



THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA COVID-19 RESPONSE

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DISCUSSION



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV, TB AND MALARIA

Studies show that if health systems collapse or treatment and prevention services are interrupted, the death toll from HIV, TB, malaria and other diseases will be far higher than deaths from COVID-19 itself. This means millions more lives lost.



AIDS-related deaths could more than double in sub-Saharan Africa alone, setting us back close to 2008 levels and eliminating a decade of progress.

Source: [WHO, UNAIDS](#)



Lockdowns and interruptions to treatment could lead to an additional 1.4 million TB deaths globally and an additional 6.3 million cases over the next five years.

Source: [Stop TB Partnership](#)



Malaria deaths could more than double in sub-Saharan Africa alone, setting us back to around 2000 levels and eliminating nearly 2 decades of progress.

Source: [WHO](#)

IMMEDIATE GLOBAL FUND FUNDING OF UP TO US\$1 BILLION

Under the World Health Organization's guidance, the Global Fund is using its experience working with partners and governments in more than 100 countries to coordinate our response on a massive global scale. The Global Fund's response to the pandemic makes available **up to US\$1 billion** through **grant flexibilities** and the **COVID-19 Response Mechanism**.

GRANT FLEXIBILITIES

Through grant flexibilities, countries can use up to 5% of existing Global Fund grants to fight COVID-19 and mitigate the impact the pandemic has on HIV, TB and malaria programs. So far countries have been able to make US\$ 156 million of a potential US\$ 500 million available through these grant flexibilities (savings and reprogramming).

COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM

Through the COVID-19 Response Mechanism, countries can access funding to reinforce the response to COVID-19, mitigate the impact of the pandemic on HIV, TB and malaria programs, and make urgent improvements in health and community systems. The mechanism has an initial allocation of up to US\$500 million.

PROGRESS UPDATE ON FLEXIBILITIES & C19RM

GRANT FLEXIBILITIES

Over \$156 million approved to 87 countries and 6 regional grants through COVID-19 grant flexibilities as of 27 May.

The full list of countries and funding approved is available on the Global Fund website. All requests follow WHO guidance on preparedness and early response. Additional funding requests are in preparation. Source of funds almost exclusively from savings from existing grants, thus no negative impact on ongoing Global Fund-supported programs.

The majority of all countries implementing Global Fund grants are now using the COVID-19 grant flexibilities.

Countries are adapting HIV, TB and malaria programs to safely continue during the pandemic – including **delivering multiple months of antiretroviral treatment to people with HIV, conducting additional outreach to those with TB, and hiring more community health workers equipped with personal protective equipment to deliver mosquito nets and services door to door.**

COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM

The Global Fund has received **over 30 funding requests for C19RM, totaling more than \$300 million** from all regions. C19RM funding requests are reviewed & processed within 10 days. Rwanda C19RM request is the first approved, for a total of US\$7.6 million.



PROGRESS UPDATE

PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY OPERATIONS

The Global Fund's procurement system has secured approximately 2 million diagnostic tests through volume agreements. The first delivery of 15,000 COVID-19 diagnostics test kits (Xpert® Xpress SARS-CoV-2) procured through the Global Fund's procurement system and financed through grant savings was delivered to Uganda.

The Secretariat is also working with UNICEF to leverage its' expertise in the procurement of PPE to provide access to PPE requested by countries.

Along with UNICEF, the Global Fund co-leads the WHO Diagnostics Consortium to negotiate pricing and procure molecular diagnostic tests for COVID-19. We have also opened our innovative online sourcing portal, wambo.org, to countries and organizations so they can benefit from the Global Fund's economies of scale for health products.

The Global Fund's product and delivery outlook shows the overall impact of COVID-19 on health product supply chains for Global Fund grants as moderate. We continue to work closely with suppliers to monitor the pharmaceutical, mosquito net, and diagnostics supply situation to allocate each order to the best supply option, in coordination with partners.



ON THE FRONT LINES: RESPONDING TO COVID-19


PROTECTING MOTHERS AND BABIES FROM HIV DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN NORTHERN UGANDA

The COVID-19 lockdowns are making it difficult for vulnerable people to access critical health services, particularly in remote communities. In northern Uganda, the lockdown and restrictions on transport is a barrier to the access to health services for mothers and pregnant women living with HIV, putting them and their babies at risk.

In support of Uganda's National COVID Preparedness Response Plan, the Global Fund is providing US\$4,452,205 to fight COVID-19, shore up critical health systems, and ensure lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs continue. As part of the initial response, the Ugandan Ministry of Health has prioritized the purchase of personal protective equipment for health workers and diagnostic tests for COVID-19. Additionally, the Global Fund is coordinating through our main civil society organization partner to strengthen differentiated service delivery models for key populations and people living with HIV in Uganda.



COUNTRY EXAMPLES OF GLOBAL FUND RESPONSE TO COVID-19



Honduras is mitigating impact on malaria programs and fighting COVID-19 by purchasing 25,000 surgical masks and 5,000 N95 respirator masks and by utilizing four ventilators and a mobile X-ray machine.

For the first time, community health workers in **Benin** went door to door to distribute more than 8 million mosquito nets across the country. About 5,500 community workers were mobilized to complete this lifesaving activity in 20 days.

Benin is also repurposing GeneXpert machines used for TB to also test for COVID-19 and purchasing 15,000 tests.

In **Ukraine**, the Global Fund is supporting an initiative organizing courier services to deliver medicines to the homes of people living with HIV.

India is purchasing medical equipment and strengthening its lab capacity to fight TB and COVID-19.

ACCESS TO COVID-19 TOOLS (ACT) ACCELERATOR

BILL & MELINDA
GATES foundation

dcvmn
Developing Countries Vaccine
Manufacturers Network

The Global Fund

IGBA
INTERNATIONAL GENETIC AND
BIOSIMILAR MEDICINES ASSOCIATION

W
wellcome

CEPI

Gavi
The Vaccine Alliance

IFPMA
International Federation
of Pharmaceutical
Manufacturers & Associations

Unitaid
Innovation in Global Health

World Health
Organization

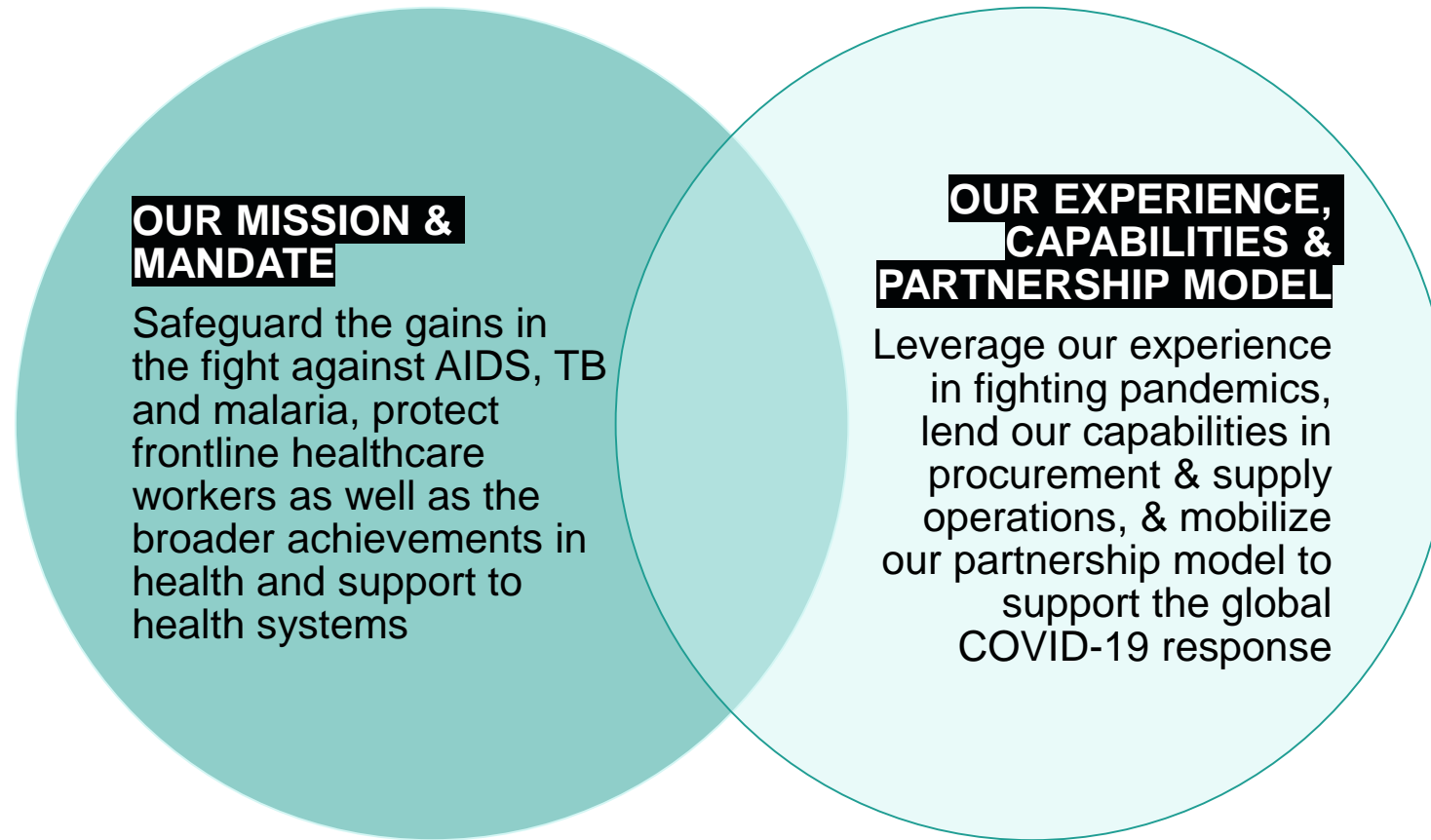
The Global Fund is a core partner of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator – a global collaboration of organizations and governments working to accelerate development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 technologies.

As part of ACT-A, we are a co-convener of both the Diagnostics Partnership (with FIND) and the Health Systems Connector (with the World Bank). We are also a procurement and deployment partner in the Therapeutics Partnership.

ACT-ACCELERATOR GLOBAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19



THE GLOBAL FUND ROLE IN THE GLOBAL COVID-19 RESPONSE



WHAT COULD ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE GLOBAL FUND SUPPORT?

There is a massive global resource need to respond to COVID-19. **The Global Fund could play its part by channeling additional resources to:**

- **Equitably deploy COVID-19 diagnostics and therapeutics (when these become available), in line with our role in the ACT-Accelerator**
- **Support countries to adapt HIV, TB and malaria programs**
- **Protect health workers and support health systems to ensure they continue to function**

Private sector support – particularly rapid deployment of supply chain and information technology solutions – is critical to help low-income countries quickly strengthen their capacities to fight COVID-19.

OVERARCHING MESSAGE

**COVID-19
IS HAVING A CATASTROPHIC IMPACT ON
THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE
AND THREATENS PROGRESS AGAINST HIV, TB AND MALARIA.
WE MUST UNITE TO FIGHT.**

**THE GLOBAL FUND PARTNERSHIP IS A PROVEN MODEL TO DRIVE
INFECTIOUS DISEASES INTO RETREAT AND SAVE LIVES.
WE ARE RESPONDING FAST TO HELP COUNTRIES FIGHT COVID-19, SHORE UP CRITICAL HEALTH SYSTEMS,
AND ENSURE LIFESAVING HIV, TB AND MALARIA PROGRAMS CONTINUE.**

KEY THEMES

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**EMERGENCY
RESPONSE**

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**GLOBAL HEALTH
SECURITY**

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**RSSH AND
COMMUNITIES**

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**LEAVE NO-ONE
BEHIND**

PROOF-POINTS

(TO SUPPORT KEY THEMES)

TIMELINE



NEXT STEPS

- Brief GFAN, other advocacy partners & key stakeholders
- Continue to support CS/communities engagement in GF and ACT-A
- Accelerate mobilization and communications on GF role and the ACT-A Diagnostics Partnership, including Dx IC
- Leverage 27 June Pledging/GC Event and subsequent platforms to highlight the role of GF and mobilize support



“ It is absolutely critical to take swift action, both to protect people now and to maintain lifesaving programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria.

We face a monumental challenge, and we have to work together. It is not only the right thing to do, it is also the smart thing to do. We must unite to fight.

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Peter Sands, Executive Director
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria



THANK YOU



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