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...in 2022 we delivered £876 million across the world, enabling donors to achieve their ambitions and assuring vital income to more than 100,000 charities

Our international focus

The CAF group, made up of CAF UK, CAF America, and CAF Canada, has been operating internationally for over 25 years.

For almost a century we have acted as a meeting point for companies, private philanthropists, fellow foundations, governments, charities and not-for-profit enterprises. Our independence, expertise and international reach enable hundreds of millions of pounds each year to move across sectors and borders.

CAF’s international focus is on facilitating effective giving across borders to carefully validated organisations and projects, with a particular focus on giving from the three countries where CAF Group operates: UK, USA and Canada.

We work with HNWIs, businesses and government across the world, supported by our international network of partners. Our partners are independent, locally led organisations working at the forefront of philanthropy and civil society. This network helps us facilitate cross-border giving of the highest regulatory compliance. Cause universal, our world-class services give maximum flexibility to our clients.
Donors unite in ocean conservation

“With the establishment of our Ocean Resilience Philanthropy Fund administered by CAF, we are excited to give clients the opportunity to help secure a better, more sustainable future for one of the world’s most precious resources, our oceans.”

CLAUDIO DE SANCTIS
Global Head of International Private Bank and CEO for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Deutsche Bank

“The CAF team has facilitated cross-border giving to 135 countries, providing a way for donors to give safely, with the peace of mind that their funding is reaching the intended causes.”

SIR JAMES LEIGH-PEMBERTON
CVO, Chair of Trustees, CAF group

International giving at a glance

£1bn+
Funds entrusted to CAF’s stewardship

£876m
Funds sent to charities around the world

135
Number of countries where CAF distributed grants

10,000+
Charities globally have received funds from our donors in the UK, US and Canada
Powering world giving

We partner with a growing number of independent, philanthropic organisations to help expand cross-border giving and philanthropic activity around the world, and help tackle a range of issues affecting their regions. These trusted, locally-led organisations work at the forefront of philanthropy and help us facilitate flexible cross-border giving at the highest standards of regulatory compliance. They are able to offer on-the-ground expertise and local knowledge to ensure all donations are delivered with the greatest impact.

CAF’s partnerships and activities are based on delivering three core objectives:

**LEVERAGING REACH**
We aim to increase our international reach, continue to manage risk effectively and operate to the highest regulatory standards.

**INCREASING IMPACT**
We ensure donations have greater impact by drawing on our local expertise and global best practice.

**AMPLIFYING OUR VOICE**
We amplify the voices of our high-profile local philanthropy experts and the work our partners do locally and globally.

Our growing network is underpinned by collaboration. We offer access to an array of services and expertise from across the CAF group and international charities, and we collaborate through joint thought leadership, research, business development and advocacy activities.
Give anywhere safely

As the leading global experts in international philanthropy, CAF offers a unique combination of advice, due diligence and experience.

We enable donors to make strategic, impactful gifts to any qualifying non-profit overseas, raise funds across the US, Canada, UK and EU, or build up a foundation or trust in the most efficient way. Via CAF group you can reduce risk, reputation exposure, and the costs and administration usually associated with cross-border giving.

CAF provides a simple, compliant vehicle for cross-border giving, allowing our donors to give anywhere safely.

Advantages include:

• Potential tax benefits for giving to foreign beneficiaries via CAF’s philanthropic vehicles
• Stringent due diligence processes to cover all anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CTF) requirements in the countries we operate
• Regulatory expertise to ensure donations are made safely and in line with the regulations of the beneficiary country
• Local expertise in regions across the world via the CAF Network
• Advisory services to support your strategy, including research into local and multi-national organisations that are delivering impact.

We offer clients who want to implement impactful and effective international philanthropy multiple solutions.

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Meet the team

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Connecting people and causes so that
civil society may thrive

We have extensive international reach, expertise and direct connections to overseas non-profit organisations. Our aim is to encourage philanthropic giving to enable overseas non-profit organisations to deliver positive change in their local communities.

Looking ahead, we plan to strengthen and grow the services we offer to philanthropists and businesses who donate across borders. We are seeking to connect with new partners to accelerate progress in society towards a fair and sustainable future for all.

“CAF is fortunate to sit at the meeting point of donors and our many charity partners and we are proud of the expertise that we are able to bring to the table to ensure that businesses, private philanthropists and fellow foundations can safely and effectively support the causes close to their hearts, wherever they may be. CAF works to bring together diverse expertise in cross-border giving to support communities around the world through the power of philanthropic giving.”

Neil Heslop, Chief Executive, CAF group