

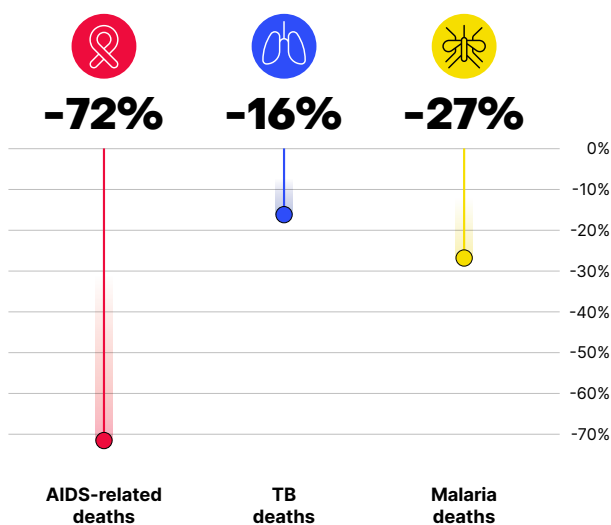
# Italy

## and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The partnership between Italy and the Global Fund has played an important role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building a healthier, safer and more equitable world.

**Health investments through the Global Fund have saved more than 59 million lives since 2002.**

Efforts by governments, communities and global health partners have resulted in extraordinary progress in the fight against the three diseases.



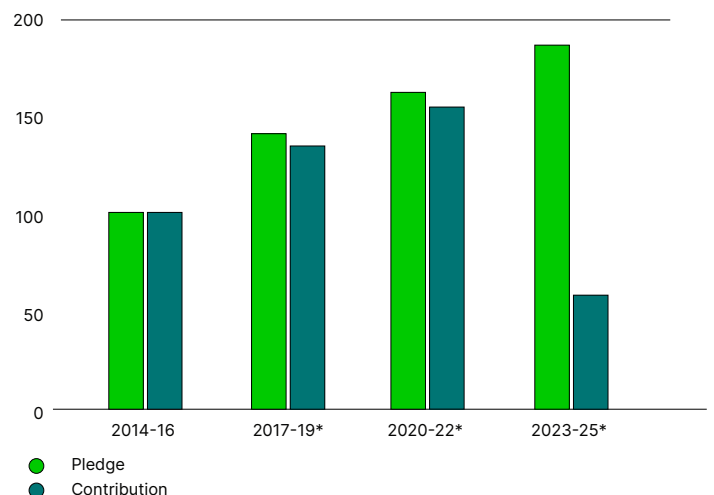
Between 2002 and 2022, in countries where the Global Fund invests, AIDS-related deaths have fallen by 72%, TB deaths by 16% and malaria deaths by 27%. Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership has cut the combined death rate from AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria by 55%.

### Our partnership

Italy has been a strong supporter and advocate of the Global Fund from the outset, playing a key role in our creation at the G8 Summit in 2001. The Global Fund's First Replenishment Conference was held in Rome in 2005. Italy is the Global Fund's ninth-largest public donor, contributing a total of €1.24 billion to the partnership since 2002.

For the Seventh Replenishment in 2022, Italy pledged €185 million for 2023-2025. This pledge represents a 15% increase over its Sixth Replenishment pledge. Since the Fifth Replenishment, Italy's pledge includes a 5% set-aside for technical assistance provided by Italian non-governmental organizations and research centers.

### Italy's pledges and contributions to the Global Fund over 10 years (in € million)



\*5% of the pledge is retained by Italy for the provision of technical assistance.

## Priority areas of our partnership

### Resilient and sustainable systems for health

Thanks to the support of donors like Italy, the Global Fund partnership is uniquely placed to support countries to prevent, prepare for and respond to pandemics by supporting them in building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health. We invest US\$1.5 billion a year in formal and community health systems. Our investments support health care workers; strengthen laboratories, diagnostics tools, supply chain management, information and financial systems; tackle antimicrobial resistance, including drug-resistant TB; and accelerate the shift toward patient-centered, differentiated models of care.

### Children and adolescent girls and young women

A child dies of malaria every minute. In the fight against this disease, the Global Fund supports the rollout of seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC), a preventive medicine to protect young children from malaria. SMC has been proven to contribute to an 85% reduction in infections among children.

Adolescent girls and young women remain a key focus of the Global Fund's HIV response. In 2022, approximately 120,000 adolescent girls and young women were newly infected with HIV in 13 priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa. This represents a 67% reduction in incidence rate among adolescent girls and young women in these countries since 2010, indicating the effectiveness of focused interventions. In 2022, 2.5 million adolescent girls and young women were reached with HIV prevention programs in the same 13 countries: Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Global Fund also invests in interventions to transform cultural and social norms that perpetuate gender inequality and increase HIV vulnerability.

### Humanitarian and emergency settings

Even in crisis, we must leave no one behind. The Global Fund has contributed to mitigating the impact of humanitarian crises due to conflicts or natural disasters in countries including Afghanistan, Myanmar, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi, and Ukraine.

Through its Emergency Fund, the Global Fund has disbursed US\$148 million between 2014 and September 2023. Forty-six percent of these funds have been used to support countries in their rapid responses to climate-related

disasters, with the goal of ensuring continuity of programs and services for HIV, TB, and malaria.

For emergencies that involve cross-border movement, the Emergency Fund allows countries being affected by the flow of refugees to receive funding. The populations covered typically include refugees, migrants and displaced populations due to climate-related disasters or conflict.

### Value for money

The Global Fund partnership leverages economies of scale, innovative public-private approaches and an effective Pooled Procurement Mechanism to provide the best value for money for global health investments. For example, we have helped reduce the price of a one-year supply of antiretroviral therapy from more than US\$10,000 per year in 2000 to as low as US\$45 per year today.

The Global Fund is consistently rated highly in independent reviews for exceptional performance, transparency and impact. The 2022 Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) assessment, for example, reported the Global Fund has steadily sought ways to improve its performance and mature as an organization. It cited the Global Fund's operational effectiveness, inclusivity and unique partnership model as key strengths.



Yulia Malyk is a tuberculosis (TB) outreach worker in Kharkiv, Ukraine. The Global Fund/Ashley Gilbertson

## Ukraine:

### Ensuring lifesaving care continues during the war

Since 2003, the Global Fund's work with partners in Ukraine and neighboring countries has focused on prevention, testing and treatment for HIV and TB – this has been challenged by the dangerous environment caused by the war.

To support the government in delivering critical HIV and TB interventions as the war continues, the Global Fund has contributed over US\$25 million in emergency funding to Ukraine, which comes in addition to funding provided through our core grants.

To strengthen health care and community systems and ensure patients have ongoing access to prevention, testing, and treatment for HIV and TB, the Global Fund has secured funding for generators for regional laboratories where power supplies are limited or at risk; retrofitting vans to deliver essential medicines and supplies; community-led organizations to support affected and displaced members of their communities and link them to HIV and TB services; helping displaced patients get reconnected to the health care and medicine they need; providing food and care packages for TB and HIV patients; legal support for communities and displaced people; and mental health services, with a focus on victims of gender-based violence as a result of the war.

The Global Fund is also supporting uninterrupted HIV and TB treatment for Ukrainian refugees and host populations in neighboring countries, such as Moldova.

### About the Global Fund

The Global Fund is a worldwide partnership to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. We raise and invest more than US\$5 billion a year to fight the deadliest infectious diseases, challenge the injustice that fuels them, and strengthen health systems and pandemic preparedness in more than 100 of the hardest hit countries. We unite world leaders, communities, civil society, health workers and the private sector to find solutions that have the most impact, and we take them to scale worldwide. Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership has saved 59 million lives.