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The Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB and Malaria **Key talking points:**

- The Global Fund is a partnership of world leaders, communities, civil society, health workers, and the private sector that invests billions annually to fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, aiming for a healthier, safer, and more equitable future.
- HIV, tuberculosis and malaria are treatable and preventable yet remain deadly for millions of people.
- The Global Fund partnership has invested more than US\$5 billion a year since its inception in 2002. 70 million lives have been saved and the combined death rate from HIV, TB, and malaria has been reduced by more than 60%.
- Canada has been a strong supporter of the Global Fund since 2002. It is the seventh largest public donor to the Global Fund, and Canada's contribution is the largest it has made to any international financing institution for health.
- At the Seventh Replenishment Conference in September 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau pledged CAD 1.21 billion for 2023-2025 – an historic 30% increase from its previous pledge of CAD 930.4 million for the Sixth Replenishment (covering 2020-2022).
- Infectious diseases anywhere mean infectious diseases in Canada. Global Fund investments protect and reinforce global security in health systems and disease surveillance in more than 100 countries. A third of the Global Fund's investment contributes to strengthening health systems and pandemic preparedness and response.
- In 2024 the Global Fund continued to invest in stronger laboratory and diagnostic networks by expanding disease surveillance, improving supply chain resilience, enhancing community-led health services and supporting health worker training. These investments supported countries to prepare for, and respond effectively to, infectious disease outbreaks - reinforcing the foundations of global health security.

- HIV is preventable and treatable. And yet, governments around the world are pulling back, most notably the US – once a leader in the fight to end HIV/AIDS. According to UNAIDS, the permanent discontinuation of the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) would have a catastrophic impact over the next four years, including:
 - o an additional 6.6 million new HIV Infections,
 - o an additional 4.2 million AIDS-related deaths, and
 - 3 million additional children orphaned by AIDS.
- In the face of mounting global challenges -- from armed conflict and climate shocks to rising inequality, debt crises, and economic instability -- the Global Fund remains one of the most effective and accountable tools we have to protect and promote global health and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- With an overall target of US\$18 billion, fully funding the Global Fund's <u>Eighth</u>
 <u>Replenishment</u> could save 23 million more lives, prevent 400 million infections, and reduce the death rate from HIV, TB, and malaria by another 64%.
- Global solidarity and sustained investment are essential to achieve ambitious health goals.