

One year into the COVID-19 pandemic, testing is as vital as ever

A lack of testing in low-income countries could create the perfect conditions for more virulent and deadly strains of COVID-19 to emerge.

Inequity in testing is creating a dangerous situation

For every test conducted in a low-income country, more than 100 are being conducted in high-income countries.*



Without testing, countries cannot:



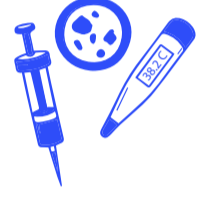
Track and contain COVID-19 outbreaks



Diagnose and provide appropriate treatment to patients



Detect and sequence more virulent and potentially more deadly variants that are emerging



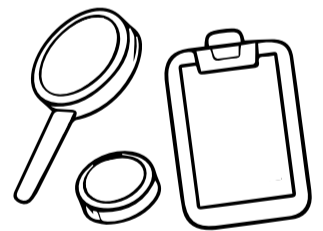
Measure the efficacy of vaccines against existing and new strains of COVID-19



Through our COVID-19 Response Mechanism, the Global Fund is supporting low- and middle-income countries in procuring diagnostic tests, strengthening laboratory infrastructure and capacities, and providing training and technical assistance.



With FIND, the Global Fund co-leads the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator's Diagnostics Pillar.



In 2021, the Diagnostics Pillar aims to:

Procure and deploy **900 million diagnostic tests** to low- and middle-income countries

Develop **high-quality, affordable, and easy-to-use** tests

Support countries to strengthen their testing capacity and deploy tests widely

The Global Fund could channel **US\$10 billion** to fight COVID-19 and mitigate its impact on HIV, TB and malaria.



We face an immediate funding gap of **US\$6.3 billion** for 2021.

