

# The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Global Fund

Smart, effective health investments through the Global Fund partnership have saved **27 million lives**. Through collective global commitment, we have achieved remarkable progress against the world's most deadly infectious diseases and contributed to efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3: Ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing for all.

Millions of people are now on antiretroviral therapy and spared the death sentence that came with HIV. The number of people dying of malaria, most of them young children, has been cut in half. New diagnostics systems are speeding up the testing and treatment of people with TB. But we can't stop now. So many more lives are still at risk that we must seize the momentum, embrace ambition and move faster to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics.

## Key results in 2017 in countries where the Global Fund invests



17.5  
MILLION

PEOPLE ON  
ANTIRETROVIRAL  
THERAPY FOR HIV



5  
MILLION

PEOPLE TESTED  
AND TREATED FOR  
TUBERCULOSIS



197  
MILLION

MOSQUITO NETS  
DISTRIBUTED TO  
PREVENT MALARIA



US\$4.2  
BILLION

GLOBAL FUND  
GRANTS DISBURSED

## OIC and the Global Fund

Since its inception in 2002, the Global Fund has been a major supporter of efforts to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics in OIC member states. In 2009, the Global Fund and the OIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening mutual collaboration, joint advocacy efforts to support the Global Fund and the development of high-quality proposals for funding. Today, 49 of the 57 OIC member states are implementing Global Fund supported programs to fight the diseases and build resilient and sustainable systems for health. To date, the Global Fund has disbursed **US\$11.3 billion** to fight the three diseases in OIC member states in the Middle East and North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Central Asia and Central Europe and the Caribbean. These investments in health are also investments in economic and social prosperity, with returns on education, poverty reduction and sustainable development.



The Global Fund / John Rae

In **Senegal**, great progress has been made against malaria, and elimination is now within reach. Supported by the Islamic Development Bank and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Lives and Livelihoods Fund is an innovative mechanism to finance development projects in Islamic Development Bank member countries. The Lives and Livelihoods Fund has signed a US\$32 million agreement to support Senegal to eliminate malaria by the end of 2018. The project was designed in collaboration with the Global Fund under the framework of the National Malaria Control Program.

## Seizing the Momentum

Through collective global commitment and unwavering support from partners including **Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait**, we have proven we can force the three diseases into retreat. But while incredible progress has been made in global health, these gains are fragile. Unless we commit more funding and continue to evolve and innovate our response to HIV, TB and malaria, we will not end these epidemics. The Global Fund is honoured to have the OIC as a partner to help end these epidemics while building healthier and more resilient communities worldwide.

## Impact of Global Fund funding in OIC countries

Global Fund investments are making a transformative difference in the lives of millions of people in OIC member states, helping families become healthier and more productive, expanding opportunity and achieving greater social justice for families and communities. Since our inception, **4.3 million people are receiving antiretroviral (ARV) therapy for HIV** through Global Fund-supported programs in OIC member states.

- 365 million malaria cases have been treated in OIC member states through Global Fund-supported programs
- 499 million mosquito nets have been distributed in OIC member states through Global Fund-supported programs
- 1.8 million pregnant women infected with HIV are receiving ARV therapy to prevent passing the virus to their babies through Global Fund-supported programs in OIC member states
- 7 million people have received TB treatment in OIC member states through Global Fund-supported programs

## Global Fund Special Initiatives in OIC Middle East region

To have more impact in challenging operating environments and in responding to crisis situations, the Global Fund is using flexible and innovative approaches. In the Middle East, which is suffering the effects of conflict and coping with humanitarian crises and large numbers of internally displaced people and refugees, programs supported by the Global Fund provide essential HIV, TB and malaria services to key and vulnerable populations including refugees, internally displaced people, women, children and other populations in **Iraq, Palestine, Syria and Yemen**, as well as to **Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon**.

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After fleeing their homes and communities in Myanmar, nearly a million Rohingya refugees, mostly women and children, are living in makeshift camps in neighboring **Bangladesh**. The Global Fund partnership is providing prevention, treatment and care to address their health needs. Shahina Akhter, a community health worker at a refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, braves heat and heavy rains as she goes from house to house, looking for possible cases of tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases such as pneumonia and diarrhea. For many refugees, community health workers are like guardian angels. "I love to help people. I have seen children grow up, others get cured and play, mothers get pregnant. When I enter their homes they call me by my name: 'Shahina...Shahina'."

## About the Global Fund

The Global Fund is a 21st-century partnership 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 countries and communities most in need.

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