promotion or any other counter-performance whatsoever.

4. Donor privacy

Information about donors is handled in accordance with the United Kingdom Data Protection Act.

GCDL does not share the information about donations, unless agreed separately with the donors.

GCDL encourages donors of amounts exceeding £10,000 to let GCDL disclose the donation and the donor in its Annual Report, and to make the information available through the GCDL website for the purpose of transparency.

5. Procedure

The use of received funds shall be decided by GCDL's executive committee, in accordance with the routines and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

Acceptance of donations larger than £10,000 requires a decision of acceptance by GCDL's Board of Trustees.