



DR MALINI SABA Corporate

Why you should know her: One of the first self-made billionaire women and a top paid chairman to head a global commodities company, Dr Malini Saba is the Founder of Saba Group, a privately-held company that employs over 5,000 people, operates in more than 20 countries and comprises 15 companies across 10 verticals.

The helmswoman with a humane and solitary nature makes intense efforts to shun the arch lights and do simple things that she finds sometimes intrusive. Saba Group has an affinity towards agriculture and trades in the business of rice with a strong foothold in pharmaceuticals and fin-tech businesses. It also operates in gold mining, entertainment, real-estate, hospitality sectors and does impact technology investments worldwide.

Fifty per cent of the profit raised by Saba Group goes into philanthropy, supporting education, health, art and culture, livelihood generation and human rights.

Dr Saba is also the founder of Saba Entertainment Group that produces, partners and invests in projects in television, film, music, sports, media, apps and multimedia. It supports established as well as emerging directors and producers with an emphasis on multicultural and women-centric projects.

Dr Saba has been conferred with the Kalpana Chawla Award 2005, the Mother Teresa Award 2004, Los Angeles, the Ambassador of Peace award 2007 by the Federation of Peace in London, Entrepreneur of the Year 2001 by Business Women's Network Washington DC and Philanthropist of the Year 2005 and 2017.

Why we think she's fabulous: She has helped millions of underserved women and children in South and Southeast Asia, South America, Africa, and the US gain access to life-saving medical facilities, educational



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services and achieves economic stability. Her primary aim in life is to help at least one billion people that made her launch Ananke Foundation, the umbrella organisation for her philanthropic efforts.

She arranges global food drives, funds scholarships, build schools, provide healthcare facilities, and when there is a vaccine for COVID-19, plans to distribute it free in the most-needed parts of the world. Dr Saba has partnered with former US President Bill Clinton on global initiatives, the Stanford Medical Center, YUVA, CARE International, the Concern Worldwide Program, Mother Teresa Foundation, Women refugee commission to name a few.

Dr Saba focuses on hiring mainly women to create a culture in male dominated spaces and continues to speak in international forums to positively impact policies. >