

Every country's COVID-19 response is underpinned by resilient and sustainable systems for health.

Key components of systems for health include the health workforce, community responses and volunteers, hospitals and clinics, supply chains, and data systems.

Health workers and community health workers are at the core of systems for health.

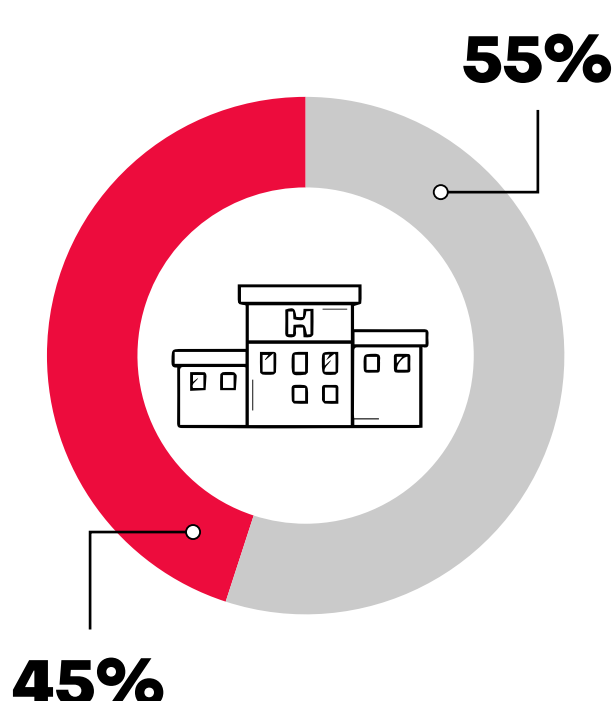
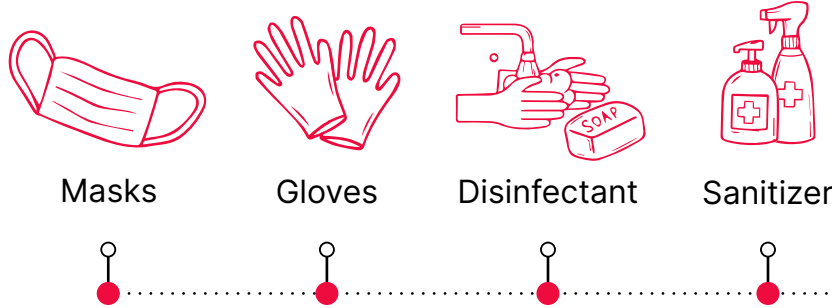
It all starts with communities.

Community health workers test, trace, and refer patients to hospitals and clinics for treatment.



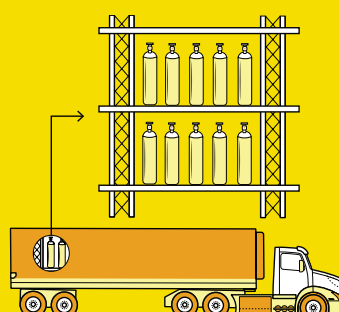
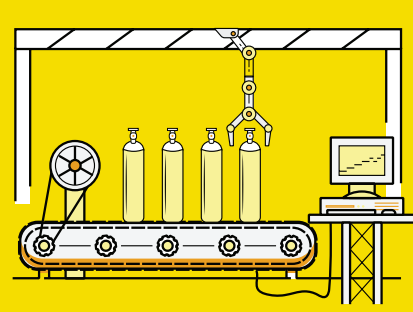
We need to protect health workers.

Spot-checks in 32 countries across Africa and Asia revealed that in 2020, only 45% of health facilities surveyed had at least the four most essential items of protective personal equipment (PPE) available to all staff.



Without sufficient PPE, health workers and community health workers cannot do their job safely and are risking their lives on the front lines.

Countries rely on robust supply chains to get health workers the tools they need to fight diseases.



The Global Fund works with partners and communities to procure high-quality and affordable health tools and ensure their delivery to the last mile, to make sure that no one is left behind.

The Global Fund has been investing in resilient and sustainable systems for health to fight HIV, TB and malaria for the last two decades. These same systems for health underpin the COVID-19 pandemic response.



With the World Bank and WHO, the Global Fund co-leads the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator's Health Systems Connector. The Global Fund is working with countries:



procuring PPE and protecting health workers



strengthening supply chains



supporting community-led responses

Investing in systems for health is vital to fight HIV, TB, and malaria, respond to COVID-19, and prepare for future pandemics.

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.

