The Netherlands and the Global Fund

The partnership between the Netherlands and the Global Fund has achieved tremendous impact on global health.

Ending AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Smart, effective health investments through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria have saved 17 million lives since 2002, expanding opportunity and achieving greater social justice for families and communities worldwide. These efforts put the Global Fund partnership on track to save 22 million lives by the end of 2016.

With contributions totalling more than US$919 million as of December 2014, the Netherlands is the tenth-largest public donor to the Global Fund. As a member of the Global Fund partnership since 2002, 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 in key populations and vulnerable groups, including women and girls.

Core Principles

**Partnership** – Through the Global Fund partnership, achievements and decision-making are shared by all stakeholders working together: governments, civil society, technical partners, the private sector, faith-based organizations, academics, multilateral and bilateral agencies and people affected by the diseases. In that framework, Dutch civil society organizations have played a key role in the governance of the Global Fund through membership in the Developed Countries NGO constituency of the Global Fund’s Board. Dutch organizations such as Aids Fonds, STOP AIDS NOW!, KNCV TB Foundation, International Civil Society and HIVOS are key partners.

**Country Ownership** – Countries implementing Global Fund-supported grants determine their own solutions to fighting the three diseases and are responsible for implementing the plans. Each country tailors its response to its own political, cultural and epidemiological context. This approach is key to achieving results and to sustainability of programs.

![Graph showing annual contributions to the Global Fund by the Netherlands.](image)

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![Table showing people on antiretroviral therapy for HIV, people having received TB treatment, and mosquito nets distributed by programs for malaria.](image)

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<td>PEOPLE ON ANTIRETROVIRAL THERAPY FOR HIV</td>
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At this clinic in Rwanda, all women are offered free HIV counseling and testing during prenatal visits. The country, in partnership with the Global Fund, is winning the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

These investments have led to a decline in both AIDS-related deaths and new HIV infections in women and girls. Between 2005 and 2014, across 13 high-burden African countries where the Global Fund invests, there was a 58 percent decline in AIDS-related deaths among women of 15 years and older. In 11 high-burden countries in Africa, Global Fund-supported programs have led to a 23 percent decline in HIV infections among women between 2005 and 2014.

Key populations: The partnership focuses on people disproportionately affected by diseases and who may be denied access due to stigma or discrimination, such as men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs and sex workers. The Global Fund is supporting countries to do better size estimates and mapping of key populations to strategically prioritize investments so as to maximize impact against diseases. Twenty-five countries have nationally adequate estimates for at least two key population groups.

Seizing the Momentum
Through collective global commitment and unwavering support from countries like the Netherlands, we have proven we can force the three diseases into retreat. But we can’t stop now. So many more lives are still at risk that we must seize the momentum, embrace ambition and move faster to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics. The Global Fund is honored to have the Netherlands as a strong partner to help achieve this milestone.

Performance-based funding – The Global Fund facilitates a process that allows for robust dialogue between country stakeholders and global health partners to develop quality, evidence-based proposals for funding. When applications are approved, they are overseen and led by partners inside and outside the country. Continued funding of programs is tied to delivery of demonstrable results.

Priority Areas of the Partnership
Human Rights: The Global Fund includes human rights considerations throughout the grant cycle and has increased investments in programs that address human rights-related barriers to health. The Global Fund’s five minimum human rights standards are: non-discriminatory access to services for all; employing only scientifically sound and approved medicines or medical practices; not employing methods that constitute torture or that are cruel, inhuman or degrading; respecting and protecting informed consent, confidentiality and the right to privacy concerning medical testing, treatment or health services; and avoiding medical detention and involuntary isolation.

Women and girls: The Global Fund invests in programs that address gender inequalities and reach women and girls with critical services, including strengthened links with reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health. The Global Fund approximates that 55-60 percent of its spending benefits women and girls.

About the Global Fund
The Global Fund is a 21st-century organization 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. The Global Fund’s operating costs are just 2.3 percent of grants under management, reflecting an exceptionally high degree of efficiency. By challenging barriers and embracing innovative approaches, we are working together to better serve people affected by the diseases.