

Portugal

and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Portugal's support and commitment to the Global Fund has played an important role in the global fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building a healthier and more equitable world for all.

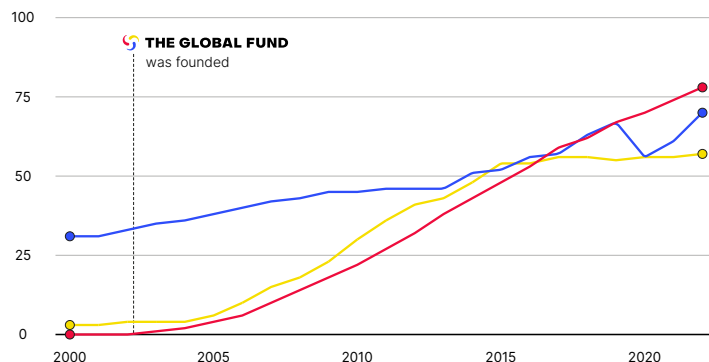
Health investments through the Global Fund have saved 59 million lives since 2002.

Global Fund investments in Lusophone countries as of May 2024 amount to US\$3.08 billion.

Efforts by governments, communities and global health partners have resulted in extraordinary progress in the fight against the three diseases.

Coverage of treatment and prevention interventions

- HIV: % of people living with HIV on antiretroviral therapy
- TB: % of TB treatment coverage
- Malaria: % of population with access to a long-lasting insecticide-treated net



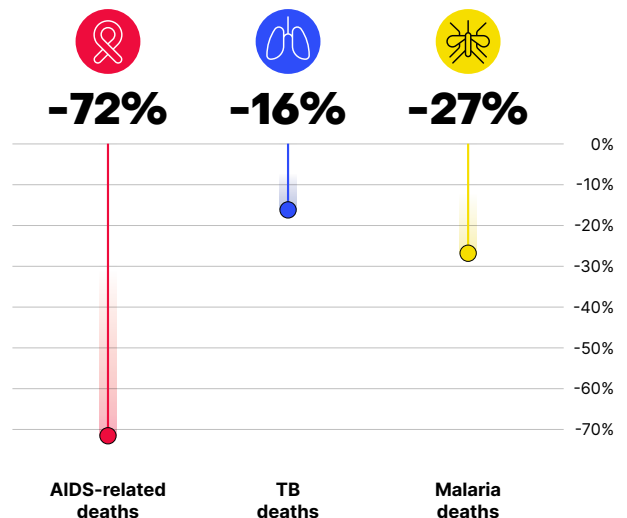
Malaria coverage is calculated based on 38 African countries where the Global Fund invests, for which data is available from WHO/Malaria Atlas Project estimates. HIV and TB estimates are based on all countries where the Global Fund invests. Based on published data from WHO (2022 release for TB and malaria) and UNAIDS (2023 release). Based on published data from WHO and UNAIDS (2023 release).

Our partnership

Portugal has supported the Global Fund since 2002, contributing US\$17.2 million to date. Our institutional relationship with Portugal is anchored in the Camões Institute for Cooperation and Languages and in the Ministry of Health.

At the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference (2023-2025), Portugal pledged €1.5 million, a 50% increase over its €1 million commitment for the Sixth Replenishment (2020-2022), which itself was a fourfold increase of its Fifth Replenishment commitment. By pledging more than the Global Fund's ask in two consecutive investment cases, Portugal demonstrates its strong commitment to global health and the Global Fund.

To support the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism, Portugal provided a public-private commitment of €126,250 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Association of Pharmacies.



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%.

Priority areas of our partnership

The thematic priorities outlined in Portugal's 2030 development cooperation strategy are strongly mirrored in the Global Fund's mission and investments.

Health and community systems are critical to achieving universal health coverage and to countering emerging pandemic threats.

These systems need to be resilient to withstand crises and extreme weather events like floods and cyclones; inclusive so that everyone, everywhere, has access to health care; and strong enough to respond to today's diseases and prepare for future health threats. Global Fund investments support country-owned and country-led health programs that are tailored to reach those most in need and strengthen the entire health system.

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants to strengthen health and community systems. We are investing US\$6 billion between 2024-2026 to support low- and middle-income countries to strengthen their health and community systems. Our investments support integrated, people-centered services and focus on rising above disease silos to build health and community systems that protect people from multiple pathogens, address their holistic needs and enhance health and well-being for all.

Equitable and inclusive access to health care

A focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights cuts across all Global Fund investments. The Global Fund invests in treatment and prevention programs, including tailored interventions for adolescent girls and young women, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, prevention of malaria during pregnancy, integrated screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections, economic empowerment programs, and gender-based violence interventions.

Inequities, human rights abuses and gender inequality undermine the fight against infectious diseases by creating barriers to essential health services and lifesaving health products. In the 24 countries included in Breaking Down Barriers – an initiative that supports programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health and address stigma and discrimination – Global Fund investments in human rights have increased more than tenfold, from slightly over US\$10 million in 2017 to over US\$130 million in 2023.

Human resources for health

Global Fund investments can play a catalytic role in developing and strengthening human resources for health (HRH) in a sustainable and evidence-based manner. Our funding can support interventions designed to advance equitable access to integrated, people-centered services; support improvements in HRH performance

and quality of care through focused, evidence-based interventions; and strengthen integrated service delivery at primary health care and community levels, with a focus on services that underpin pandemic preparedness.

Digital health

Data and technology are powerful tools to meet the goal of ending AIDS, TB and malaria by 2030, while also helping to equalize access to care. The Global Fund is one of the largest investors in digital health in low- and middle-income countries. We invest more than US\$150 million a year to strengthen health and information systems and improve data availability and quality.

The digital health tools and initiatives that the Global Fund supports are vital to achieve equity in health care delivery and reach communities in the most remote locations. We also support countries to digitize and integrate national, regional and local health data, which is essential to be able to detect and respond to disease outbreaks rapidly and is the basis of robust, effective health systems. Investing in digital health also maximizes the impact of every dollar invested to fight AIDS, TB and malaria.



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Focus on:

Upala—a village in Boane District, Mozambique

Mozambique has one of the highest HIV, TB and malaria burdens in the world. But thanks to the work of the Global Fund partnership, the country has achieved solid gains against the three diseases.

As one of 8,500 community health workers in Mozambique, Júlia Luís prioritizes reaching children under 5 and focuses on preventive care to protect people from deadly diseases like malaria and pneumonia.

The upSCALE smartphone app has completely transformed her work – and offers a wealth of digital health data to strengthen Mozambique's health systems. The app also captures vital data to prepare for future health threats.

The Global Fund invests more than US\$150 million a year to support use of digital health tools like upSCALE. The Global Fund also recognizes that tools like upSCALE are only effective if people know how to use them. Between 2021 and 2023, the Global Fund invested US\$583 million in training and support for community health workers, who are often the first to help communities recover from disease outbreaks and climate emergencies.

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.