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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) was created in 2002 to dramatically increase resources to fight the three world's deadliest and most devastating diseases, and to direct resources to the areas with the greatest needs. It is a financing institution that fights the aforementioned diseases with an innovative funding model, and partners with governments, civil society, technical partners and private sector. It does not implement programs on the ground, but relies on a network of local implementing agencies.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Prevention and treatment of HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria
- Financing for disease prevention and treatment, including health system strengthening
- Digital health and innovation

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Global Fund's aim is to attract, manage and disburse resources to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Grants are awarded on the basis of applications from the countries eligible for funding. In order to build sustainability, countries are required to take ownership and supply their own partial funding to the projects funded by the Global Fund. The focus in funding is on providing antiretroviral treatment, drugs for the treatment of malaria and tuberculosis, provision of insecticide-treated bed nets for malaria-prevention, and preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Furthermore, increasingly more funding is directed towards building resilient and sustainable health systems that are better equipped and funded to treat and prevent the three diseases in the centre of the organization. Through the partnership with PharmAccess, a Dutch NGO dedicated to the development of mobile and digital technology platforms, it is expanding access to affordable healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa and supporting African countries to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage by harnessing digital technology.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

The Global Fund is governed by an international board, which is responsible for approving all grants. The 20 voting members of the board include representatives from donor and recipient governments, NGOs, the private sector and affected communities. Representatives of partner organisations such as UNAIDS, WHO and the World Bank are included as non-voting members. The board is chaired by Donald Kaberuka. The organisation is

headquartered in Geneva and has over 700 staff members representing more than 100 nationalities, led by Executive Director Peter Sands.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Financing comes primarily from donor governments, with the remaining 5 percent from private sector, foundations and financing initiatives. The Global Fund works in 3-year replenishment cycles, which allow the organisation to plan ahead and also issue long-term grants, ensuring continuity and sustainability of the projects it funds. Public sector funds are not earmarked, but distributed by the Global Fund according to the grant applications it receives. Pledges for the 2017-2019 period accumulate to USD 12.9 billion, of which USD 12 billion will be contributed by donor governments.

PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/publications/>

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