HEALTHY LIVES

The Power of EU Investments in Global Health









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For more than 20 years, global health initiatives like Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria have shown how innovation and commitment can address some of the world's toughest health challenges. Since 2000, Gavi-supported programs have helped immunize over a billion children, while the Global Fund's efforts have reduced the combined death rate from AIDS, TB, and malaria by 63% in the countries it supports.

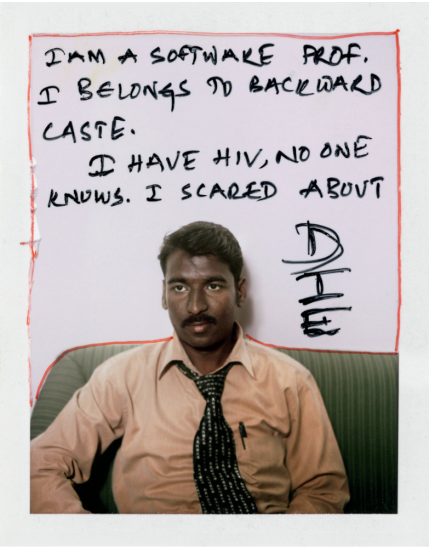
Their impact goes far beyond saving lives. These organizations are transforming health systems, improving access to healthcare services, and building healthier communities. With their support, countries are paving the way toward sustainable health outcomes, fostering resilience, and unlocking social and economic growth in some of the world's most vulnerable and under-resourced regions.

Photography is a compelling way to demonstrate this success because it has the unique power to tell those stories, to give a voice to communities impacted but also to change makers. The stories you see in this exhibition offer an inspiring glimpse into the transformative work of Gavi and the Global Fund, creating a deeper understanding of the profound difference these initiatives have made globally. This exhibition highlights the tangible impact of the European Union's investments in global health, showcasing real stories of lives changed and communities strengthened. It also gives us a chance to reflect on the challenges ahead, and how continued investment and collaboration can ensure a healthier, safer future for everyone.



Gavi/Olivier Asselin

In 2000, only around half of children in lower-income countries received basic, routine vaccines, while it would often take more than a decade for newer vaccines to reach the Global South after being introduced in wealthier countries. Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance was set up as a unique public-private partnership to help right this wrong and protect millions of children every year against some of the world's deadliest diseases.





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Photo (left): India, 2007. Kumar Nagasamudram, a software engineer from Hyderabad, living with HIV. Photo (right): Mali, 2007. Fatoumata Camara, 20, and her husband live with HIV. They used to make their living farming millet and cotton but are now too weak to work.

In the early 2000s, AIDS-related illnesses were claiming 2 million lives each year. People living with HIV faced stigma and discrimination, which too often prevented them from accessing care. HIV and AIDS were devastating families, communities, and economies. Access to treatment was profoundly unequal.

The Global Fund was established in 2002 as an urgent global response to the AIDS crisis and to scale up funding, treatment, and prevention efforts to combat the two other deadliest infectious diseases: tuberculosis and malaria.





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Gavi now helps vaccinate more than half the world's children, protecting over a billion and helping to halve child mortality in the countries it supports since its inception in 2000. One of these billion children is six-month-old Muhammad Saleh, the child of nomadic Beja pastoralists in eastern Sudan. The Vaccine Alliance works with Save the Children and the State Ministry of Health to support health workers like Abdul Qader braving conflict and impossible terrain to reach the most remote communities.



The Global Fund/John Rae 2016

A health worker at the Pollsmoor Prison in South Africa uses a GeneXpert machine, which was purchased with funding from a Global Fund grant. This easy-to-use diagnostic tool can diagnose TB in hours, while alternative methods can take weeks. Rapid diagnosis helps ensure people with TB are put on treatment as soon as possible and helps prevent the disease from further spreading.

The Global Fund provides 76% of all international financing for TB. Since its inception, TB deaths (excluding deaths of people living with HIV) have decreased by 40% in countries where the Global Fund invests. Demonstrating unwavering dedication, the Global Fund goes the extra mile to reach vulnerable and hard-to-access populations, such as people in prisons, through targeted and sustained efforts, ensuring that no one is left behind.



Jerome Sassini/Magnum/2024

Permanent Aselo was 21 years old when her first child died of malaria. When the malaria vaccine became available in Bayelsa State, Nigeria, where she lives, she was keen to vaccinate her six-month-old baby. “When I heard about the malaria vaccine, the first thing that came to my mind was, ‘Thank God’,” she said.

Gavi is supporting the rollout of the malaria vaccine across Africa - an exciting addition to the malaria toolbox. Given its partial efficacy, to save the most lives the vaccine should be used with other proven tools including: the newest dual active ingredient insecticide-treated mosquito nets, preventive treatment for children and pregnant women, and community-based testing, treatment, and case management. Global Fund investments in local health systems have been vital in ensuring all of the tools reach communities who need them most.



Team Zero Palu/Dimpal Pancholi

A construction worker in Gujarat, India, shields himself with a mosquito net as he sleeps on his bulldozer. Diseases like malaria affect people's ability to farm, work, and study. The work of Gavi and the Global Fund not only improves health but also helps build stronger, more productive communities.

A 10% reduction in malaria incidence is associated with a 0.11 percentage point increase in annual GDP per capita growth. Reducing malaria by 90% by 2030 could boost the economies of malaria-endemic countries by $142.7 billion and international trade by $80.7 billion.



The Global Fund/Vincent Becker

Community health workers in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. These health workers provide vital home-based health services, including malaria testing, treatment, and referral services. They have also been trained to educate people on mpox, as well as identify and refer possible cases.

Women have been at the forefront of community mobilization against malaria—ensuring their households have nets, rallying community members, advocating for services and resources, and actively participating in the health workforce. These community health workers play a crucial role in educating others about how vaccines (supported by Gavi), bed nets, and seasonal malaria chemoprevention (supported by the Global Fund) work together as part of a comprehensive strategy to protect people from malaria.



The Global Fund/Brian Otieno

Warehouse Officer Resty Nakate operates a forklift at the National Medical Stores (NMS) warehouse in Entebbe, Uganda. The Global Fund and Gavi collaborate with the private sector to ensure secure, equitable, cost-effective supplies of lifesaving interventions like vaccines and insecticide-treated bed nets reach countries like Uganda. Gavi has increased the number of vaccine manufacturers serving lower-income countries from just five in 2000 to 19 today, with over half based in lower-income countries. Meanwhile, the Global Fund's market-shaping efforts have had enormous positive impact in accelerating equitable access to dual-insecticide nets developed with partners.



Gavi/2020/Maya Hautefeuille

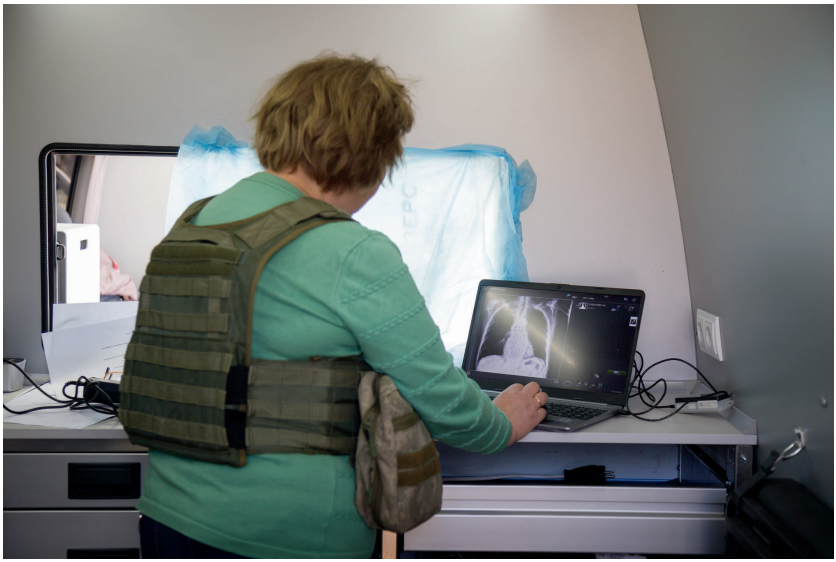
Two health workers in Dakar, Senegal, employ the Gavi-supported Logistimo application, which allows for real-time monitoring of supplies of essential products, including vaccines, preventing stock outs.

As part of their work improving health systems across the world, Gavi and the Global Fund are some of the largest investors in digital health in low- and middle-income countries, investing in the rollout of digital tools for community health workers, digitizing health data, and supporting healthtech entrepreneurs to adapt their solutions to meet health challenges – vital to achieving equity in health care delivery and reaching communities in the most remote locations.



Gavi/2022/Asad Zaidi

Health workers brave rising floodwaters in Balochistan, Pakistan, where devastating floods in 2022 caused immense damage across the region and drastically increased the risk of disease outbreaks—malaria cases alone increased fivefold that year. As climate change makes extreme weather events increasingly common, and low- and middle-income countries disproportionately bear the brunt of such devastation, investments by Gavi and the Global Fund in building resilient health systems have never been more critical.



Alliance for Public Health/2024

A health worker reads an x-ray at a mobile health clinic in Donetsk region, Ukraine. These mobile health clinics are providing essential healthcare, including HIV and TB testing and treatment. Supported by the Global Fund and operated by the Alliance for Public Health, the mobile clinics travel to hard-to-reach, frontline areas with destroyed medical infrastructure, creating a new ecosystem for healthcare delivery. They are crucial in ensuring health services reach people in the most remote, conflict-affected regions of Ukraine.

Since the beginning of Russia's war on Ukraine, the Global Fund has given $12.7 million in emergency funding to Ukraine, in addition to $165.5 million approved for the 2024-2026 implementation period.



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“What I love about my job is that I'm able to change lives,” says Carolyne Wasonga (centre) who is working to end HIV by preventing gender-based violence and empowering young women and girls. Carolyne is one of 400 peer educators who are part of a Global Fund-supported program aimed at reaching adolescent girls and young women with HIV prevention, treatment, and care. In 2023, around 4,000 adolescent girls and young women were still being infected with HIV every week, driven by a combination of economic disempowerment, educational disadvantage, and gender-based power imbalances. Tackling gender inequality is key to ending HIV, but also addressing immunization efforts.



The Global Fund/Brian Otieno

Paul Okware is the Chief Stores and Operations Officer at the National Medical Stores (NMS) warehouse in Entebbe, Uganda. This state-of-the-art cold-chain storage warehouse was constructed with support from the Global Fund and Gavi.

With rapid increases in the volumes of medicines received and requested by health facilities across the country, the Ministry of Health and the National Medical Stores sought to expand storage capacity to manage supply chain demands. Once completed, this warehouse will be one of the biggest in East Africa.

Regional manufacturing remains an issue in many places around the world. For example, Africa accounts for around 20% of the world's population, yet the continent's vaccine industry provides only around 0.1% of global supply.



The Global Fund/Ashley Gilbertson 2024

The Global Fund works in partnership with Iraq's National TB Program and the International Organization for Migration to fight tuberculosis across the country.

Here, DOT (Directly Observed Treatment) health worker Abdul Qadr does a home visit with four-year-old patient Adil in northern Iraq. Adil receives a new paediatric formulation for TB. Abdul Qadr visits Adil and his family regularly to check on their progress and ensure treatment adherence to prevent the disease from spreading.

TB treatment adherence is critical to preventing antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The Global Fund invests in fighting AMR, improving lab networks, enhancing AMR surveillance, and supporting infection prevention and control. It also collaborates with international partners on research into new antibiotics and vaccines. Gavi supports vaccines against 20 infectious diseases, some of which are particularly effective in preventing AMR by reducing unnecessary antibiotic use.



Gavi/2018/Duncan Graham-Rowe

A child receives a cholera vaccine during a Gavi-supported campaign responding to a major cholera outbreak in 2018. Over 600,000 vaccines were delivered to informal settlements in Lusaka, helping to end an outbreak that claimed over 100 lives. This complements the efforts of the Global Fund which, in addition to being a vital source of support to those affected by HIV, TB and malaria in Zambia and building resilient and sustainable systems for health, is also supporting Zambia to strengthen pandemic preparedness and to enhance systems that will help the country withstand future health threats.

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