

COVID-19 Situation Report #19

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1. Situation Overview

Global cases: 10,117,687 confirmed. **Global deaths:** 502,278 deaths confirmed. **Countries, areas or territories with cases:** 216 (as of 30 June, [WHO](#)). "Globally the pandemic is actually speeding up" the WHO Director-General said, as global COVID-19 death toll passed half a million on 30 June. He urged governments to implement the right policies ([Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine](#)) while unveiling the Access to Covid-19 Tools ([ACT](#))-Accelerator consolidated investment case which provides an overview of the ACT-Accelerator, a global initiative between multiple partners to ensure equitable access to life-saving tools for COVID-19. The consolidated ACT-Accelerator investment case calls for US\$31.3 billion over the next 12 months. The ACT-Accelerator consolidated investment case includes its new [COVID-19 Therapeutics Investment Case](#), which complements the previously released [Diagnostics Investment case](#). [The European Commission and Global Citizen raised US\\$6.9 billion](#) in pledges to tackle COVID-19 during the Global Citizen #GlobalGoalUnite For Our Future Summit 27 June, including US\$5.4 Billion in loans and guarantees from the EIB. See the [WHO Situation Reports](#) for detailed updates. A [new Global Fund COVID-19 report shows deaths from HIV, TB and malaria could almost double in 12 months unless urgent action is taken](#).

2. Global Fund COVID-19 Response

The Global Fund is providing up to US\$1 billion and operational flexibility to help countries fight COVID-19, shore up health systems and mitigate the impacts on lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria programs. Emergency funding is available through the US\$500 million [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) and additional [grant flexibilities](#) of up to US\$500 million. Application materials for the COVID-19 Response Mechanism are available [here](#).

As part of the global response to COVID-19, the Global Fund is working with health leaders, partners and governments to ensure the global response to COVID-19 includes lessons learned from the fight against HIV, TB and malaria: protect human rights and address stigma and discrimination, particularly among key and vulnerable populations; fight gender barriers to health; engage communities in the response; and fairly allocate limited COVID-19 resources and new tools so that no one is left behind. Our [Focus On COVID-19](#) ([Español](#) | [Français](#)) provides an overview.

The [Global Fund is a founding partner](#) of the [Access to COVID-19 Tools \(ACT\) Accelerator](#), a global collaboration of organizations and governments working to accelerate the development, production and equitable access to new COVID-19 technologies. As part of ACT-A, we are a co-convenor of both the [Diagnostics Partnership](#) (with FIND) and the Health Systems Connector (with the World Bank), and we are a procurement and deployment partner in the Therapeutics Partnership. We also co-lead the WHO Diagnostics Consortium along with UNICEF to negotiate pricing and procure molecular diagnostic tests for COVID-19, and we have opened our innovative online sourcing portal, [wambo.org](#), to all countries and organizations so they also can benefit from the Global Fund's economies of scale for health products. See [COVID-19 Key Messages and Talking Points](#) for more detail.

Latest updates:

- Chancellor Angela Merkel announced a pledge from Germany of €150 million towards the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism at the Global Citizen #GlobalGoalUnite For Our Future Summit 27 June.
- The FIFA Foundation announced a new partnership and a \$3m commitment to the Global Fund COVID-19 Response (comprised of US\$1,5 from the Foundation, which has unlocked US\$1,5m from an anonymous donor).
- **Immediate funding:** To date, US\$324 million is approved for 95 countries and 8 multi-country programs through the COVID-19 Response Mechanism and grant flexibilities. All approved requests follow WHO guidance on preparedness and early response. Our [report](#) details approved funding by country. Our new [map](#) visualizes the countries and can be inserted in presentations.
 - **COVID-19 Response Mechanism:** US\$196.9 million in immediate funding is approved for 43 countries and 3 multi-country programs through the [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#). Country Coordinating Mechanisms continue to submit funding requests, and the Global Fund reviews them within 10 business days. Countries are currently being notified of their funding request outcomes. After countries are notified, they are added to our list of countries with funding approved.
 - **COVID-19 grant flexibilities:** US\$172 million is approved for 91 countries and 8 multi-country programs through [grant flexibilities](#). The source of funds is almost exclusively from savings from existing grants, thus no negative impact on ongoing Global Fund-supported programs. The majority of countries implementing Global Fund grants are using grant flexibilities.

3. Business Contingency Planning for Existing Global Fund Grants

Business Contingency Planning focuses on protecting the Global Fund's ability to deliver its core mission, prioritizing the continued delivery of impact from the current grant cycle and the development of funding requests and grants to deliver maximum impact in the 2020-2022 allocation period.

3.1 2020-2022 Allocations

- To provide additional flexibility for applicants, the Global Fund updated the [funding request submission dates](#) in 2020.
- The review of nearly 40 funding requests from windows 2a and 2b is underway. More than 40 additional funding requests are expected by the next submission date, 30 June, in window 2c. The progress of submitted and registered funding requests is captured in our [tracker](#).
- The [Technical Review Panel provided new lessons and recommendations](#) for applicants and technical partners in its new report on the first funding requests in the 2020-2022 allocation period. The [report](#) ([Español](#) | [Français](#)) also includes a statement on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.2 Operational Guidance for Countries

- The Global Fund incorporated [flexibilities for current and upcoming grants](#) and shares guidance notes on adapting processes.
- Updated: [guidance summary for Country Coordinating Mechanisms](#)

3.3 COVID-19 Impact on HIV, TB, Malaria, Communities, Rights and Gender

- The [COVID-19 Guidance Note on Community, Rights and Gender](#) has been updated, with translations also available in [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Russian](#).
- The Global Fund maintains a list of relevant [WHO and technical partner guidance](#).

- Global Fund investments and advice to implementers, shared through a series of [information and guidance notes](#), strictly follow WHO guidelines.
- Country-based Local Fund Agents, who monitor grant implementation and progress on behalf of the Global Fund, complete a [biweekly Local Fund Agent survey](#) online to help identify potential risks and disruptions to programs. The next survey is underway.

3.4 Procurement and Supply Chain

- As of 16 June, the Global Fund's [product and delivery outlook](#) shows the overall impact of COVID-19 on health product supply chains for Global Fund grants remains at **moderate**.

4. Messaging and Advocacy

- A [new Global Fund COVID-19 report shows deaths from HIV, TB and malaria could almost double in 12 months unless urgent action is taken](#). Taking account of the contributions of other partners, and the US\$1 billion the Global Fund has already committed, the Global Fund estimates that it would need an additional US\$5 billion for the next 12 months to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on countries affected by the three diseases. The [Communications and Social Media Toolkit is available here](#), and includes:
 - Full Report ([English](#))
 - Key Messages and Talking Points (also available [here](#))
 - Social Media Messages
 - Multimedia Assets (videos and tiles)
 - News Release ([English](#) and [Français](#))
- The Global Fund [ranked in the top category](#) among organizations and nations that are major donors of global aid for its transparency and accountability, according to the newly released [2020 AID Transparency Index](#).
- [COVID-19 Key Messages and Talking Points](#): updated regularly

5. Media and Communications

- **Stories and case studies:**
 - [Global Fund Joins the Global Citizen's #GlobalGoalUnite For Our Future Summit](#): In a video, Dr. Zolelwa Sifumba, an advocate and MDR-TB survivor, highlights the work of the Global Fund.
- **In the news:**
 - [The Pandemic Could Erase 20 Years of Progress Against Tuberculosis, HIV, And Malaria](#), The New York Times, 24 June 2020
 - [Fight Against Malaria, TB and HIV Hit as Resources Diverted to Covid-19, Survey Shows](#), The Daily Telegraph, by Anne Gulland, 24 June 2020
 - [Global Fund COVID-19 Report: Deaths from HIV, TB and Malaria Could Almost Double in 12 Months Unless Urgent Action is Taken](#), Yahoo Finance, 24 June 2020
 - [Global Fund COVID-19 Report: Deaths from HIV, TB and Malaria Could Almost Double in 12 Months Unless Urgent Action is Taken](#), India Today, 24 June 2020
 - [COVID-19 — A Timeline of The Coronavirus Outbreak](#), Devex, by Jenny Lei Ravelo and Sara Jerving, 24 June 2020
 - [We Must Unite to Fight or We Will Lose Years of Progress](#), Avennire, by Peter Sands, 27 June 2020
- **On social media:**
 - [Executive Director Peter Sands thanks Germany for its support to the Global Fund response to COVID-19](#)

- [Peter Sands thanks the FIFA Foundation for its support and partnership to fight #COVID19](#)
- [Dr. Zolelwa Sifumba joined the Global Citizen Global Goal Summit to call on the world to #UniteToFight](#)

6. External Coordination

- The Global Fund participated in the 27 June [Global Citizen Global Goal: Unite for Our Future](#) organized in partnership with the European Commission. The event raised a total of [US\\$6.9 billion](#) in grants and loans from governments, the private sector and foundations.

7. Key Resources

- [Global Fund COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [Global Fund Unite to Fight webpage](#)
- [WHO Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) pandemic webpage](#)