

# Switzerland

## and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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

### Ending AIDS, TB and malaria

Health investments through the Global Fund have saved 59 million lives since 2002.



**24.5 million**

people on antiretroviral therapy for HIV in 2022



**6.7 million**

people treated for TB in 2022



**220 million**

mosquito nets distributed in 2022

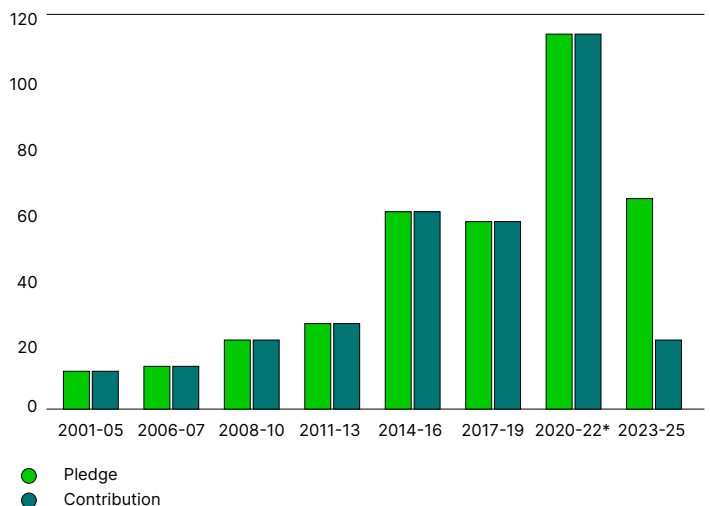
### Our partnership

Switzerland has supported the Global Fund since 2002. The country has contributed US\$336.7 million to date and contributed an additional US\$50 million to the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism. President Ignazio Cassis pledged CHF 64 million for the 2023-2025 period at the 7th Replenishment Conference, confirming the country's commitment to combat the three diseases and strengthen health systems. Switzerland shares a seat on the Global Fund Board with Canada and Australia. With its robust, thematic and diplomatic skills and experience, Switzerland plays a pivotal role in shaping strategic decisions.

### International Geneva and the Global Fund

The Global Fund, hosted by Switzerland and headquartered at the Global Health Campus, is a major contributor to International Geneva. Through close collaboration with global health partners, the Global Fund helps to achieve more impact and unity across the global health landscape, reinforcing Geneva's reputation as a global center of expertise for health.

### Switzerland's pledges and contributions to the Global Fund (in CHF)



\*In 2021, Switzerland allocated CHF 50 million to the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism as part of a CHF 300 million pledge to the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator.

## Priority areas of our partnership

### Reaching the most vulnerable populations to leave no one behind

Across multiple countries the Global Fund partnership has to overcome immense challenges when striving to ensure the most vulnerable get the health services they need.

These challenging operating environments – 32 countries, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa – host less than 14% of the world's population, but account for 30% of the global disease burden for HIV, TB and malaria. The Global Fund has disbursed US\$15 billion in challenging operating environments since 2002.

We also support the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus to ensure strong cooperation, collaboration and coordination between humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts in the countries where we invest.

### Strengthening health and community systems

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health. Over the 2024-2026 period, we are investing US\$6 billion in formal and community health systems. Community health systems are designed, led and organized by communities themselves to address local needs and reach the most marginalized and vulnerable people with equitable and high-quality services.

#### Universal health coverage

In low- and middle-income countries, the best way to achieve universal health

coverage (UHC) is by finishing the unfinished fights against preventable, treatable diseases like HIV, TB and malaria. Turbocharging the fight against these three diseases will unlock the triple benefits of saving millions more lives while simultaneously building more resilient, equitable and sustainable health systems that can help us achieve UHC.

### Promoting gender equality, health equity and human rights

The Global Fund is taking deliberate steps to invest in, prioritize and work with marginalized communities so they can achieve equitable access to health. The Global Fund's **Breaking Down Barriers initiative** provides financial and technical support to 24 countries (14 of which are in sub-Saharan Africa) to tackle human rights-related and gender-related barriers to HIV, TB and malaria services. In **Mozambique** for example, TB community outreach workers and peer educators receive training on defending basic human rights and work with paralegals to monitor and address human rights violations against people affected by TB.

### Addressing the determinants of health and drivers of pandemics

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 communities. We are striving to implement innovative ways to address, mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change on the programs we support. **Seventy-one percent of Global Fund resources support the 50 most climate-vulnerable countries.**

### Improving sexual and reproductive health by supporting adolescent girls and young women

Adolescent girls and young women are a key focus of the Global Fund's HIV response. In 2022, 2.5 million adolescent girls and young women were reached with HIV prevention programs in Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Global Fund also invests in interventions to transform cultural and social norms that perpetuate gender inequality and increase HIV vulnerability.

### Switzerland and the private sector: An essential partner in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria

**The Novartis Foundation**, the Global Fund and partners co-finance the Health Tech Hub Africa, a pan-African accelerator with co-working space in **Kigali, Rwanda**. The Hub fast-tracks healthtech innovations in public health systems and supports capacity building for African entrepreneurs in digital health. **Roche**, the Global Fund and the African Circular Economy Network (ACEN) are expanding their collaboration to identify recycling opportunities for end-of-life diagnostic instruments in sub-Saharan Africa, aiming to enhance local recycling capabilities, support economies, and promote responsible e-waste treatment management.



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## Ukraine:

### Maintaining lifesaving services during the war

Global Fund investments in Ukraine leverage Switzerland's long-standing support to health sector reform in Ukraine. Prior to the war, Ukraine had made remarkable achievements in combatting HIV and TB. The Global Fund has invested more than US\$1 billion in Ukraine for HIV and TB programs since 2003. In 2022 and 2023, the Global Fund approved US\$27.7 million in emergency funding to support the continuity of HIV and TB services in Ukraine. This is in addition to the US\$165.5 million for the 2024-2026 implementation period. This funding builds on the US\$135.7 million allocated to Ukraine to support the fight against HIV and TB in the country over the 2021-2023 implementation period, and the US\$54.5 million for the country's COVID-19 response. The Global Fund has also approved US\$28 million to reprogram existing grants to respond and adapt to the programmatic needs in the country. We continue working closely with all our partners to ensure patients have ongoing access to lifesaving prevention, testing and treatment services for HIV and TB.

### About the Global Fund

The Global Fund is a worldwide partnership to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. We raise and invest more than US\$5 billion a year to fight the deadliest infectious diseases, challenge the injustice that fuels them, and strengthen health systems and pandemic preparedness in more than 100 of the hardest hit countries. We unite world leaders, communities, civil society, health workers and the private sector to find solutions that have the most impact, and we take them to scale worldwide. Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership has saved 59 million lives.