Nearly 1 million lives saved in Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania through Takeda and Global Fund partnership

Takeda’s financial contributions to the Global Fund have helped save nearly 1 million lives in Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania while helping build resilient and sustainable systems for health.

In 2019, Takeda became the first private sector company to announce a financial commitment to the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment, pledging an additional JPY1 billion (approximately US$10 million) over five years. The funds will be used to improve maternal and child health by integrating quality HIV, TB and malaria services in antenatal and postnatal care in Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania. The contribution will also help make health systems more affordable and accessible for the most vulnerable populations with the aim of achieving quality Universal Health Coverage. This is more important than ever in countries struggling with the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After 10 years of working together, Takeda is the Global Fund’s longest-running corporate partner and serves as a strong example of how the private sector can make significant contributions to the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

1 As a result of investments in Global Fund-supported programs for HIV in Nigeria, TB in Kenya and malaria in Tanzania from 2010-2019
10 years of progress in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria

Takeda’s first contribution of JPY1 billion (approximately US$10 million) for 2010-2019 helped expand HIV services and awareness in Nigeria, accelerate access to TB treatment in Kenya and boost malaria prevention efforts in Tanzania.

**Protecting mothers and babies from HIV in Nigeria**

The Global Fund is committed to reaching people most vulnerable to HIV with prevention and testing programs while simultaneously breaking down barriers that prevent people from accessing services.

Nigeria has a high burden of both HIV and maternal and child mortality. With the support of Takeda, the Global Fund has invested to expand the quality and quantity of HIV prevention programs for vulnerable populations.

Between 2010 and 2019, the percentage of HIV-positive mothers who received medicine to keep them alive and prevent transmitting HIV to their babies increased from 27% to 43% while the number of people living with HIV who received antiretroviral treatment in Nigeria more than doubled.

At the Heart to Heart clinic in Ikorodu in Nigeria, Modupe Raji and her baby receive health services to prevent transmission of HIV from mother to child. Modupe finds it difficult to bring her baby to the hospital during COVID-19 because of movement restrictions and increased public transport fees. The clinic has set up a WhatsApp group where health care workers can be reached for consultation to continue to provide care to patients.
Scaling up access to TB treatment in Kenya

TB remains the world’s leading infectious disease killer, with 1.4 million people dying from TB in 2019 alone (including HIV-positive people). The Global Fund works with a range of partners to accelerate progress in the fight against TB. This work includes finding “missing” people with TB – those who go undetected, untreated or unreported and who could continue to pass the disease on to others or die without treatment. It also includes improving access to quality diagnostics, treatment and care while scaling up prevention and identifying and treating drug-resistant TB in the highest burden countries.

Strengthening the role of community systems is critical in the fight against TB. In Kenya, Takeda’s contribution has supported the work of thousands of community health workers who track down millions of “missing” TB patients. More than 12,000 community health workers have been trained in Kenya to screen, trace and treat TB patients and people living with HIV.

Key results in

KENYA

39,500 CHILDREN UNDER 15 WITH TB HAVE BEEN DETECTED BETWEEN 2014-2018

20,000 CHILDREN UNDER 5 RECEIVED PREVENTIVE THERAPY BETWEEN 2017 AND 2019

TB treatment coverage in Kenya increased from 43% to 65% between 2010 and 2018.

Community health worker Reuben Kimweli visits families in Kibera, Kenya to talk about TB prevention and track down cases of tuberculosis that go undiagnosed, untreated and unreported.
**Strengthening malaria prevention in Tanzania**

Malaria remains a leading cause of death in children under 5 and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa. Tanzania has stepped up the fight against malaria through investments in prevention, care, treatment and support services, which has resulted in the country nearly halving under-5 mortality.

Takeda’s financial contribution to the Global Fund has supported the Government of Tanzania’s efforts to end malaria through the National Insecticide-Treated Nets Implementation Plan. This included training over 28,000 health workers in behavioral change communication for malaria in 2010 and 2011 and strengthening health systems to distribute and promote the use of insecticide-treated nets.

**Key results in TANZANIA**

- **99%** of people with suspected malaria received diagnostic tests in public health facilities in 2018.
- **59%** of people were using long-lasting insecticidal nets in Tanzania in 2018.
- **1.6m** pregnant women received intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in 2019.

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**Peter Sands**

Executive Director of the Global Fund

“The Global Fund is committed to working with long-standing partners like Takeda to safeguard hard-won gains in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria, continue to build resilient and sustainable systems for health, protect front-line health workers, strengthen community responses and secure adequate and sustainable financing.”

**Christophe Weber**

President & CEO, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

“Our commitment to better health and a brighter future extends beyond our work at the cutting edge of innovation to bold, long-term investments in disease prevention, capacity building, and access to health care in partnership with the global community. Supporting the Global Fund over the past 10 years has yielded results that are very important to us, and that is why we are proud to continue to partner with the Global Fund on the Takeda Initiative 2.”

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**About the Global Fund**

The Global Fund is a 21st-century partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. As a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases, the Global Fund mobilizes and invests nearly US$4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in more than 100 countries. By challenging barriers and embracing innovative approaches, we are working together to better serve people affected by the diseases.