

# France

## and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Over two decades of solid and sustainable partnership between France and the Global Fund have played a great role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria.

**Health investments through the Global Fund have saved more than 65 million lives since 2002.**

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

In countries where the Global Fund invests, in 2023:

- **25 million** people were on antiretroviral therapy for HIV.
- **7.1 million** people were treated for TB.
- **227 million** mosquito nets were distributed.

### Our partnership

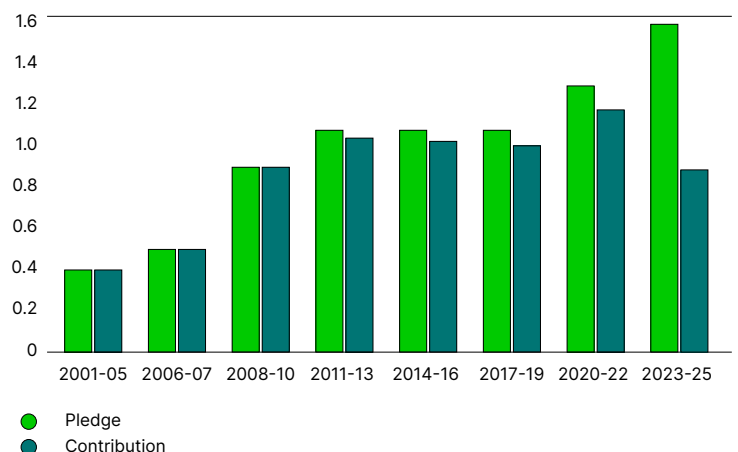
France is the largest European donor to the Global Fund and the second largest public donor overall, with a total contribution of €6.9 billion to date. When France hosted the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Conference in 2019, the Global Fund mobilized more than US\$14 billion, of which €1.296 billion from France, a 20% increase compared to its Fifth Replenishment pledge. At the Seventh Replenishment in 2022, France pledged €1.596 billion – a 23% increase from its previous contribution. France played a pivotal

role in the Global Fund's creation and has provided financial support through innovative mechanisms like the solidarity levy on airline tickets (TSBA) and the financial transaction tax (FTT).

### L'Initiative

The Global Fund collaborates closely with L'Initiative to accelerate the fight against the three diseases and build pandemic preparedness. Implemented by Expertise France, L'Initiative is funded by the set-aside of France's pledge to the Global Fund. L'Initiative strengthens in-country pandemic preparedness and response plans, supports countries to develop funding requests for Global Fund grants and enhances the impact and efficiency of these grants. Initially accounting for 5% of France's commitment to the Global Fund, it has increased to 20% for the 2023-2025 period.

### France's pledges and contributions to the Global Fund (in € billion)



The donor withholds a portion of its funding for 2011-2013, 2014-2016, 2017-2019, 2020-2022 and 2023-2025 to use for set-asides related to the Global Fund.

## Priority areas of our partnership

The Global Fund's strategy and focused investments are strongly aligned with France's Strategy for Global Health.

### Pandemic preparedness and human resources for health

The Global Fund invests over US\$2 billion every year in more than 100 countries to strengthen health systems and pandemic preparedness. The Global Fund plays a catalytic role in developing and strengthening human resources for health (HRH). This includes optimizing the health workforce to advance equitable access to integrated, people-centered services, and supporting improvements in HRH performance and quality of care through focused, evidence-based interventions. Over the 2024-2026 period, we are investing over US\$900 million in community health workers, a 32% increase on the previous three-year period. Aligned with national plans, our programs finance the policies that build a strong infrastructure for community health workers. In the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**, health workers have been at the forefront of progress against TB. Treatment coverage has increased from 48% in 2012 to 70% a

decade later, thanks to health workers who help patients adhere to their treatment, provide family members with preventive care and share information on fighting the disease.

### Gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights

Around 4,000 adolescent girls and young women become infected with HIV every week. But we are responding with a focused, impactful approach: In 2023, Global Fund-supported HIV prevention programs reached 2.6 million adolescent girls and young women in 13 target countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

### Regional manufacturing of health products

The Global Fund is promoting capacity building for regional manufacturing across the regions where we invest, with an initial focus on Africa. 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. In May 2025, the Global Fund procured – for the first time – a first-line HIV treatment manufactured in Africa. Antiretroviral medicines called TLD (tenofovir, lamivudine and dolutegravir),

were sourced from a leading Kenyan pharmaceutical company and delivered to Mozambique. The volume supplied can treat over 72,000 people per year in the country.

### Country ownership and inclusive governance

Countries where the Global Fund invests take the lead in determining where and how to best fight the three diseases. Country Coordinating Mechanisms – the national committees that include representatives of all sectors involved in the response to the diseases – submit funding applications to the Global Fund and oversee grants on behalf of their countries. They are a key element of the Global Fund partnership.

### Strong coordination with international partners

The Global Fund fosters meaningful and effective partnerships with the private sector and the public sector – including with the World Health Organization; Unitaid; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi); the World Bank; and regional institutions like the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. We work together with our partners to build strong and resilient systems for health and achieve maximum impact against the three diseases.



## Cameroon:

### Women leading the fight against malaria

The fight against malaria depends on frontline health workers – most of whom are women. In Cameroon, where all 27 million people are at risk, midwife Emily Itondo provides pregnant women with malaria prevention tools. Nurse Danielle Ekoto leads the rollout of the RTS,S vaccine for infants. Community health worker Amélie Tachifo supports families with care, referrals and education. Their dedication shows how strong, community-based health systems are essential to defeating malaria. Investing in these systems ensures that lifesaving innovations reach those who need them most – especially in the hardest-hit regions.

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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 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 65 million lives.