





# A SMART INVESTMENT

In 2000, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria appeared to be unstoppable. In many countries, AIDS devastated an entire generation, leaving countless orphans and shattered communities. Malaria killed young children and pregnant women unable to protect themselves from mosquitoes or access life-saving medicine. Tuberculosis unfairly afflicted the poor, as it had for millennia.

The world fought back. As a partnership of governments, private sector, civil society and people affected by the diseases, the Global Fund pooled the world's resources to strategically invest in programs to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics.

It is working.

#### RESULTS THAT MATTER

Smart, effective health investments through the Global Fund have saved 17 million lives, expanding opportunities and achieving greater social justice for families and communities worldwide.

Scientific advances, innovative ideas and private sector savvy are unlocking improvements in disease prevention, treatment and care. Millions of people are now on antiretroviral treatment and spared the death sentence that used to come with HIV. The number of people dying of malaria, most of them young children, has been cut in half. Every year, fewer people are suffering from TB, and more are surviving, because of effective diagnosis and treatment.

But we can't stop now. Adolescent girls are contracting HIV at a terrible rate in southern Africa. TB/HIV co-infection is on the rise, as is multidrug-resistant TB. Gains made against malaria could be lost if we don't expand prevention and treatment programs.

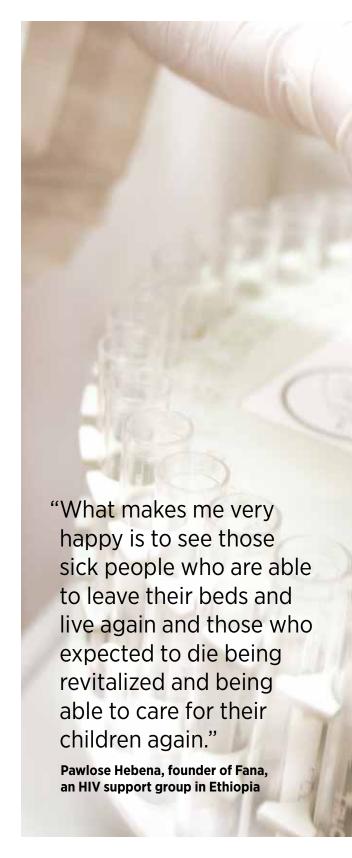
Many more lives are still at risk. We must seize the momentum, be ambitious and move faster to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics.





# A 21<sup>ST</sup>-CENTURY PARTNERSHIP

The Global Fund's partnership model is designed to promote innovative solutions. With a 21st-century approach that encourages agile responses and maximum participation, countries take the lead in determining where and how to best fight diseases. Collectively, we harness the best possible experience, insights and innovation in the public and private sectors, from faster delivery of essential medicines to more effective methods to reach the people most in need. The Global Fund's operating costs are just 2.3 percent of grants under management, reflecting an exceptionally high degree of efficiency.







# HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Ending HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics will only work by making health care accessible, affordable and effective, particularly for vulnerable people who are often denied access due to stigma and discrimination, ability to pay or distance from a health center.

The Global Fund partnership is determined to remove human rights barriers to health, and to protect and promote human rights in all Global Fund-supported programs.

#### WOMEN AND GIRLS

In many countries, HIV is the leading cause of death of women of reproductive age. In some, girls account for more than 80 percent of all new HIV infections among adolescents. The Global Fund invests in programs that specifically target the needs of women and girls, and works to break down gender inequalities that are major drivers of the spread of infectious diseases.

To improve maternal, adolescent and child health, the Global Fund supports programs that prevent the transmission of HIV from mothers to their babies, and works with communities to ensure young children and pregnant women in particular are protected by mosquito nets.

# A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Efforts by partners in global health are making a transformational difference in the lives of the millions of people affected by HIV, TB and malaria. As countries develop, their increased contributions to fighting the three diseases and improving health care systems will accelerate the end of the epidemics and help contain emerging threats to public health.

Global health is a shared responsibility. Together, we can end the epidemics – for good.





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"Everyone is the right person in this fight. It is the partners in global health, and it is the person in a village in Africa convincing their family to sleep under a bed net, or encouraging a friend to get tested for HIV, or pushing their government to invest in HIV, tuberculosis and malaria programs. It is the people designing a new vaccine. Every little piece brings us closer to ending these epidemics."

Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund