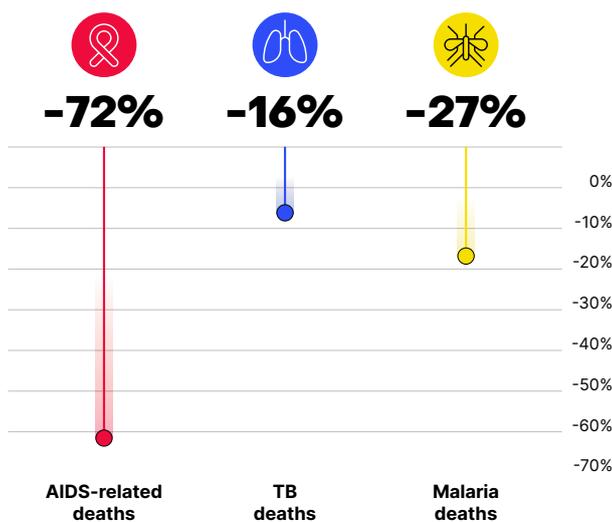


# The European Commission and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The European Commission'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%.

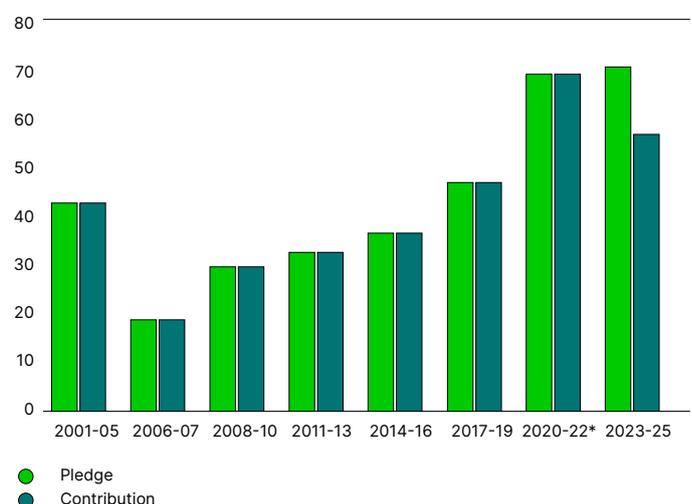
## Our partnership

The European Commission is the sixth largest donor to the Global Fund. The Commission and European Union member states, referred to as Team Europe, contribute around one-third of the Global Fund's total funding.

At the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference, the European Commission announced a pledge of €715 million for the period 2023-2025, a 30% increase over its pledge of €550 million to the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment (covering 2020-2022), and the highest amount ever received from the European Commission. This is a reflection of the European Commission's confidence in the role of the Global Fund in fighting AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and in building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

The Global Fund actively supports health programs in over 100 countries. In Africa, we are investing more than US\$10 billion in the 2023-2025 period. In the eastern and southern border countries of the European Union, we are investing over US\$328 million in the same period.

## The European Commission's pledges and contributions to the Global Fund (in € million)



\*This amount reflects €550 million for the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment, as well as €150 million for the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM).

## Priority areas of our partnership

### Resilient and sustainable systems for health and pandemic preparedness

Resilient and sustainable systems for health are the foundation of healthy, productive communities.

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 support countries to improve overall health systems by boosting quality of care, data tracking, accountability and governance, and service delivery. By reducing HIV, TB and malaria, 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.

### Pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

To prevent and prepare for future pandemics, we must focus on tackling inequities and meeting the health needs of the most marginalized and vulnerable populations. In doing so, we must meaningfully engage communities, for solutions that are effective and sustainable.

Health equity is the only way to protect all of us from future pandemics. Until everyone has equitable access to lifesaving health tools and services, diseases will continue to spread beyond borders and develop resistance to the tools we use to fight them.

As the largest multilateral provider of grants to strengthen systems for health, the Global Fund partnership is uniquely positioned to support countries to step up the fight against diseases such as HIV, TB, and malaria, and prepare for future pandemics.

### 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.

### Breaking down barriers to advance human rights

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 – a Global Fund initiative that supports programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health and address stigma and discrimination

– investments in human rights have increased more than tenfold, from slightly over US\$10 million in 2017 to over US\$130 million in 2023.

### Innovation through 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. We are 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.

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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## In Burkina Faso, a Mobile App Replaces Pen and Paper to Transform Community Health

Despite high levels of poverty and increasing insecurity, Burkina Faso has made tremendous gains in improving the health of pregnant women and young children over the last two decades. Spurred by investments to fight HIV and malaria, the maternal mortality rate and the number of deaths among children under 5 have both been cut in half. Community health worker Marc and his colleagues are vital in accelerating health gains and reaching people who have been left out of this progress.

Technology is now proving vital to this work. Marc's phone is equipped with Mhealth\_Burkina, a digital application designed to improve the ease and efficiency of his work, capture key health data on each patient and share this information with the wider health system.

Mhealth\_Burkina is part of Burkina Faso's roadmap to digitize community health care. The deployment of Mhealth\_Burkina started in early 2022 and is now being used in nine regions and 12 health districts across Burkina Faso, reaching more than 4,000 community health workers. Plans are being developed to roll out the technology across the entire country.

### 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.