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Hello,

Last week, foundation CEO Mark Suzman joined nearly 800 *Optimist* subscribers for an [engaging and wide-ranging conversation about his 2024 Annual Letter](#).

Thank you to all of you who joined or submitted questions. The questions shared reflect the curiosity, diversity, and indeed, optimism of this remarkable community.

Mark spoke on a range of topics related to his 2024 letter's focus on philanthropy, and beyond, including:

- Our foundation's view on trust-based philanthropy
- The role of small donors within the philanthropic ecosystem
- The impact of our increased 2024 budget (our foundation's largest ever)
- And the role of AI in our work

If you were unable to attend, or simply wish to revisit some of the key points made, [you can read a recap and watch the video in full on our website](#).

Thank you for being an *Optimist* subscriber—we could not do this work without your partnership.

— The *Optimist* Editors

[See Mark's Q&A recap](#)

Featured article



By Mark Suzman

Your questions for CEO Mark Suzman, answered (2024 edition)

Following the release of the 2024 Gates Foundation Annual Letter, Mark Suzman participated in a live conversation with subscribers to the foundation's email newsletter, *The Optimist*. See the recap.

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What we're reading

World Economic Forum



Public-Private Coalition "Investing in women's health"

Experts say that addressing the women's health gap could boost the global economy by \$1 trillion annually by 2040.

NPR



Some overlooked good news from 2023: Six countries knock out 'neglected' diseases

WHO is partnering with countries around the world to tackle the neglected diseases that affect 1 billion people worldwide.

BBC



Cape Verde reaches malaria-free milestone

Cape Verde is the third African country to be designated malaria-free. Here's how they did it.

CNN



GPS Web Extra: Bill Gates on giving his money away

Bill Gates is making plans to no longer be named "the richest man in the world."

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