

Experience more

Join us on one of our **Philanthropy Insight trips**



South Africa



"These trips are a chance to see the great work that is being done on some of the most impactful programs around the world. You will see the challenges they face, the progress being made and the ambitious plans they have for the future."

Phyllis Costanza, CEO, UBS Optimus Foundation

UBS Philanthropy Insight trips

Nepal

See the impact for yourself

Being right there. Seeing first-hand how outstanding projects are improving communities' lives. What better, more inspiring way to plan how you want to do good in the world?

You're invited

You and your family are among a select group of people invited to join us on a trip to see UBS Optimus Foundation programs in action. On your trip, you'll discover the work of projects that are doing great things and that we have chosen to support and help grow.

We hope you'll be able to join us on what is sure to be a life-changing experience: for you, your family and everyone you help with your philanthropy.



High potential programs

Each program is supported by the UBS Optimus Foundation and has been identified as high potential – they're all seeking to increase their reach and impact through funding from our clients and UBS. Unique in the financial industry, the UBS Optimus Foundation is staffed by experts in philanthropy – our team is here to help you unlock your wealth in the most impactful way. To help you make an even bigger difference, we can also connect you to people and organizations who share your philanthropic vision and values.

“Thank you very much for including me on the trip to Liberia. The entire experience was inspiring, fun, informative, productive, and well organized. [You] did an amazing job with the trip logistics, pacing, and safety... [and were] especially impressive leading and moderating the session with former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, and the mere fact that she took time to join us is ample testament to the reputation you've all built for UBS Optimus.”

UBS client and guest on Philanthropy
Insights trip to Liberia, 2018

Get closer

What can you expect from your trip? You'll meet social entrepreneurs and teams tackling some of the developing world's toughest challenges. You'll learn about their work and meet the people they're supporting. Experiencing it all in person will help you decide how you can achieve more with your own giving.

Sharing experiences

You'll be sharing the trip with others who, like you, want to make a difference in the world. Some will be just starting out on their philanthropic journey. Others will be further down the road. Sharing your ideas and experiences will help you shape your plans and make them work.

The trip is also a good way to show younger members of your family how wealth and philanthropy can change the world. It's a great lesson to learn.

Learn from experts

Take the opportunity to hear from our Philanthropy experts on how to define a vision, focus and strategy in order to maximise the impact of your giving, regardless of where you are on your philanthropic journey.



"My own philanthropy strategy was empowered and informed. Not just from conversing with and learning from my peers who accompanied me on the trip, but also from unique first-hand insights, anecdotes, and dialogue with project partners on the ground."

UBS client and guest on Philanthropy
Insights trip to India, 2019

Choose your trip

Each trip, generally lasting 5 days, has a detailed itinerary and is fully hosted, with participants escorted to every program by local experts and members of the UBS Philanthropy Services and Optimus Foundation teams.



Previous trips

Nepal

Modern day slavery is a key challenge facing Nepal, a country still recovering from the devastating 2015 earthquakes. In Nepal, we focus on the human supply chains that fuel slavery in Kathmandu's growing commercial sex trade and brick kiln industry, and how this is shaped by issues such as poverty and corruption.

We visit:

Freedom Fund, Goodweave and Possible Health – partners who are tackling systemic problems in Nepal's health system and investing in frontline efforts to eradicate human trafficking and exploitation.

India

In India, a country with some of the highest illiteracy and child bride rates in the world, we are partnering with organizations tackling these fundamental challenges, from inequality in school to modern day slavery.

We visit:

Educate Girls and the Kaivalya Education Foundation are tackling systemic problems in schools such as gender inequality. Justice and Care is rescuing victims of sex trafficking and prosecuting the traffickers.

Liberia

As Liberia emerges from decades of civil war with its first peaceful transition of power, the country is beginning to demonstrate how the power of social investment can transform lives. We travel to local communities where great work is being done to provide healthcare and schooling to people in the most need.

We visit:

Last Mile Health, We Care Solar, Luminos Fund, and Partnership Schools for Liberia – innovative partners focusing on healthcare and education who are revolutionizing the role of philanthropy in Africa.

South Africa

This trip travels across South Africa – from Johannesburg to the Eastern Cape to Cape Town. Along the way, you'll meet local communities and experience the challenges they face in the realms of child protection, healthcare, and early childhood development.

We visit:

Hope and Homes for Children is helping children to move from institutional care to families. The One to One Children's Fund recruits mentors to support vulnerable expectant mothers and their children. And the Berther Institute and Ilifa are finding innovative new ways to boost early childhood development.

Join us

We hope you'll accept this invitation to join one of our trips. They're more than a chance to see how people are doing good in the world; they're an opportunity to plan how you can make the world a better place. Let's explore the possibilities together.

To find out more and book your trip, please contact your UBS contact.

"It was incredibly insightful as a quick tour of a country could possibly be. I enjoyed everyone's company on the trip; guests and UBS team members. I think it was interesting to observe the different client perspectives. The projects were all amazing and really worthwhile to see, especially with background and in-depth discussion from founders and project directors."

**UBS client and guest on Philanthropy
Insight trip to Nepal, 2019**



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