

# Ending the old pandemics and stopping the next one

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At the height of the AIDS crisis, the world came together to fight back, pooling its resources to create the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. This partnership has helped save 44 million lives, and become the world's most powerful tool for funding community-led responses to health.

COVID-19 sent progress against AIDS, TB and malaria tumbling backwards for the first time in decades. But the Global Fund now has a new plan to support countries to save 20 million more lives, claw back progress against the diseases, and build the health systems to help stop the pandemics of the future.

This fall, the U.S. will host a pledging conference, rallying donors to invest the \$18 billion needed to put the new plan into action. President Biden has said he intends to pledge \$6 billion from the U.S., matching \$1 for every \$2 from other countries.

Bipartisan leadership in Congress is now needed to deliver that funding, push the White House to show more global leadership, and encourage other donors to come forward.

Congressional leadership on the Global Fund has always been uniquely bipartisan. As control of the chambers and the White House has shifted back and forth between parties over the last 20 years, U.S. support for the Global Fund has been a constant. This Congress can and should continue that tradition, starting with \$2 billion for Fiscal Year 2023.

## The power of global partnership in health

It is no surprise that the Global Fund quickly became the largest source of funding for lower-income countries to [respond to COVID-19](#) in its earliest days: the global community has built this partnership over time, and while not perfect, at its core is a **locally-driven, human-rights based approach**. Its two decades of demonstrable impact against pandemics positioned the Fund as an early leader in prevention and treatment of COVID.

Operating on a massive scale, the Global Fund is so effective thanks to its structure as a partnership between governments, civil society, and communities affected by the diseases.

Instead of showing up and telling countries what they intend to give, the Global Fund asks: "What do you need? How can international funding help?" And with local communities in

the lead, Global Fund resources can better reach people and groups who are too often pushed to the margins.

With \$18 billion in new resources for the next three years, the Global Fund is ready to support communities to:

- Save 20 million lives from HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria
- Stop more than 450 million infections or cases
- Shrink inequities in access to health
- Reinforce health systems, supporting health workers, labs, and supply chains

As the Global Fund's largest donor, the U.S. is helping power this community-led work, alongside local country funding. By investing \$6 billion itself over the next three years and rallying other world leaders to increase their own support, the U.S. can help make sure the partnership has the funds to put their transformational new plan into action.

## Transforming the fight against both old *and* new pandemics

COVID-19 proved that **it's a false choice between battling current pandemics and stopping the next one**. The [same health delivery systems](#) are needed for both.

PCR tests, contact tracing, airborne infection control – these things are new to most Americans' vocabulary with COVID. But TB health workers globally have been experts in all of them for years. Existing TB programs naturally powered the COVID response in many places around the world. But as a disease fueled by poverty and inequity, tuberculosis systems were often understaffed and underfunded, even before COVID.

The replenishment is a chance to help redefine “pandemic preparedness” to what it should be: health systems that put communities and equity at the center of responding to the longstanding pandemics of today.

The Global Fund is the best tool to get back on track against this centuries-old pandemic – and in the process make sure the world is even better equipped for the next one.

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[What U.S. Support for the Global Fund Makes Possible](#)  
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