

Zuckerberg donates \$25 million to fight Ebola

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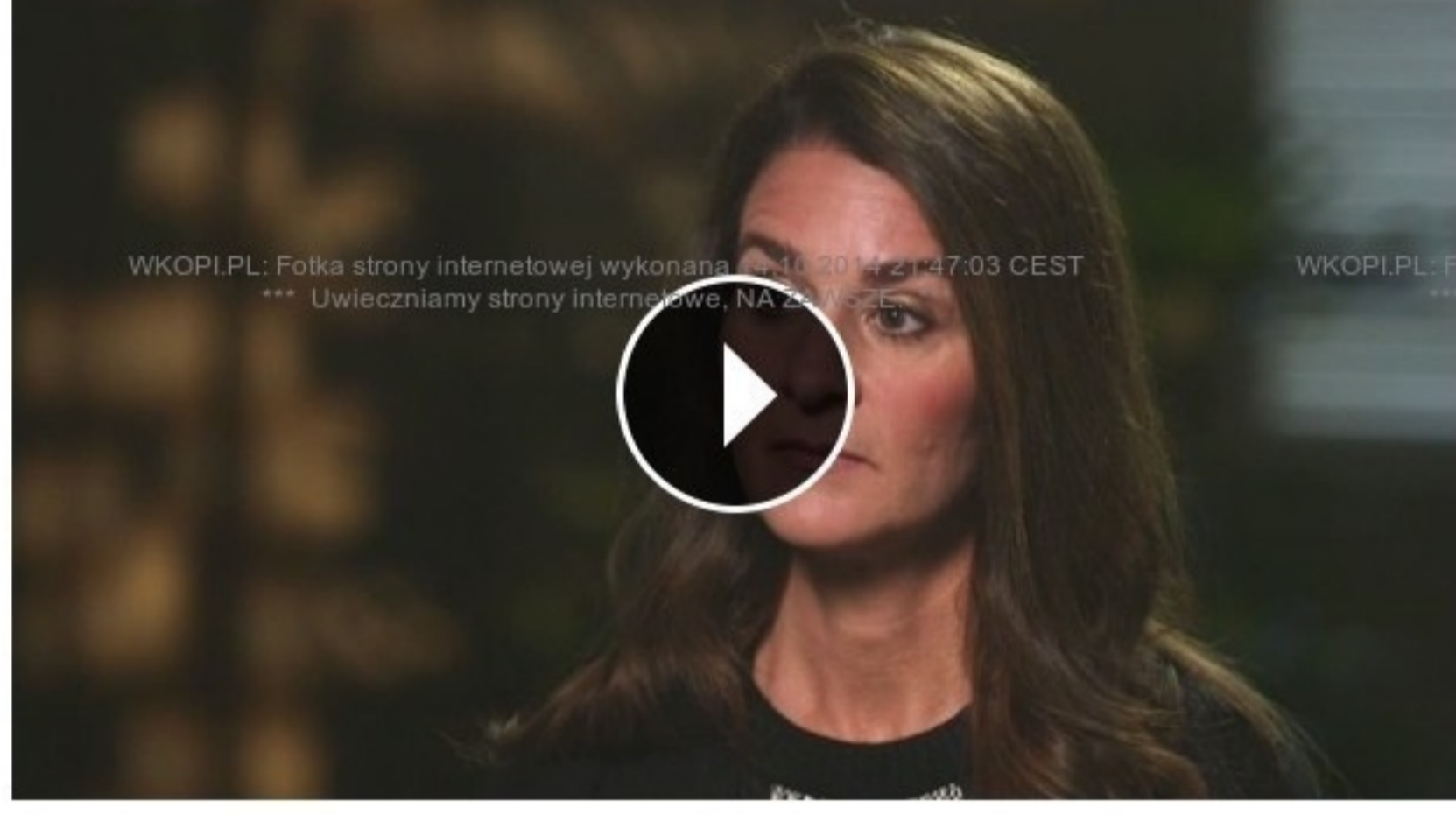
Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg will donate \$25 million to combat the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus.

The money will go to the CDC Foundation, the charitable organization that raises and distributes funds on behalf the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** to public health organizations.

"We need to get Ebola under control in the near term so that it doesn't spread further and become a long term global health crisis that we end up fighting for decades at large scale, like HIV or polio," he said on a **posting on Facebook**. "We believe our grant is the quickest way to empower the CDC and the experts in this field to prevent this outcome."

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The United States had its first fatality from the current Ebola outbreak last week when **Thomas Eric Duncan died** in a Dallas hospital last week. One of the **nurses who treated him** has also been diagnosed with the disease. But more than **3,000 deaths and 8,000 cases** have been reported so far in the Western African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.



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So far health organizations have said that **donations to fight the disease are lagging** far behind what's needed for medicine, protective clothing for aid workers and to safely bury the dead. The United Nations estimates it will take \$1 billion to combat the current outbreak.

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Zuckerberg said he was making the donation along with his wife Priscilla. The two of them topped **The Chronicle of Philanthropy's** list of **most generous donors** for 2013, with contributions totaling \$1 billion. Most of that came from 18 million Facebook (**FB**, **Tech30**) shares they gave to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

-- CNMoney's Melanie Hicken contributed to this report

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