The Netherlands
and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Twenty years of partnership between the Netherlands and the Global Fund have played an important role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building a healthier, safer and more equitable world.

Ending AIDS, TB and malaria

Health investments through the Global Fund have saved more than 44 million lives, strengthening entire communities and addressing inequalities.

Since the Global Fund was established in 2002, the annual death rate across the three diseases has fallen by over half (56%) in countries where we invest.

Unprecedented global cooperation over 20 years has resulted in annual death rates decreasing by:

- **74%** from AIDS-related illnesses
- **51%** from tuberculosis
- **47%** from malaria

Our partnership

The Netherlands has been a strong supporter of the Global Fund since its inception. With contributions totaling €1.09 billion to date, it is the 10th-largest public donor to the Global Fund. These investments have had a major impact not only in terms of lives saved, but also in breaking down gender and human rights-related barriers to health, supporting the inclusion of marginalized groups in decision-making structures and building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

The Netherlands pledged €183 million for 2020-2022, including €27 million through the Global Fund’s COVID-19 Response Mechanism, supporting the scale-up of diagnostics, treatment (including medical oxygen) and critical elements of health systems. The Dutch government is represented on the Global Fund’s Board and is a dynamic contributor in shaping governance policies, especially those that support better investments for key populations, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and human rights.

Reducing poverty and social inequality is one of the overarching Dutch development cooperation policy goals. The Netherlands has also committed to the development of a Dutch Global Health Strategy and to the elimination of HIV and TB by 2030. Dutch community and civil society partners also play a crucial role in advocating for better health outcomes for all.

The Netherlands’s pledges and contributions to the Global Fund, 2001-2022 (in € million)
Priority areas of our partnership

Sexual and reproductive health and rights
Partners like the Netherlands are strong advocates of the Global Fund’s approach to integrate sexual and reproductive health and rights with HIV interventions, and more broadly, to link reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health interventions with HIV, TB and malaria programs. The Global Fund invests in treatment and prevention programs, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, integrated screening and testing of sexually transmitted infections, family planning, prevention of malaria during pregnancy, economic empowerment programs, comprehensive sexuality education and gender-based violence interventions.

Progress in reducing mother-to-child transmission of HIV has been dramatic over the last two decades. In countries where the Global Fund invests, the percentage of mothers receiving treatment to prevent transmission of HIV to their babies reached 85% in 2020, compared to just 44% in 2010.

Breaking down barriers to advance human rights
The Global Fund partnership seeks to knock down barriers to health services by investing in human rights and gender-responsive programs. We have increased our investments in this effort more than four-fold in recent years.

The Global Fund is taking a pragmatic and programmatic approach to reducing human rights-related barriers to health services. This human rights work increases the effectiveness of Global Fund grants by helping them to reach more people and maximize uptake of services and retention in services, particularly for the most vulnerable.

For HIV, the Global Fund is the leading external funder of key population programs across many regions as well as the biggest investor in harm reduction programs for people who inject drugs.

Resilient and sustainable systems for health
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$4.9 billion, or US$1.5 billion a year, in formal and community health systems through our core grants and our COVID-19 response – about one-third of our total investments.

As the leading multilateral agency in the fight against the world's deadliest infectious diseases – HIV, TB, and COVID-19 – the Global Fund partnership is uniquely placed to work with partners to support countries to prevent, prepare for and respond to pandemics.

Innovation
Scientific progress and innovative ideas driven by both public and private investment are unlocking improvements in disease prevention, treatment and care. The Global Fund partnership draws on the best innovations from across sectors while stimulating new innovations for more rapid progress and greater impact.

HIV self-testing is a vital tool to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the fight against HIV and scale up efforts to protect services from future pandemics or other disruptions. Self-testing empowers people who otherwise may not get tested with an option that is safe, confidential and convenient. Between 2021 and 2023, the Global Fund is investing US$60 million in HIV self-testing – a fourfold increase compared to what was invested in the previous three years.

Humanitarian settings
The Global Fund reacts quickly to humanitarian crises – we use our Emergency Fund to respond to the urgent needs of those most in need. In recent years, the Global Fund has contributed to mitigating the impact of humanitarian crises on health systems in a number of countries, including Afghanistan, Myanmar, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi and Ukraine.

Since 2019, the Global Fund has allocated an estimated US$16 million in additional emergency funding specifically for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs), in countries such as Uganda (HIV and TB support for refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan), Ethiopia (to address malaria outbreaks among refugees from Sudan) and Mozambique (for malaria protection and treatment of IDPs in Cabo Delgado, arising from conflict and climate disaster).

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$4.3 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 44 million lives. We won't stop until the job is finished.

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