Luxembourg and the Global Fund

A Smart Investment
In 2000, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria appeared to be unstoppable. In many countries, AIDS devastated an entire generation, leaving countless orphans and shattered communities. Malaria killed young children and pregnant women unable to protect themselves from mosquitoes or access lifesaving medicine. Tuberculosis unfairly afflicted the poor, as it had for millennia.

The world fought back. Luxembourg joined hands with other governments, private sector, civil society and people affected by the diseases to form the Global Fund, which pooled the world’s resources to invest strategically in programs to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics.

Saving Lives, Transforming Livelihoods
Nearly two decades later, Luxembourg’s smart, effective health investments through the Global Fund have helped save more than 27 million lives. Luxembourg has been an essential supporter of the Global Fund since its inception. With contributions totaling more than €42 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 last replenishment cycles. Since 2009, Luxembourg has dedicated 1 percent of GNI each year to Official Development Assistance, making the country one of the most generous donors among OECD members.

In early 2019, Luxembourg was the first country to pledge for the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment (2020-2022). The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg announced a commitment to the Global Fund of €9 million, an 11 percent increase over the last replenishment period.

In addition to its financial contribution to the Global Fund, Luxembourg has provided funding for technical assistance to Global Fund grants in Kosovo, El Salvador and Lao PDR.

Contributions and pledges from Luxembourg (2002-2022)
(Million EUR)

Lives saved are cumulative since 2002. All other results were achieved in 2017 in countries where the Global Fund invests.
Priority areas of the partnership

Luxembourg is represented on the Global Fund’s Board and participates in Country Coordinating Mechanisms – the body that designs and oversees implementation of grants locally – in Kosovo and Lao PDR. It is a dynamic contributor to shaping governance policies, especially those that support better investments for universal health coverage and stronger systems for health.

**Equitable and Accessible Health Care:** Improving access to safe and affordable health care for all is a major pillar of Luxembourg’s new Development Cooperation Strategy. The Global Fund works with partners to tackle inequities in health and make health services more financially sustainable, thereby increasing their availability and accessibility. A particular focus on removing gender- and human rights-related barriers, and on strengthening community responses for health, is critical to building more inclusive health systems that leave no one behind. With the mandate to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics, the Global Fund is committed to accelerating progress toward SDG 3: “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being” and deliver universal health coverage.

**Resilient and Strong Health Systems:** Robust systems for health are not only essential to ending HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics, but they yield broader outcomes, delivering health care in a sustainable, equitable and effective way. Twenty-seven percent of Global Fund’s investments are dedicated to addressing areas that are critical for stronger health systems, including training for community health workers, laboratories, data management and supply chains.

**Innovation**

Luxembourg is a key Global Fund partner in advancing 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, particularly in areas like procurement and supply chain management, financial and risk management, and program quality.

**Stepping Up the Fight**

With all the spectacular progress in recent years, we have the end of the epidemics within our reach, but not yet firmly in our grasp. The world is falling off the track to end these diseases. The Global Fund’s fundraising target for the next three-year cycle is at least US$14 billion. These funds will help save 16 million lives and cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria in half by 2023, while building stronger systems for health. The Global Fund is also mobilizing partners toward ending HIV, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030 in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. The effort comes at a crucial moment. New threats such as shortfalls in funding and increasing insecticide and drug resistance have slowed progress and enabled the diseases to gain ground. But if we pull together and step up the fight against these diseases, we can end them as epidemics once and for all.

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Two years ago, Mariam Zozome, a 60-year-old peanut seller in Ouahigouya, Burkina Faso, was diagnosed with HIV. She looks after her 5-year-old grand-daughter Habib. Mariam feels fortunate to live just 1 km from a community-based organization called “AMMIE”, where she receives her treatment, gets medical check-ups and participates in group discussions with other members of a local HIV-support group. AMMIE has been providing care to people living with HIV in the north region of Burkina Faso for the last 25 years and receives support from the Global Fund.

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**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. By challenging barriers and embracing innovative approaches, we are working together to better serve people affected by the diseases.