



Bill Gates Donates \$15 Million to Campaign Pushing GMOs on Small Farmers Around the World

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The Gates Foundation is funding a campaign to “end world hunger” by promoting GMO technology. The organization has hired 400 “science ambassadors” to influence agricultural policy in 35 countries.



In the last four years, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has donated a total of \$15 million to two global campaigns aimed at “ending world hunger” by expanding the use of GMO technology.

The first, called the “[Alliance for Science](#),” was created in 2014 with the intention of “depolarizing” the GMO debate.

The second, called “[Ceres2030](#),” was created in 2018 to help the United Nations achieve its goal of “zero hunger by 2030.”

Both campaigns are headquartered at Cornell University.

The Alliance for Science has received \$12 million from the Gates Foundation so far, while Ceres2030 was founded with a \$3 million grant last October.

The funds for the Alliance for Science will be used “to ensure broad access to agricultural innovation, especially among small farmers in developing nations,” says a Cornell University [press release](#).

The Alliance for Science has hired nearly 400 “science advocates” to “champion evidence-based agricultural policies” (aka share the gospel of GMOs) in 35 countries.

“The situation is increasingly urgent, with many countries at critical junctures in determining whether plant science can help deliver food security and reduce the environmental damage caused by agriculture,” said Alliance for Science director Sarah Evanega.

“We must be sure that science-based solutions don’t bypass the poor.”

The Alliance has built a network of more than 9,000 “science allies” representing more than half the world’s countries and every U.S. state, the release says.

Last fall, the Gates Foundation helped start another campaign at Cornell called *Ceres2030*, named after the Roman goddess of agriculture.

The “non-profit” campaign will advise the United Nations on which policies and investments to make in order to achieve its goal of “zero hunger by 2030.”

Several of Ceres2030’s **board members** have clear links to Big Ag, **points out** Jonathan Latham, cofounder of the Bioscience Resource Project. Chief among them:

1. Ronnie Coffman, **secretary** of the **International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications**, an agribusiness lobby group for GMOs based at Cornell.
2. Prabhu Pingali, a Cornell professor who conspired with Monsanto executive Eric Sachs and PR executive Beth Anne Mumford to place into scientific literature “subjects chosen for their influence on public policy.”

“Based on internal emails obtained from Cornell via the Freedom Of Information Act, the nonprofit **US Right To Know** concluded that “**The Cornell Alliance for Science is a PR Campaign for the Agrichemical Industry**” which uses Cornell’s name as cover,” Latham writes.