

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria has fundamentally transformed the global response to three of the biggest global killers. Through partnerships with affected countries, as well as smart investments aimed at improving health systems and increasing access to care, the United States is helping lay the foundations for ending these diseases.

FY20 FUNDING REQUEST:

- The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria at \$1.56 billion

The Global Fund has helped drive extraordinary progress in global health, but ending these epidemics will require renewed focus, financing, and leadership. Tuberculosis is now the leading infectious killer, and health systems still miss 40 percent of cases. Progress on malaria has stalled, and resistance to insecticides to stop mosquitoes and drugs to treat the disease put gains at risk. Deaths from HIV/AIDS have been cut in half since their peak in 2004, but poverty, stigma, and gender disparity still fuel the disease, with nearly 1,000 adolescent girls and young women becoming infected with HIV every day.

As the leading international partnership dedicated to fighting AIDS, TB, and malaria in the world, the Global Fund empowers countries to invest in bold plans to combat these leading killers.

Why Funding Matters

- **Impact:** More than 27 million lives have been saved since 2002 in the countries where the Global Fund supports efforts to fight AIDS, TB, and malaria. In 2017 alone, countries supported by the Global Fund provided HIV antiretroviral therapy for 17.5 million people, TB treatment for 5 million people, and nearly 200 million insecticide-treated bed nets were distributed to prevent malaria.
- **Innovation and Leverage:** The structure of the Global Fund – an innovative partnership of donor and implementing countries, private sector, civil society, and affected communities – helps ensure that U.S. investments are well-spent. By pooling funding and leveraging its purchasing power, the Global Fund has saved hundreds of millions of dollars on medicine and other health supplies. Contributions from donor countries are matched by implementing countries, which have increased their own funding commitments by 41 percent in the current grant cycle. And for every \$1 the U.S. provides to the Global Fund, we have leveraged \$2 from other donors to fight these diseases of poverty.
- **U.S. Leadership to Save Lives:** The Global Fund has an ambitious plan to cut the death toll from AIDS, TB and malaria in half by 2023, saving 16 million lives and preventing 234 million cases or infections of these diseases. To reach this goal, the Global Fund has asked donor countries to pledge \$14 billion over the next three years. The U.S. is the Global Fund's leading donor, historically providing up to one-third of the Global Fund's total resources. Continued U.S. leadership will be critical the Global Fund's success.

Clara's Story

For Clara Banya, the Global Fund's life-saving work has directly touched everyone in her family. At just 25 years old, Clara was working at a local village health center in Malawi when she noticed she was having HIV symptoms similar to those that her patients at the Voluntary Testing and Counselling center were exhibiting. After weeks of working up the courage to test herself, Clara tested HIV-positive. A later test revealed her CD4 count was so low that her infection had progressed to full-blown AIDS.



Clara and her children.
Photo: Global Fund Advocates Network

Clara attributes early access to treatment through the Global Fund to saving her life, and also the lives of her husband and their first-born daughter, Fanny, who both tested HIV-positive. While on anti-retroviral drugs for HIV, Clara's husband and daughter became very ill and were both diagnosed with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB). Previously, MDR-TB was a death sentence for people living with HIV/AIDS. But with support of the Global Fund, they both survived through the difficult 19 months of treatment for MDR-TB, and are now TB free. Fanny just celebrated her 15th birthday.

But, perhaps most heartening, is that prevention of mother-to-child transmission services also allowed Clara to give birth to a son, Emmanuel, who is HIV-free. "Thanks to the Global Fund's support, my second child was born HIV-negative. This inspired me to encourage other women to join programs that help to prevent the transmission of HIV to their babies."

Today, Clara's viral load is undetectable and she is actively working to empower other women living with HIV in Malawi. They focus on reducing stigma and increasing access to health services. She is now an international TB-HIV advocate calling for governments to step up in the fight against these diseases. Clara said that she shares her story because, "As someone who has benefited from the support of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, I know there's life beyond diagnosis and I want other women to know they are not alone."

RESULTS' Request and Funding History

As members of Congress submit annual appropriations requests to the relevant Appropriations Subcommittees, they can show their support by requesting funding in the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill for the Global Fund within the State Dept. / PEPFAR account.

To do so, please submit a formal appropriations request form for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria to Senators Graham and Leahy or Representatives Lowey and Rogers as Chairs and Ranking Members of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittees of Appropriations. Contact RESULTS staff Crickett Nicovich for support: cnicovich@results.org.

| Fiscal Year | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 Conference | RESULTS' FY20 Request* |
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| Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria | \$1.35 billion | \$1.35 billion | \$1.35 billion | \$1.35 billion | \$1.56 billion |

*Highest historical funding for the Global Fund was in FY14 for \$1.65 billion.