

prevent those most at risk from receiving the services they need. Across all these efforts, communities and

the three diseases or strengthen health systems through the Global Fund. In return, a creditor country cancels debt owed by the implementing country. The Global Fund also works in partnership to deliver blended finance. Blended finance combines Global Fund grants with other sources of financing, including investments from development finance institutions.

More on Global Fund's Innovative Financing

## Pact for the Future must strengthen the linkages between TB, UHC and PPR and secure additional, long-term financing for health.

Achieving SDG 3 target of ending AIDS, TB and malaria as public health threats by 2030 requires accelerated progress toward UHC. This, in turn, will require more investment in resilient and sustainable health systems, greater engagement and leadership of affected communities, and intensified focus on tackling (k)848c(e h)-12.3 (ea

address emerging threats to global health security, we need to reach the most vulnerable people with prevention and treatment services, wherever they are.

Conflict and instability within and between countries amplifies the risks faced by key and vulnerable populations, including adolescent girls and young women and children, among others. They are more likely to be subjected to human rights abuses, such as summary executions, rape, and other war crimes, and cut off from life-saving services.

More information: How the Global Fund Works in Challenging Operating Environments

### Chapter 3: Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation

#### Access to Innovation

### Greater focus is needed on accelerating the equitable deployment of and access to innovations.

COVID-19 pandemic has showcased how critically important access to innovation is to ensure health and wellbeing for all. Inequitable access to COVID-19 tools – including diagnostic tests, treatments, vaccines, and personal protective equipment (PPE) – severely hindered the pandemic response in LMICs. This inequity created a two-track pandemic; while rich countries with high vaccination rates returned to normal life, many LMICs suffered high death rates and lockdowns, due in large part to shortages of lifesaving tests, treatments and vaccines, distribution challenges and manufacturing bottlenecks.

Global Fund is poised to support the delivery of new products and tools to countries in existing and future pandemics, leveraging its work and experience fighting ongoing HIV, TB, and malaria pandemics. Through our NextGen Market Shaping Framework, Global Fund accelerates and improves health product introductions to ensure availability and affordability of quality-assured health products, enabling more effective introduction and scale-up of innovations that can impact the trajectory to end the three diseases, respond to future pandemics and contribute to the achievement of SDG 3.

More on NextGen market shaping in Global Fund 2023-2028 Strategy

## Effective use of technology and information are critical to the elimination of diseases across LMICs.

The generation, analysis and use of quality, timely, transparent, and disaggregated data is imperative to appropriately tailor and adapt programs to the needs of individuals in the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, to promote equity, and to support broader health programming. However, these data are all too often not sufficiently available, at the right time, of the right quality, and not integrated across systems or from multiple sources, or used to their fullest potential in support of decision-making at all levels of service provision. This also applies to the generation and use of disaggregated data from relevant health and non-health sources, such as by gender, age, geography, socioeconomic and education status, and as appropriate to respond to needs, despite our efforts over recent years. Ensuring data collection, storage and use comply with human rights principles and are securely managed is imperative to ensure the safety and health of individuals and to build trust around data collection.

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drive better health outcomes. Our funding enhances data availability, completeness, timeliness, and quality through digitalization of health data systems from the community level upwards. Of the \$1.5 billion of grant funding that the Global Fund invests annually, over \$100 million for digital health and data science, particularly in Health Management Information Systems.

### Chapter 4: Youth and Future Generations

Affected communities, including youth, must have an equal voice in decisions affecting their future.

The world is home to the highest number of young people right now than at any other point in history, concentrated largely in Sub-Saharan Africa. Meaningfully involving young people – a quarter of the world's population is key to achieving the SDGs and empowering them to lead.

According to the 2018 UNAIDS estimates, there were 3.9 million youth between the ages of 15-24 living with HIV globally. Approximately 1600 youth between the ages of 15 and 24 acquire HIV every day. Meaningfully engaging with affected communities means also giving youth a seat at the table, bringing the unique perspective of young people to the discussion. The Youth Council, formed by the Global Fund in 2020, is a forum convened by the Global Fund Secretariat to provide insight into the needs and challenges youth face in relation to HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and, more broadly, to other aspects of their health and well-being. For the Global Fund, to achieve the greatest impact against the deadliest infectious diseases, we challenge power dynamics to ensure affected communities have an equal voice in the fight and an equal chance at a healthy future. By working together, we are getting close to achieving the goals the world once deemed impossible – ending HIV, TB and malaria as public health threats.

More information about the Youth Council.

#### **Chapter 5: Transforming Global Governance**

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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 59 million lives. Read the <u>Results Report 2023</u> for further details.



24.5

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People on antiretroviral therapy for HIV in 2022. 6.7 million

People treated for tuberculosis in 2022.

220 million

Mosquito nets distributed to fight malaria in 2022.