

Key Messages to take forward into the United Nations 78th General Assembly

The 2023 Global Fund Results Report was released Monday September 18th at the United Nations 78th General Assembly (UNGA) opening and just one year after its 7th Replenishment Conference, hosted by the United States Biden Administration. The 112-page report is as noteworthy and as rich with evidence as will be the discussions and advocacy that is promised at this year's UNGA, SDG Summit and three UN High-Level Meetings (HLMs) on TB, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR).

GFAN's top key messages coming from this report:

- 1) **The Global Fund Partnership has saved 59 million lives since 2002.** Each of the 59 million lives saved is a person – a parent, a child, a teacher, a co-worker, a neighbour, a friend. Every life saved, and every infection averted, has a multiplier effect across families and households, whole communities, health and community systems and entire nations.
- 2) The report is **a reminder that the Global Fund Partnership was created in 2002 to make the impossible possible.** And the Global Fund Partnership has done it again – showing the world that a remarkable turnaround and acceleration in programmatic results after COVID-19 is, in fact, possible.
- 3) Yet, **despite these record-breaking results, the world remains off-track to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, and SDG 3 in particular, which has set the target of ending AIDS, TB and malaria as a public health threat by 2030.
- 4) **Getting 'back on track' requires that we have more investment, become even smarter in how we invest, and accelerate the use of innovations that work in an equitable way for those who need them most.** For instance, innovation, such as preventative and curative treatment, is a central element of an all-in response to TB that can be delivered today, which actively contributes to building a safe, healthier, more equitable and more just world of tomorrow.
- 5) We are in an era of colliding crises: climate change, geo-political conflict, spiking debt and shrinking fiscal space, the troubled bounce-back from an ever-present COVID-19, the alarming erosion of human rights and deepening inequities within and between countries. **The impact of which, places in jeopardy even the best-laid plans for**

progress, and pushes those at greatest risk of HIV, TB and malaria into the oncoming headlights of escalating risk and vulnerability.

Community-led systems and responses are the keystone to ‘getting back on track’ to end AIDS, TB and malaria in a world reshaped by COVID-19. Yet, in many countries and indeed this week at UNGA and in other recent responses on the future of global health, the essential role of community systems and responses remains underfunded, under-acknowledged, de-prioritized and not integrated into national plans or domestic health budgets. We know that **pandemics begin and end with communities. So do the solutions.**

RESULTS AT A GLANCE: What Else Does the 2023 Results Report Tell Us?

The State of the Global Fund Fight Against HIV: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:

- 24.5 million people were put on lifesaving antiretroviral therapy (ART) for HIV in 2022. This year, the Global Fund Partnership has put more people on ART than ever.
- In 2022, 15.3 million people were reached with vital HIV prevention services.
- 710,000 mothers living with HIV received medicine to keep them alive and healthy while preventing the transmission of HIV to their babies.
- In countries where the Global Fund invests, new HIV infections have decreased by 61% since 2002. Without adequate access to prevention or treatment services, new infections would have spiked by 125% over the same period.
- In 2022, in Global Fund funded countries, 86% of all people living with HIV knew their status, 78% were accessing HIV treatment, and 72% were virally suppressed. The corresponding UN targets for the three results are 95%, 90% and 86% by 2025.

Key Messages:

Working with affected communities and civil society, the Global Fund Partnership reached 24.5 million people with lifesaving antiretroviral therapy in 2022 alone.

Accelerating equitable access to innovative tools that are affordable and acceptable for affected communities is essential to regaining and sustaining the momentum in the fight against HIV.

Our calculus has proven itself time and again. Success = investing in effective scientific and community-led program innovations + strengthening health and community systems + political will to accelerate the fight to end HIV.

#endAIDS; #endHIV

The State of the **Global Fund Fight Against TB: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:**

- 6.7 million people were found and treated for tuberculosis in 2022. This means more people have been found and put on treatment than ever before.
- 118,000 people received lifesaving treatment for drug-resistant TB in 2022.
- In 2022, 1.5 million people exposed to TB received preventive therapy.

Key Messages:

In 2022, 6.7 million lives were saved because they were able to get lifesaving treatment for TB - as many as live in Kyrgyzstan¹.

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#endTB

The State of the **Global Fund Fight Against Malaria: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:**

- Malaria programs registered strong recoveries from the impact of COVID-19. Yet, climate change IS happening. We are seeing its daily impact fueling the spread of malaria, and it is keeping us off-track from meeting our global SDG goals.
- In countries where the Global Fund invests, malaria deaths have dropped by 27% since 2022. Without malaria control, 165 million malaria cases were treated in 2022, and 37.1 million kids received seasonal malaria chemoprevention.
- As a partnership, the Global Fund has distributed a record number of mosquito nets to prevent malaria in households over the last year – an outstanding total of 220 million nets.

Key Messages:

220 million mosquito nets were distributed to protect families from malaria in 2022, thanks to the tireless work of community health workers and community-led services and programming.

¹ Countries in the world by population (2023): <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/population-by-country/>

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The State of the **Global Fund Fight Against COVID-19: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:**

- In 2022, we saw a global shift from a COVID-19 emergency pandemic response to one that focused on mitigating the knock-on impacts of COVID-19 and centring long-term investments in health and community systems to ensure resilience, sustainability, and pandemic preparedness.
- Since the outbreak of the global COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020, the Global Fund Partnership has provided USD 5 billion to fight COVID-19, to provide support to caving health systems, and to mitigate the devastating impact on HIV, TB and malaria programming.
- With the emergence of COVID-19, medical oxygen has become an essential health product that the Global Fund supplies to eligible countries. The Global Fund is well-known for its procurement and distribution of critical health products, including diagnostic tests, personal protective equipment (PPE), therapeutic treatments, and hospital equipment, to countries that receive funding from the organization.

Key Messages:

Understanding the potential impact of COVID-19 on the people who depend on Global Fund HIV, TB and malaria programmes and services, the Partnership was among the first global health institutions to make an astute pivot to support countries in their fight against COVID-19 and protect front-line service delivery for the three diseases.

Priority areas of Global Fund investment for COVID-19 commodities and supplies included medical oxygen, respiratory care, surveillance, laboratory strengthening, capacity building of community health workers, and health products and waste management.

The State of the **Global Fund Fight in Building Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:**

- Investing USD 1.5 billion per year in formal and community health systems makes the Global Fund the world's largest multilateral investor, ensuring resilient and sustainable systems for health in the countries where it works.
- More than USD 1 billion invested in laboratory systems has seen an impact in ensuring supplies of diagnostic tools, reagents, and other vital surveillance products and equipment.
- Investments in building cadres of Community Health Workers have doubled since the previous period, with a total investment between 2021-2023 of USD 583 million dollars.

Key messages:

Since 2021, the Global Fund has invested USD 281.7 million to strengthen community systems while in the thick of the COVID-19 response.

The investments made in strengthening community health systems propelled forward the role of community health workers and made essential headway in supporting the role of key affected populations and communities in the design and delivery of essential health services and enhancing their capacity to monitor and respond to health threats, preparing for future pandemics.

The State of the **Global Fund Fight Against Human Rights Abuses and Gender Inequality: Key results for countries where the Global Fund invests:**

- We are witnessing an alarming erosion rate of human rights, gender equality, and civil society spaces. Health and social inequities, human rights abuses and gender inequality undermine efforts to fight infectious diseases, including access to treatment, because they create almost insurmountable barriers for people and communities who need them the most.
- The Global Fund's catalytic Breaking Down Barriers (BDB) programme has supported countries to remove gender and human rights-related barriers and to address stigma and discrimination.
- Four new countries (Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Thailand and Bangladesh) have been added in 2023 to 20 countries participating in this novel program.

Key Messages:

The safety and security of key population communities² and their service providers are at stake. **Political will, guaranteed safety and security, and direct funding support to key population-led community responses are urgently needed..**

The money question - Investing for Impact

- Since the creation of the Global Fund in 2002, it has disbursed USD 60.4 billion to support programs run by local experts in more than 120 countries and has made once unthinkable progress in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria.
- The Global Fund supports countries to ensure the effectiveness, efficiency and equity of investments while achieving inputs at the lowest possible cost to maximize value for money. The bottom line? This means maximizing and sustaining equitable health impacts for any given level of resources.
- The Global Fund is a thought leader and “doer” in areas of the private sector and innovative financing. The Global Fund pays close attention to blended finance models and collaboration with international development banks on innovative debt swaps that convert debt repayment into investments for public health ([Debt4Health](#)) for the fight against HIV, TB and malaria.
- Despite a historic level of commitments made at the 7th Replenishment in 2022, the minimum investment of \$18billion was not reached and will mean that accelerating impact will be challenging as duty bearers have responsibilities to maintain prevention and treatment access for millions of people across the Global Fund portfolio, which will be insufficient to meet the SDG goals.

We are catching up and regaining the lost ground due to COVID-19 ... but much more remains to be done. The clock to 2030 is ticking. **This is our moment to make the impossible, possible by building a healthier, more equitable, more just world.**

² Key populations include: gay men and men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who use and inject drugs, people in closed settings, and LGBT2QI+, trans and gender diverse communities.