

# **Takeda and the Global Fund: 15 Years of Partnership**



**“The Takeda Initiative has demonstrated how innovation, commitment and local ownership can transform health systems and improve lives — offering a powerful model for other corporate donors. Together, we can turn scientific breakthroughs into scalable solutions that protect the most vulnerable, strengthen health systems and build a healthier world for generations to come.”**

**Peter Sands**  
**Executive Director**  
**The Global Fund**

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**“For over 240 years, Takeda has prioritized patients and thoughtfully contributed to societal impact. Our long-standing collaboration with the Global Fund reflects this deeply rooted commitment. Through the Takeda Initiative, we have advanced systemic improvements in health care delivery for mothers and children in sub-Saharan Africa. Our contribution underscores the vital role of the private sector in tackling global health challenges and driving lasting change, in close collaboration with stakeholders.”**

**Takako Ohyabu**  
**Chief Global Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Officer**  
**Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited**

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**Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited is the Global Fund’s longest-serving corporate partner. Our collaboration exemplifies the powerful role the private sector can play in advancing the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria across sub-Saharan Africa.**

Since 2010, Takeda’s financial contributions to the Global Fund have played an important role in building strong and resilient health and community systems across Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania.

**The Takeda Initiative (2010-2019)**

Takeda’s first contribution of JP¥1 billion for 2010-2019 contributed to malaria prevention efforts in Tanzania through the distribution of mosquito nets, while also accelerating access to TB treatment in Kenya and expanding HIV services and awareness in Nigeria.

**Stepping up the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria among women and children**

**The Takeda Initiative 2 (2019-2024)**

In 2019, Takeda became the first private sector company to announce a financial commitment to the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment, pledging JP¥1 billion. These funds have had a significant impact on maternal and child health, supporting the integration of HIV, TB and malaria services into antenatal and postnatal care in Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania.

**Thanks to these efforts, 1.5 million mothers have received comprehensive, quality care.**

**Key results in Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania  
2020-2024**

**1,493,276**

women received antenatal care and post-natal care.

**211**

health facilities provided with new equipment to improve antenatal and post-natal care standards.

**1,660**

health workers trained to deliver quality antenatal and postnatal care, including lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria services.

**185**

Master Trainers certified to train, mentor and share their skills with other health workers to ensure the long-term impact and sustainability of the program.

**895**

health care professionals trained and supervised on quality improvement (QI) methodology.

**145**

Master Trainers certified on QI methodology to enhance quality of care.



# How integrated HIV, TB and malaria care supports mothers-to-be and newborns

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Through the Takeda Initiative 2, the Global Fund is supporting Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania to establish a highly trained health workforce that provides quality care to women during and after their pregnancies. As an integral part of pregnancy care, women receive screening for malaria, HIV, TB and other diseases. This is a transformational approach, as pregnancy is one of the few moments when many women and families seek health care. This integration is making testing, treatment and disease prevention services more efficient.

## How it works

Health workers offer nutritional advice, recognize signs of ill-health and promote health-seeking behaviors. They are also trained to identify cases of domestic violence, monitor women's mental health during and after pregnancy, and provide respectful maternity care. This means that health workers maintain the dignity, privacy and confidentiality of the women they care for. It also means that women are not mistreated and are able to make informed choices concerning their pregnancy and delivery.

## The impact

**Between 2020 and 2024, 1,660 health workers across Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania received training on integrating HIV, TB and malaria services into antenatal and post-natal care.**

**The training significantly strengthened health worker capacity by delivering a substantial boost in knowledge, with average score improvements of 19% in Kenya and Nigeria, and 22% in Tanzania. The training is provided through a partnership among local health authorities, the Global Fund and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, with funding support from Takeda's Global Corporate Social Responsibility Program.**

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**“The antenatal care and post-natal care training has improved my knowledge and skills, especially on kangaroo mother care for premature infants, ways of screening for postnatal depression – which has been neglected until now – and the importance of screening for TB and syphilis during pregnancy.”**

### **Rita James**

Registered midwife, nurse and clinic instructor at the Kaduna State College of Nursing and Midwifery, Nigeria

## Spotlight on integrated care services at Vihiga County Referral Hospital, Kenya

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In Kenya, HIV, TB and malaria impact millions of people every year. According to the World Health Organization, there were an estimated 5 million malaria cases in Kenya in 2022 – many of these among pregnant women and children under 5. TB is the fourth-leading cause of death among communicable, maternal and neonatal diseases, and Kenya is one of the top high-burden countries for HIV.

Pregnancy is one of the few moments when many women and families seek out health care – a critical opportunity to test for, treat and prevent disease.

“For most of the clients who come to our facility, nurses and midwives are the first health care workers they get in contact with,” says Amina Baraka, a nurse and administrator at Vihiga County Referral Hospital.

In addition to administering physical and regular antenatal checkups, Amina and her colleagues test expectant mothers – and often, family members who join them at the clinic – for HIV. They provide antiretroviral medications to women who test positive to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

Nurses screen mothers for TB and malaria and offer advice and tools to prevent these diseases – which can be especially dangerous for pregnant women and babies. They take detailed histories to identify risk factors for illness and harm, including intimate partner violence.



Amina (right) is a nurse and administrator at Vihiga County Referral Hospital. She was trained on integrated care through the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine program; today, she helps coordinate the training for the nurses and midwives she oversees.

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Incorporating HIV, TB and malaria services into antenatal and postnatal care is an effective and cost-efficient way to reach more people – often, those most vulnerable to infectious disease – with potentially lifesaving care.

Evalyn has been a nurse for decades, with nearly 10 years on Vihiga County Referral Hospital's labor ward and two years at the antenatal clinic. She believes the training makes a difference: "[We] serve the patients better."

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When nurse Evalyn Omusonga (above, left) started on the labor ward at the Vihiga County Referral Hospital seven years ago, it was often understaffed. "You would find yourself alone, with 10 or 12 deliveries," she says. As part of the integrated care training, Evalyn began working with early-career nurses – offering advice, fostering talent, and teaching them how to build relationships with patients. Today, Evalyn oversees 14 labor ward nurses, each trained on the same program.

Evalyn also facilitates regular group antenatal clinics, which bring together health care providers and 10 to 12 pregnant women to discuss what to do and expect before, during and after childbirth – the importance of eating well, sleeping under a mosquito net and getting plenty of rest. Women are also encouraged to talk to each other – to share their fears, hopes and experiences around childbirth and motherhood. Vihiga Country Referral Hospital is 1 of 61 health facilities in Kenya that train health care workers on integrating HIV, TB and malaria services into care for mothers-to-be and newborns.



Nurse Evalyn talks to Victoria, who brought her infant daughter, Kaylah Kenra, for a check-up at Vihiga Country Referral Hospital in Kenya.

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## Key outcomes in Kenya

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- **Antenatal care attendance:** A 50% increase in the number of mothers attending their first antenatal care visit.
- **Post-natal care attendance:** An 80% increase in post-natal care attendance within 48 hours of delivery, compared to a 60% baseline.
- **Maternal mortality:** A more than 50% drop in maternal mortality, from 227 per 100,000 live births at baseline to approximately 100 per 100,000 live births according to recent measurements.
- **Malaria testing:** A 50% increase in the proportion of mothers tested for malaria during their first antenatal care visit.

## Key outcomes in Nigeria

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- **Antenatal care attendance:** An approximately 150% increase in total antenatal care attendance, leading to a corresponding increase in live births due to improved services, equipment provision and respectful care practices.
- **Post-natal care attendance:** 100% of mothers attended a post-natal care visit within 48 hours, compared to 57% at baseline.
- **HIV and malaria testing:** Increased by 15-20%.
- **TB testing:** Increased to 55% from 1% at baseline.
- **Maternal mortality:** A 70% reduction, from over 800 per 100,000 live births at baseline to 240 per 100,000 live births currently.
- **Neonatal mortality:** A more than 60% reduction in neonatal mortality, from 8 per 1,000 live births at baseline to 3 per 1,000 live births currently.

## Key outcomes in Tanzania

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- **Neonatal mortality:** A more than 60% decrease, from 3-4 per 1,000 live births at baseline to 1 per 1,000 live births currently.
- **Malaria testing:** A 100% testing rate at the first antenatal care visit.
- **Antenatal care attendance:** a 32% increase in the number of mothers attending an antenatal care visit.
- **Post-natal care attendance:** 100% post-natal care attendance within 48 hours of delivery.



**In 2025, Takeda pledged  
JP¥350 million for the  
Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment.  
This renewed commitment will  
support the scale and sustainability  
of the integrated care model for  
mothers over the next two years.**

**This consistent, sustained support  
for health programs that are making  
a huge difference in people's lives  
is testament to Takeda's leadership  
and their deep understanding of  
how long-term commitments drive  
transformational change.**

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#### **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 up to 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 65 million lives.