

# Canada

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

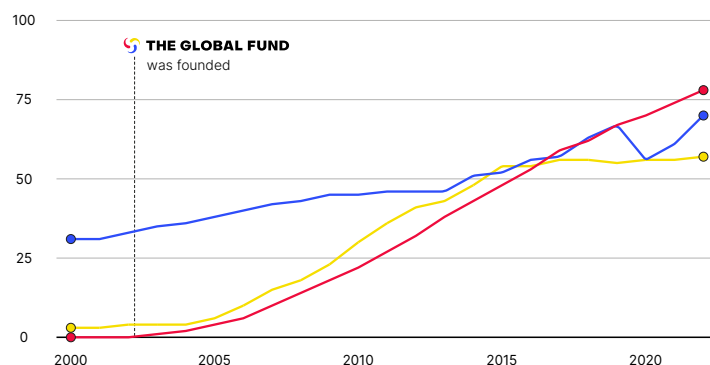
Canada's strong support and commitment to the Global Fund has played an important role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building an equitable, inclusive and healthier world.

**Health investments through the Global Fund have saved 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.

### Coverage of treatment and prevention interventions

- HIV: % of people living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy
- TB: % of TB treatment coverage
- Malaria: % of population with access to a long-lasting insecticide-treated net



Malaria coverage is calculated based on 38 African countries where the Global Fund invests, for which data is available from WHO/Malaria Atlas Project estimates. HIV and TB estimates are based on all countries where the Global Fund invests. Based on published data from WHO (2022 release for TB and malaria) and UNAIDS (2023 release). Based on published data from WHO and UNAIDS (2023 release).

The Global Fund is a major actor and funder in the global fight against these three diseases as well as one of the primary investors in both formal and community health systems.



**28%** of all international financing for **HIV**



**76%** of all international financing for **TB**



**65%** of all international financing for **malaria**

The 2023-2025 allocation methodology drives funding to higher burden, lower income countries, looking specifically at the HIV epidemic among key and vulnerable populations, the threat of drug-resistant TB and the risk of malaria resurgence.

### Our partnership

Canada is the Global Fund's seventh-largest public donor, pledging more than CAD 5.2 billion to date. Since 2002, these investments have had a major impact, not only in terms of lives saved, but also in reaching the most vulnerable, prioritizing gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights, ramping up market-shaping efforts to foster an affordable and stable supply of health products, and breaking down barriers to advance human rights.

At the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment conference in September 2022, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pledged CAD 1.21 billion for the 2023-2025 period – a 30% increase from Canada's previous pledge. Canada has also made a CAD 225 million contribution to the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism.

## Priority areas of our partnership

Canada's foreign policy priorities are strongly mirrored in the Global Fund's strategy and investments. Fighting pandemics – old and new – demands strong and inclusive institutions and respect for human rights and gender equality.

### Gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights

As part of its feminist foreign affairs policy, Canada prioritizes gender equality and sexual and reproductive health – a key strategic focus for the Global Fund. A focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights cuts across all Global Fund investments. The Global Fund invests in treatment and prevention programs, including tailored interventions for adolescent girls and young women, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, prevention of malaria during pregnancy, integrated screening and testing for sexually transmitted diseases, economic empowerment programs, and gender-based violence interventions.

### Breaking down barriers to advance human rights

Inequities, human rights abuses and gender inequality undermine the fight against infectious diseases by creating barriers to essential health services and lifesaving health products. In the 24 countries included in Breaking Down Barriers – an initiative that supports programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health and address stigma and discrimination – Global

Fund investments in human rights have increased more than tenfold, from slightly over US\$10 million in 2017 to over US\$130 million in 2023.

### Reaching the most vulnerable in humanitarian crisis settings

Countries or regions affected by conflict, disease outbreaks, natural disasters, weak governance, and other challenges host less than 14% of the world's population but account for approximately one-third of the global disease burden for HIV, TB and malaria. These countries and regions account for approximately 30% of the Global Fund allocation.

In Ukraine, for example, the Global Fund has provided over US\$27 million in emergency funding to support HIV and TB treatment, prevention and care, including to internally displaced persons and hard-to-reach communities. The emergency funding comes on top of the US\$157.16 million allocated to Ukraine to support the fight against HIV and TB in the country over the 2023-2025 period, and on top of the US\$50.93 million granted for the COVID-19 response.

### Health systems strengthening

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening health and community systems. We are investing US\$2 billion a year in formal and community health systems.

We invest in human resources for health, including community health workers; community systems; data systems and digitalization of health; strengthening

leadership and governance, financial management, procurement and supply systems; and surveillance.

### Country ownership and strong collaboration

Countries where the Global Fund invests take the lead in determining where and how to best fight the three diseases. To achieve the greatest impact against the deadliest infectious diseases, the Global fund focuses on the inclusion of affected communities, evidence-based action and transparency.

Synergies activated through meaningful and effective partnerships with the public and private sector both at a global and country level and with other global health initiatives are important tools to achieve effective interventions.



**Targeted HIV investments in 13 priority countries have led to a 67% reduction in the HIV incidence rate amongst adolescent girls and young women since 2010. In 2022, 2.5 million adolescent girls and young women were reached with HIV prevention programs in these priority countries where the HIV burden is highest.**



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## Tanzania:

### An HIV peer educator lights a fuse for girls in her community

As a community health worker and an HIV peer educator in Tanzania, Neema Waziri knows how early pregnancies and HIV infections have derailed the dreams of many girls and young women in her community, her country and her continent.

Young girls and women in Tanzania are disproportionately affected by HIV. To support her peers overcome this challenge, Neema Waziri leads a community initiative to empower girls. She has lit a fuse in her community, galvanizing young women to gain the knowledge, the passion and the agency they need to shape their destiny.

With support from the Global Fund, Neema and other HIV peer educators are acting as the first line of defense in stopping today's infectious diseases, like HIV, and in preparing for other diseases to come.

### 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.