The partnership between Luxembourg and the Global Fund has 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 since 2002, supporting entire communities and improving economies.

Our partnership
Luxembourg has been a committed supporter of the Global Fund since its inception. With contributions totaling more than €53 million to date, Luxembourg is one of the Global Fund’s largest donors per capita, and the country has steadily increased its pledge over the Replenishment cycles. Since 2009, Luxembourg has dedicated at least 1% of gross national income each year to official development assistance, making the country one of the most generous donors among members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

In early 2019, Luxembourg was the first country to pledge for the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment. The country has fully honored its commitment (€11 million, including a €2 million contribution to the COVID-19 response), confirming Luxembourg’s commitment to alleviate the burden of the three diseases and build strong, inclusive and resilient systems for health.

Luxembourg’s pledges and contributions to the Global Fund, 2001-2022 (in € million)

- **21.9 million** people on antiretroviral therapy for HIV in 2020
- **4.7 million** people with TB treated in 2020
- **188 million** mosquito nets distributed in 2020
Priority areas of our partnership

Universal health coverage
Improving access to safe and affordable health care for all is a major pillar of Luxembourg's General Development Cooperation Strategy. Global Fund investments in support to HIV, TB and malaria prevention and treatment are also contributing to improving countries' overall health and community systems. The Global Fund is the largest multilateral provider of grants, investing more than US$1 billion a year toward building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

Human rights and gender equality
Too often, the people most vulnerable to disease are the same people who don't have access to health care because of stigma, gender inequality or discrimination.

Human rights and gender equality are key cross-cutting priorities underpinning Luxembourg's General Development Cooperation Strategy.

In Lesotho, the Global Fund has invested in the development of national guidelines for prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, as well as in integrating sexual and reproductive health with HIV services so that women can access both services in one place. Our investments in comprehensive sexual health education have increased significantly, with investments of over US$35 million in nearly 40 countries.

Fighting violence against women and girls during COVID-19
When COVID-19 hit, gender-based violence increased. Lockdowns and stay-at-home policies closed safe shelters and prevention services, leaving some populations at increased risk of abuse.

Through targeted COVID-19 Response Mechanism investments in Kenya for example, the Global Fund and in-country partners have been supporting survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, focusing on violence prevention activities and strengthening access to medical and psychosocial care for survivors.

Innovation
Leveraging its expertise in information and communication technology, data and financial sectors, Luxembourg is a key partner in advancing innovation. The Global Fund partnership draws on the best innovations from across sectors while stimulating new innovations for more rapid progress and greater impact.

In the fight against malaria, the Global Fund and Unilever have each invested US$33 million from 2018 to 2022 to introduce new insecticide-treated nets to fight malaria-carrying mosquitoes. The New Nets Project is meant to safeguard the gains we have made against malaria and use new tools to advance toward the goal of eradicating the disease.

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. HIV self-testing empowers people who otherwise may not get tested with an option that is safe, confidential and convenient. The Global Fund is massively increasing investments in HIV self-testing. Between 2021 and 2023, the Global Fund will invest US$60 million in HIV self-testing – a fourfold increase compared to what was invested in the previous three years.

To fight TB, the Global Fund has supported the roll-out of bidirectional testing, where people are simultaneously screened and tested for TB and COVID-19. Identifying all those with TB and COVID-19 can help countries achieve testing targets and ensure sustained progress toward TB elimination.

Collective action
The only way to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics is by working together in an inclusive way.

Strong coordination with health agencies and partners is essential to our work. The Global Fund is a signatory to the World Health Organization-led Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All, designed to deliver more effective collaboration and coordination on global health.

The Global Fund is a founding partner of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator. This global collaboration of leading public health agencies is working with governments, civil society and industry to accelerate the development and equitable distribution of tests, treatments and vaccines – and the strengthening of health systems – that the world needs to fight COVID-19.

Luxembourg firmly believes that a united global effort is the best way to meet our sustainable development targets for health.

Fight for what counts
Thanks to unwavering support from partners like Luxembourg, we have proven we can force HIV, TB and malaria into retreat. But we can't stop now. With millions of lives still at risk, we must move faster to end the three diseases as public health threats and build resilient and sustainable systems for health. The Global Fund is honored to have Luxembourg by our side as we fight for what counts.

Mali: Reaching Communities Through Digital Health Initiatives

Under the leadership of Mali's Department of Health and Social Development, the Global Fund and partners launched a project to respond to COVID-19 using the MaliKaKeneya app across six communes of Bamako.

The MaliKaKeneya app supports community health workers to find patients who may have COVID-19 and refer them to get tested and treated.

As symptoms such as fever and cough can also be a sign of malaria or TB, community health workers can also screen for these diseases at the same time.

By the end of 2020, the community health workers deployed with the app had visited more than 500,000 households in all the communes of Bamako and identified more than 30,000 sick people, of which 980 were suspected of having COVID-19.

Through innovative partnerships, Mali is committed to investing in community health and further ensuring community health workers are equipped with digital tools to improve the speed, quality, and equity of care provided.