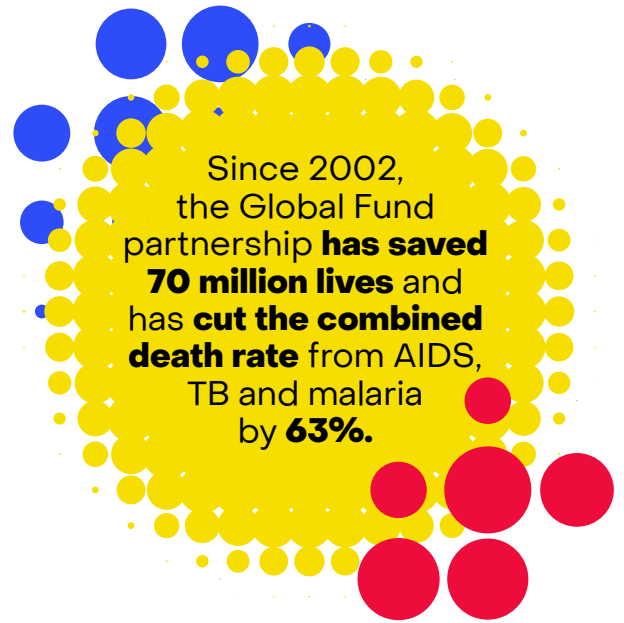


Italy

and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



Italy's strong support and commitment to the Global Fund since our inception in 2002 has played an important role in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building a healthier and safer world.

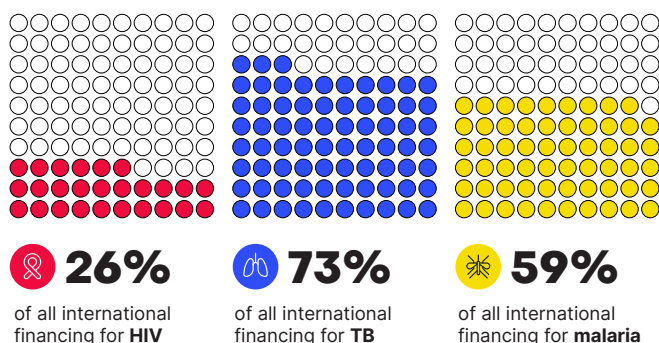
The Global Fund has disbursed over US\$73 billion in more than 100 low- and middle-income countries since 2002 to respond to AIDS, TB and malaria, strengthen health systems and build pandemic preparedness. With contributions from governments, foundations and the private sector, the Global Fund equitably and efficiently allocates funding to partner countries, taking into account each country's income level and disease burden.

Our partnership

Italy has been a strong supporter and advocate of the Global Fund from the outset, playing a key role in our creation at the G8 Summit in 2001, and in hosting our first Replenishment conference in 2005. Italy is the Global Fund's 10th-largest public donor – pledging €150 million at the Eighth Replenishment Summit – and is represented on our Board. The Global Fund Strategy and mission are fully aligned with Italy's Development Cooperation Strategy 2024-2026 and with Italy's Mattei Plan for Africa.

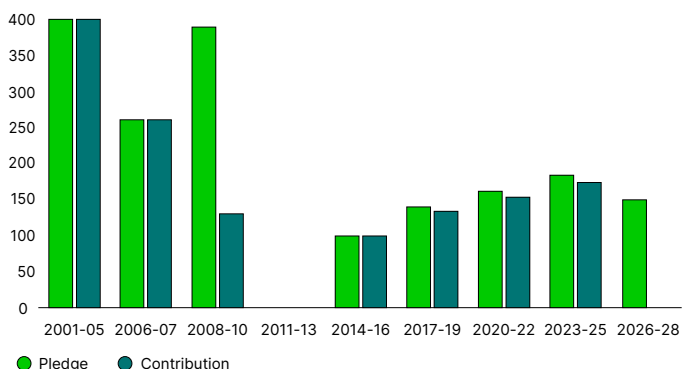
Both Italy and the Global Fund place country ownership at the center, prioritize sustainability, and rely on multistakeholder partnerships as a core asset. Together, we recognize that investments to fight the three diseases also build resilient and sustainable health systems and contribute to global health security, amplifying impact well beyond HIV, TB and malaria.

Percentage of international financing provided by the Global Fund in 2024



Pledges and contributions made by Italy to the Global Fund, 2001-2028 (in € million)

As of 31 March 2026



Since 2017, Italy has included set-asides as part of its pledge to the Global Fund.

Italy and the Global Fund: United towards common goals

Our partnership advances Italy's global health and development goals while leveraging Global Fund investments to deliver greater reach and efficiency in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria.

Focusing on Africa

77% of the Global Fund's resources are invested in Africa. We invest in most Mattei Plan priority countries, many of which are seeing returns on smart health investments. In Ethiopia, for example, life expectancy was 51 years in the year 2000, before the Global Fund's work in the country began. By 2023, it had risen to 67 years, with 21% of this progress due to gains against HIV, TB and malaria. Studies indicate that each additional year of life expectancy can boost GDP per capita by approximately 4% over the long term, illustrating how healthier communities drive stronger economies.

Contributing to global health security

Global Fund investments help countries prepare for and respond to health threats. Our investments support disease surveillance, laboratory networks, trained health workers and digital health systems, enabling early detection and containment of outbreaks before they spread. By addressing diseases with pandemic potential and reinforcing national systems in over 100 countries, the Global Fund builds resilient defenses that make the world safer and better prepared for future

pandemics. Our investments have increased capacity to safely test for high-risk diseases including mpox, Ebola, Marburg virus and Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever.

Supporting children and adolescent girls and young women

Adolescent girls and young women, and children more broadly, are a core priority for the Global Fund. For malaria, we are strengthening prevention for pregnant women and children: In 2024, 17.8 million pregnant women received preventive malaria treatment through Global Fund-supported programs, alongside 50.9 million children who received seasonal malaria chemoprevention. We are also expanding access to child-friendly and shorter TB treatments, including pediatric formulations for drug-resistant TB, reaching 90% treatment success in children when diagnosed and treated early. We are also increasing investments to achieve the goal of triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B.

Supporting countries in conflict

Countries affected by humanitarian crisis account for approximately one-third of the global disease burden for HIV, TB and malaria and over 34% of the Global Fund's funding allocation. In our ongoing response to the war in Ukraine, the Global Fund is investing US\$158 million between 2024 and 2026 to deliver vital HIV and TB services and strengthen health systems across the

country. Amid conflict in Sudan – where over 14 million people are displaced and about 80% of health facilities are non-functional – the Global Fund is procuring nearly all HIV, TB and malaria medicines and financing mobile clinics and large-scale prevention efforts like distributing 15.6 million mosquito nets. These investments are maintaining lifesaving care and helping prevent disease outbreaks despite the near-total collapse of the health system.

Maximizing ties with the Italian health ecosystem

The Global Fund's partnership with Italy reinforces both global health progress and mutual value. Italian civil society and faith-based organizations play a critical role in advancing the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria, particularly by reaching underserved communities across Africa. These partners benefit directly from Global Fund-financed health commodities that enable them to expand access to lifesaving prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Global Fund investments strengthen Italy's contribution to global health, with essential medicines, diagnostics and other health products procured from Italian manufacturers. Engagement with the Italian private sector further amplifies impact, with companies joining forces through initiatives such as (RED) — including partners like Piaggio and Fiat — to mobilize resources and raise awareness.



Kenya: Investing for impact

Global Fund-supported investments in integrated service delivery are strengthening health systems and improving maternal and newborn outcomes in Kenya. In participating hospitals across the country, health workers are trained to deliver combined HIV, TB and malaria services within antenatal and postnatal care. This approach leverages pregnancy as a critical entry point to the health system, ensuring women and their families are tested, treated and counseled for multiple infectious diseases in a single visit. Training has strengthened workforce capacity, improved patient-provider trust and enabled more person-centered care.

By integrating services, the Global Fund is not only expanding access to lifesaving interventions, but also building resilient health systems capable of delivering equitable, high-quality and sustainable care.

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\$4 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 70 million lives.