

THE GLOBAL FUND DELIVERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



We cannot end HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria as epidemics unless we address the high burden of these diseases among women and girls. That's why the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria is leading the way, **dedicating 55-60% of its resources to programs that benefit women and girls**, and that tackle the underlying causes of discrimination and inequality that make them more vulnerable to these diseases. Fully replenishing the Global Fund will allow it to maintain and expand its investments in programs that will be critical to addressing women's needs and ending these epidemics.

Delivering for Women and Girls in Greatest Need

Reducing the Burden of HIV Among Women and Girls

HIV is the leading cause of death for women aged 15-44 worldwide, with girls accounting for more than 80% of all new adolescent HIV infections in the hardest-hit countries. Global Fund programs address the underlying causes that make women and girls more at risk of infection, and provide life-saving services to meet their unique needs.

Addressing Women's Needs in TB Responses

TB is among the top five leading causes of death among women, but their needs are often overlooked in response efforts. In collaboration with UNAIDS and the Stop TB Partnership, the Global Fund helps countries identify gender gaps in their TB programming.

Protecting Pregnant Women From Malaria

Malaria during pregnancy is a major cause of maternal morbidity worldwide. The Global Fund is expanding its investments to support malaria interventions for pregnant women, including by providing insecticide-treated nets.

Delivering for Mothers and their Babies

Preventing Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission

To ensure babies are born HIV free, Global Fund investments support programs that put 3.3 million women on treatment to prevent the transmission of HIV from mothers to their babies.

In Kenya, Global Fund-supported programs have helped more than

70%

of HIV-positive pregnant women receive services to prevent the transmission of the HIV to their babies.

Strengthening Health Systems

The Global Fund encourages countries to integrate reproductive, maternal, newborn, adolescent and child health services with HIV, TB and malaria programs to improve overall health.



“ Thanks to the Global Fund's support, my second child was born **HIV-NEGATIVE**. ”

Clara Banyya, Malawi

Clara was 25 when she was diagnosed with HIV. After receiving life-saving prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission services from a Global Fund-supported program, she was inspired to talk to other Malawian women about the importance of participating in similar programs.

Delivering for Girls' Education



Strengthening Prevention Programs In and Out of School

In Swaziland, the Global Fund supports comprehensive prevention programs that provide women and girls the information they need to reduce unintended pregnancies and prevent diseases like HIV.



Supporting Youth Clubs for Girls

In South Africa, the Global Fund supports more than 750 youth clubs for girls in approximately 20 cities with the highest HIV prevalence, where girls learn to address issues of gender and power, and protect themselves from HIV infection.



Investing in Innovative Approaches

The Global Fund invests in innovative approaches to keep girls in school, including cash incentive programs, combination prevention interventions for women at vocational colleges, and the distribution of hygiene products.

Delivering for Women's Rights and Representation



Improving Legal Aid Services for Women

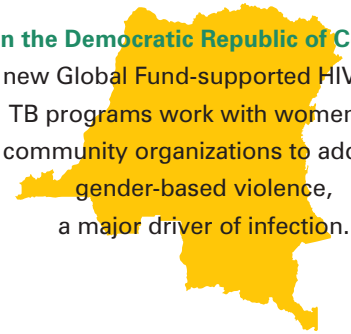
Global Fund-supported programs help women prevent discrimination and breaches of medical confidentiality. Together, these programs help women gain equal and fair access to the health services they need to survive and thrive.



Empowering Women and Girls as Agents of Change

The Global Fund ensures women and gender advocates are involved the design of programs that affect them. 40% of decision-makers in Global Fund grant programs are women.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, new Global Fund-supported HIV and TB programs work with women-led community organizations to address gender-based violence, a major driver of infection.



I hope the Global Fund will continue to scale up its support to give **ALL WOMEN** access to HIV treatment so they can live healthy, confident lives.

Loyce Maturu, Zimbabwe

Growing up with HIV, Loyce faced emotional and verbal abuse from a family member. She joined an HIV community program at age 12, where she met adolescents and young people of the same status who gave her confidence and hope. She now works as advocacy officer and HIV peer counsellor.



Catalyzing Partnerships to Reach Women and Girls

The Global Fund works with diverse range of partners to improve health and well-being for women and girls globally. It has championed programs to end adolescent AIDS through the UNAIDS and UNICEF All in! initiative and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief DREAMS initiative. Similarly, it has worked with civil society networks like the Women4GlobalFund and International Community of Women Living with HIV to help women activists access the tools they need to advocate against gender-related barriers to services. Finally, as a partner of the Every Women Every Child Campaign, it contributes to the global agenda to address major health challenges facing women and children.