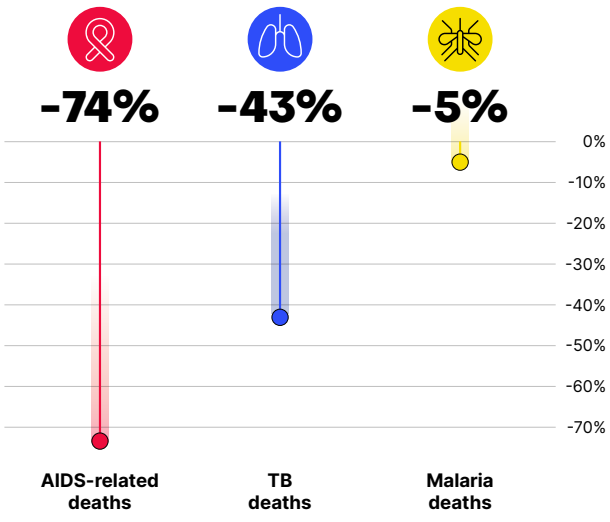
The Republic of Korea

and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

More than 20 years of partnership between the Republic of Korea and the Global Fund have played an important role in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria and in building a healthier, safer and more equitable world.

Health investments through the Global Fund have saved 70 million lives. Global Fund-supported programs have turned the tide in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria, strengthening entire communities and tackling inequalities. Since the Global Fund was established in 2002, the annual death rate across the three diseases has fallen by over half (63%) in countries where we invest.



In countries where the Global Fund invests, between 2002-2024.

At the Eighth Replenishment Summit, the Republic of Korea announced a pledge of US$100 million for the period 2026-2028, reaffirming the country's leadership in supporting the Global Fund and combating infectious diseases.

Our partnership

South Korea has supported the Global Fund since its creation, pledging over US$270 million to date. Global health is a growing priority for South Korea's international cooperation agenda. At the Seventh Replenishment in 2022, South Korea announced its highest ever pledge – US$100 million – which represents a fourfold increase from its Sixth Replenishment pledge of US$25 million. South Korea emphasizes the importance of health as a human right and an essential factor for socioeconomic development, with a particular focus on equitable access to global public goods and collective engagement to keep the world safe from infectious disease threats.

South Korea joined the Global Fund Board in 2018. Since then, it has been a dynamic contributor in shaping Global Fund governance policies. In 2025 South Korea was granted a voting seat on the Board.

South Korea is one of the largest suppliers of health commodities to the Global Fund, providing at least US$932 million in health products from 2010 to 2025.

Priority areas of our partnership

In global health, South Korea focuses on building sustainable health systems and improving access to quality healthcare for all. Korea joins the Global Fund in a commitment to achieving universal health coverage in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Strengthening health and community systems
As the largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health, the Global Fund is investing US$6 billion in formal and community health systems over the 2024-2026 period. Our funding in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria is also making health and community systems better able to respond to other diseases. By the end of 2023, global investments in HIV, TB and malaria programs had freed up an estimated 2.9 billion hospitalization stays, averting 5.5 billion outpatient visits and generating US$103 billion in cost savings.

Reinforcing global health security
Global Fund investments in health systems and disease surveillance in more than 100 countries help detect, track and contain outbreaks worldwide. By fighting HIV, TB and malaria, we also reinforce the systems countries rely on to respond to new threats. Our investments enable resources to reach the community level, where infectious disease outbreaks are first identified, and support countries to prepare for, and respond effectively to, outbreaks – saving lives, protecting economies and reinforcing the foundations of global health security.

Responding to crisis
The Global Fund is an agile partner in crisis, conflict and humanitarian settings, investing to protect progress and sustain impact. Since 2002, we have disbursed US$24 billion to challenging operating environments, including Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sudan and the Sahel. Through our Emergency Fund and long-term investments, we support continuity of HIV, TB and malaria services while supporting countries to strengthen systems that can withstand both acute shocks and protracted crises.

Fostering innovation
Scientific progress and innovative ideas driven by both public and private investment are unlocking major improvements in disease prevention, treatment and care. The Global Fund partnership draws on leading innovations across sectors while accelerating their scale-up to achieve faster progress and greater impact.

HIV self-testing continues to empower people who might otherwise not be reached by traditional services, offering a safe, confidential and convenient option. Millions of self-test kits are now procured annually through the Global Fund's Pooled Procurement Mechanism, reflecting strong and sustained growth in access to testing. In parallel, new prevention tools are emerging. Lenacapavir is a twice-yearly injectable that is nearly 100% effective at preventing HIV. The Global Fund has joined partners in a commitment to reach 3 million people with lenacapavir by 2028 – a significant step forward in reducing new infections.

The Global Fund supports the scale-up of rapid and integrated TB diagnostics, including bidirectional and molecular testing. Today, over 50% of TB cases in supported countries are detected using rapid diagnostic tools, enabling earlier treatment and reducing transmission. These platforms increasingly support testing for multiple diseases.

The Global Fund supports the rollout of next-generation insecticide-treated mosquito nets to fight malaria. In 2024 alone, 162 million insecticide-treated nets were distributed, including a growing share of next-generation nets, helping protect populations at risk and sustain progress toward ending malaria as a public health threat.

Pakistan: How AI powers progress against TB



A chest camp in Faisalbad, Pakistan, brings TB services to those most in need. The Global Fund/Vincent Becker

TB is the world's deadliest infectious disease, claiming over 1 million lives each year. However, new innovations – particularly artificial intelligence (AI) – are transforming the fight against TB. AI-powered tools can rapidly analyze digital chest X-rays, enabling earlier and more accurate diagnosis, even in hard-to-reach communities.

In high-burden countries such as Pakistan, where Global Fund investments supported by partners like the Republic of Korea are driving innovation, AI-supported screening is leading to faster treatment, fewer missed cases and better health outcomes. Beyond TB, these platforms can also detect other diseases, increasing efficiency and value for money. Since 2021, the Global Fund has invested over US$193 million to scale AI-enabled screening in more than 20 countries.

About the Global Fund

The Global Fund is a worldwide partnership to defeat AIDS, 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 and strengthen health systems and pandemic preparedness in more than 100 countries. Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership has saved 70 million lives.