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Melinda French Gates pledges \$1.5 billion to women, \$30m to Jacinda Ardern

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Weeks after revealing she would [step down](#) from the Gates Foundation, Melinda French Gates is investing a further \$1.5 billion into women's causes via Pivotal Ventures. \$30 million is pledged to former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern.



The Rt. Hon. Dame Jacinda Ardern, former Prime Minister, New Zealand speaks on stage during 2023 Massachusetts Conference For Women on December 14, 2023 (Photo by Maria Aufmuth/Getty Images for Massachusetts Conference For Women)