Our partnership

Germany is the second-largest European donor to the Global Fund and the fourth-largest public donor overall, contributing over €4.6 billion to date.

For the Seventh Replenishment in 2022, Germany pledged €1.3 billion for 2023-2025, a significant 30% increase from its previous pledge. In line with Germany’s partnership priorities, this pledge contributes to the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria, while also strengthening community systems, building resilience and preparedness for future pandemics, and tackling human rights and gender-related barriers.

Germany has its own seat on the Global Fund’s Board and is a member of its strategic committee, playing a pivotal role in shaping its policies.

Since 2022, the Global Fund partners with BACKUP Health – a global program commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development with a primary focus on strengthening health systems. BACKUP provides technical and financial support in three core intervention areas: strengthening civil society participation, improving governance and coordination and integrated people-centered health services.

Germany’s pledges and contributions to the Global Fund, 2014-2025 (in € million)

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%.

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.
Priority areas of our partnership

Resilient and sustainable systems for health
Resilient and sustainable systems for health underpin our efforts to defeat today’s infectious diseases and respond to the colliding crises of our time, including climate change, conflict, debt and an alarming erosion of human rights. The Global Fund is the largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health. Over the 2021-2023 funding cycle, we are investing US$1.5 billion a year in formal and community health systems. The Global Fund invests in community system strengthening to support both community-led and community-based responses. The goal is to develop the roles of key affected populations and communities, community organizations and networks, and public or private sector actors that work in partnership with civil society at the community level, in the design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of services and activities aimed at improving health.

Climate and health
The Global Fund is gravely concerned about the disproportionate effect of climate change and environmental degradation on the health and well-being of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. The increasing frequency of extreme weather events is having severe impacts on health and well-being. For example, it was a scorching heat wave followed by heavier-than-usual monsoon rains and melting Himalayan glaciers that led to Pakistan’s unprecedented floods in 2022 – and then a massive surge in malaria cases.

The Global Fund is striving to implement innovative ways to address, mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change on the programs we support. Today, in Pakistan, the Global Fund is responding to the impact of climate change by supporting ongoing malaria control activities across the country, including community-based malaria tests and treatment, distribution of insecticide-treated nets, indoor residual spraying and education campaigns for communities with the highest burden of the disease. Investments have also been used to repair and renovate laboratories and clinics that were damaged or destroyed during the floods.

Adolescent girls and young women
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 focus countries in sub-Saharan Africa. While these are infections that could have been prevented, this represents a 67% reduction in incidence rate among adolescent girls and young women in these countries since 2010, indicating the effectiveness of our focused interventions. In 2022, 2.5 million adolescent girls and young women were reached with HIV prevention programs in the same 13 countries. We continue to invest in social support programs to fight gender-based violence, provide peer support and peer education, address harmful gender norms, and improve education about sexual health and HIV prevention.

Humanitarian settings and migration
Across multiple countries, including Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sudan, and across the Sahel, the Global Fund partnership has to overcome immense challenges when striving to ensure the most vulnerable get the services they need. Even in crisis, we must leave no one behind. Through our Emergency Fund, we provide quick and flexible financing in emergency situations to ensure continuity of existing programs and services for HIV, TB and malaria. Since 2014, we have disbursed US$132 million in emergency funding. These challenging operating environments account for approximately 30% of the Global Fund funding allocation.

War in Ukraine:
Maintaining Lifesaving TB and HIV Services
Even before the war, Ukraine had a high HIV and TB disease burden, and drug-resistant TB remains a public health threat. But thanks to support from the Global Fund partnership, Ukraine has achieved tremendous progress in the fight against these diseases over the last two decades. Today, the Global Fund is focused on protecting these hard-won gains.

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. Emergency funding is now being dedicated to a number of essential activities, including retrofitting vans to deliver essential medicines and supplies; supporting community-led organizations to offer aid to affected and displaced members of their communities and link them to HIV and TB services; working to help patients displaced in Ukraine and nearby countries get reconnected to the health care and medicine they need; and providing food and care packages for TB and HIV patients.

About the Global Fund
The Global Fund invests more than US$4 billion a year to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, equitable future for all. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have invested an additional US$5 billion to fight the new pandemic and reinforce systems for health. We unite the world to find solutions that have the most impact, and we take them to scale worldwide. It’s working. Together, we have saved 59 million lives. We won’t stop until the job is finished.

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