

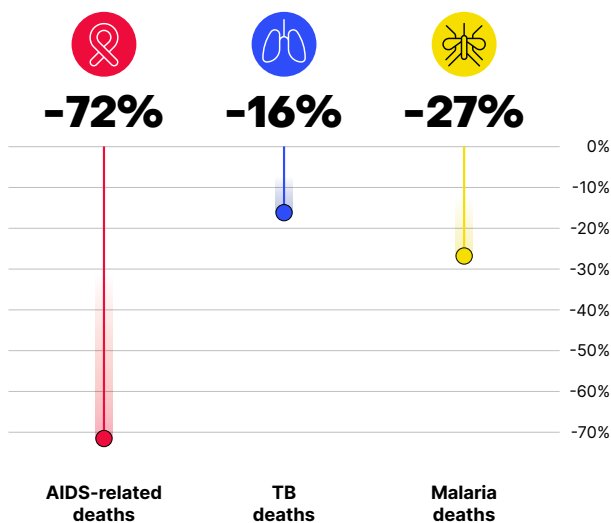
Belgium

and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Belgium's strong support and commitment to the Global Fund has played an important role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building an equitable, inclusive and healthier world.

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

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



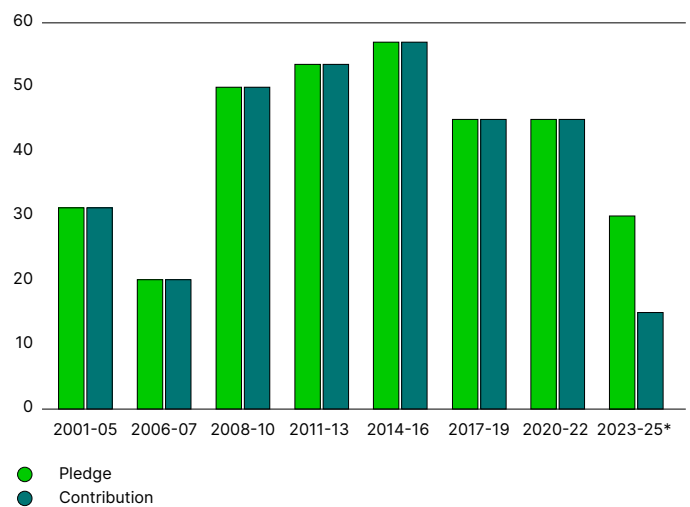
Between 2002 and 2022, in countries where the Global Fund invests, AIDS-related deaths have fallen by 72%, TB deaths by 16% and malaria deaths by 27%. Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership has cut the combined death rate from AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria by 55%.

Our partnership

Belgium is the fifteenth largest public donor to the Global Fund, with a cumulative contribution of €316.92 million to date.

In 2021, the country announced a pledge of €60 million for the 2021-2024 period. Belgium's development cooperation budget cycle differs from the Global Fund's three-year Replenishment cycle. As such, the Belgian four-year pledge coincides with the last two years of the Sixth Replenishment (2021-2022) and the first two years of the Seventh Replenishment (2023-2024), corresponding to €15 million per year.

Belgium's pledges and contributions to the Global Fund (in € million)



*Belgium is yet to announce its pledge for 2025.

Priority areas of our partnership

Belgium's priorities in global health are reflected in the ambitious agenda for its Presidency of the Council of the European Union from January to June 2024. The Global Fund and Belgium's priorities mutually reinforce each other in progressing together towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Resilient and sustainable systems for health and pandemic preparedness

Resilient and sustainable systems for health are the foundation of healthy, productive communities. These systems are essential for ending HIV, TB and malaria as public health threats, producing better health outcomes for all and delivering health services in a sustainable, equitable and effective way. They are also the basis for preventing, preparing for and responding to future pandemics.

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health. We invest US\$2 billion a year in formal and community health systems. We invest in the treatment and prevention of HIV, TB, malaria, and we support countries to respond to those diseases, while also improving overall health systems by boosting the quality of care, data tracking, accountability and governance, and service delivery. By reducing the three diseases, we free up health systems' capacity for other health priorities.

At the center of the Global Fund's programming are the people and communities we serve. Community systems for health are designed, led and organized by communities themselves to address local needs and reach the most marginalized and vulnerable people. They play a crucial role in increasing access to equitable and high-quality services.

Children and adolescent girls and young women

In the fight against malaria, the Global Fund supports the rollout of seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC), a preventive medicine to protect young children from malaria. SMC has been proven to contribute to an 85% reduction in infections among children.

Adolescent girls and young women remain a key focus of the Global Fund's HIV response. In 2022, approximately 120,000 adolescent girls and young women were newly infected with HIV in 13 priority countries in sub-Saharan Africa. This represents a 67% reduction in incidence rate among adolescent girls and young women in these countries since 2010, indicating the effectiveness of focused interventions.

In 2022, 2.5 million adolescent girls and young women were reached with HIV prevention programs. 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.

Regional manufacturing of health products

As part of our Next Generation Market Shaping Approach, the Global Fund is promoting capacity building for regional manufacturing across the regions where we invest. Our initial focus will be to support capacity building for regional manufacturing in Africa. To complement these efforts we are also engaged with regional economic communities such as the East African Community (EAC), the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Economic Community of West African States/West African Health Organization (ECOWAS/ WAHO) to share lessons learned.

At the Global Fund, we are committed to catalyzing the rapid development of regional manufacturing, so that African countries can benefit from a better, more secure supply of high-quality and affordable tests, medicines and other medical tools. This is the key to reducing global health inequities.

In August 2023, the Global Fund, in partnership with PEPFAR and Unitaid, launched a pilot review process for African manufacturers of HIV rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) to accelerate the production of RDTs on the continent. This was a pivotal milestone in the organizations' joint efforts to accelerate the supply diversification agenda.



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Farida fights for women and girls in Burkina Faso

Héroïnes du Faso is an organization that fights for Burkina Faso's women and girls every day. Farida Tiemtoré founded Héroïnes to support and empower women and girls like her, who are working to overcome inequality, conflict and insecurity. Héroïnes organizes outreach seminars, advocates for the education of girls among traditional and political leaders, campaigns for women in leadership positions and supports women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Many of the young women that Farida meets have never seen or used contraceptives or taken a test for sexually transmitted infections. Thanks to Farida and her team, young women are learning that there are places to advise them on their sexual and reproductive health needs and choices.

"In our talks, we teach young women to negotiate the use of condoms with their partners," Farida said. "Girls tell us that they feel better equipped."

Héroïnes du Faso was established with the support of Voix EssentiELLES, a fund that provides grants and capacity development for women and girls' community-based organizations, groups and networks and their leaders. It is managed by Speak Up Africa and is backed and co-funded by Fondation CHANEL and the Global Fund.

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.