THE GLOBAL FUND

Canada

and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Since 2002, the Global Fund partnership **has saved 70 million lives** and has cut **the combined death rate** from AIDS, TB and malaria by 63%.

Canada'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 is a major actor and funder in the response to these three diseases and one of the primary investors in both formal and community health systems.

26% of all international financing for **HIV**

73% of all international financing for **TB**

59% of all international financing for **malaria**

Our partnership

Canada is the Global Fund's sixth-largest public donor, pledging more than CAD 5.2 billion to date. These investments have had a major impact, not only in terms of lives saved, but also in reaching the most vulnerable people. Through these investments, the Global Fund partnership has been able to prioritize gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights, ramp up market-shaping efforts to foster an affordable and stable supply of health products, break down barriers to advance human rights – all while freeing up countries' health capacities, advancing global health security and providing a significant return on investment.

The Global Fund delivers strong economic gains and return on investment

Global Fund disbursements of US$63 billion (2002-2023) have generated health gains with a monetized intrinsic value of US$1.2 trillion and direct productivity gains of US$400 billion. Over 2027-2029, the return on investment is expected to be 1:19, meaning that every dollar invested would result in US$19 in health gains and economic returns.

Life expectancy has increased by 24% since 2002, from 49 years to 61 years in 15 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Over half of this increase is due to progress against HIV, TB and malaria.

US$103 billion in cost savings

Global Fund investments have freed up resources and capacities, helping countries to better respond to other diseases. As of the end of 2023, investments from the Global Fund and partners had freed up 2.9 billion hospitalization days and averted 5.5 billion outpatient visits, generating US$103 billion in cost savings.

Scaling access to innovations and new private sector tools to fight the three diseases

The Global Fund's innovative Pooled Procured Mechanism provides access to competitive market terms and prices no matter the size or value of the order. We partner with numerous private companies and corporations to improve data collection, analysis and management, build mobile platforms and strengthen in-country supply chain management.

Canadian leadership has inspired other donor countries to step up their own investments

In the last Replenishment cycle, the Global Fund received a 30% increase in pledges from Canada and other long-term donors, including the United States, the European Commission, Germany and Japan.

Priority areas of our partnership

Canada's foreign policy priorities are strongly mirrored in the Global Fund's investments and Strategy. Fighting pandemics – old and new – demands strong, inclusive and well-coordinated institutions and respect for human rights and gender equality.

Strengthening health and community systems

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening health and community systems. Between 2024-2026, we are investing approximately US$6.1 billion in these systems – the largest health systems investment in our history.

Guided by country priorities, we focus on high impact areas such as the health workforce, community systems, disease surveillance and data, laboratories, supply chains, waste management and medical oxygen. These investments drive progress against HIV, TB and malaria while strengthening core health care functions in high-priority countries and building more sustainable systems for the future.

Using purchasing power to secure equitable access to quality-assured health products

Leveraging our scale and competitive tender processes, and working with partners, the Global Fund significantly reduces prices of lifesaving health products. Meaningful price reductions include:

• A decrease in the annual cost of antiretroviral therapy for HIV, from US$10,000 per person per year when the Global Fund was created to as low as US$35 today.

• A 20% price reduction for molecular TB test cartridges and a 55% reduction for bedaquiline, the main treatment for drug-resistant TB.

• A 40% price reduction between 2014 and 2023 for artemisinin-based combination therapies used to treat malaria.

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.

Advancing gender equality and human rights

Inequities and broader human rights abuses undermine the fight against infectious diseases by creating barriers to essential health services and lifesaving health products. The Global Fund invests in treatment and prevention programs, including tailored interventions for adolescent girls and young women, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, prevention of malaria during pregnancy, integrated screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections, economic empowerment programs, and interventions to prevent gender-based violence.

In the 24 countries included in Breaking Down Barriers – an initiative that supports countries to remove human rights-related barriers to health and address stigma and discrimination – Global Fund investments in human rights have increased more than tenfold, from slightly over US$10 million in 2017 to over US$200 million today.

Accelerating pathways to self-reliance

The Global Fund supports countries on their path to nationally led and financed health systems – encouraging leadership while ultimately stepping back as they assume full ownership. Our rigorous co-financing requirements and major investments in core health system capacities strengthen long-term sustainability of health programs.

Leaning into the power of partnership

A global health ecosystem anchored in country ownership requires even closer collaboration and efficiency among international organizations. We work with WHO, Gavi, Unitaid and other global health agencies to align approaches and scale innovations, maximizing value for money and collective impact. We collaborate on several priorities, from jointly investing in essential health system areas, to funding pilots to scale innovations, to supporting countries in increasing domestic investments in health.



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War in Ukraine:

Caring for communities cut off from health services

Dr. Yulia Tatianchenko provides lifesaving medical care to communities most severely impacted by the war in Ukraine.

She works on mobile health teams operated by Alliance for Public Health, which is supported by the Global Fund. The teams travel to communities completely cut off from health care. Often in the face of grave danger, Dr. Tatianchenko and her colleagues provide on-the-spot consultations as well as testing and treatment for a range of diseases, including HIV and TB.

Dr. Tatianchenko recognizes that working as a medical doctor in a war zone is dangerous, but the people she supports motivate her to continue. "If we don't go there, what will happen? In many of these villages we are the only ones providing health care," she says.

The mobile health teams have completed 640 missions, reaching nearly 25,000 people in 386 communities with lifesaving care.

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$5 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.

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