**Choosing a giving vehicle**

**What kind of impact do you want to have and how?**

* What are your core philanthropic values and beliefs?
* Are there specific countries, populations or causes you would like to support? Will your giving be domestic or international?
* How much time are you willing to donate to this process?

**Why do you want to formalise your giving?**

* Are you at the start of your philanthropic journey? Or are you ramping up the giving you and your family are already engaged in?
* Will you be giving solo, or in partnership with your family or other parties?
* How public would you like to be in your giving?
* What time horizon do you have in mind for your philanthropy?

**How complex will your giving be?**

* Do you have a target for how much you wish to donate over a certain period?
* Will you focus on planned donations or gifts? Or do you plan to offer grants, or to launch your own programmes?
* How will you solicit grantee proposals for your funding?
* Will you also fundraise or consider matched funding to support your philanthropy?

**Who will manage your philanthropy?**

* How much control do you want over your giving?
* Will you hire staff to support your philanthropy, or will you manage it independently? How involved would you wish to be on a day-to-day basis?
* Have you considered a board or other independent governing structure for your giving?

**What is your approach to costs, transparency, and regulatory requirements?**

* Do you have a budget to support your giving, and any associated operational costs? Are you prepared to spend up to a year, or longer, setting up a foundation?
* Are you prepared to produce annual reports and other filings?
* Do you have tax liabilities in other jurisdictions to consider?
* Where are most of your financial assets located?