

The Global Fund

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About Global Fund:

- The Global Fund is a **worldwide movement to defeat HIV, TB and malaria** and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all.
- It was set up in 2002.
- **Partners of this initiative:** Governments, civil society, health workers and the private sector.
- **Funding:**
 - It raises funds **on a three-year cycle, bringing longer term predictability** in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria
 - The funding primarily comes **from the public sector**, with 92% of total funding coming from donor governments. The remaining funding comes from the private sector, foundations and innovative financing initiatives.
- **India joined** the Global Fund as a **donor in 2006** and pledged US\$25 million for the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment, covering 2023-2025.

Key facts about recent agreement

- It would make it possible to provide the **advanced pill known as TLD** for under \$45 per person per year.
- The three-in-one pill bands together the drugs **tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, lamivudine and dolutegravir**.
- The World Health Organization has recommended it as the preferred first-line HIV treatment for adults and adolescents, since it rapidly suppresses the virus that causes AIDS.

What is HIV?

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is an infection that attacks **the body's immune system**.
- **Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)** is the most advanced stage of the disease.
- HIV targets the body's **white blood cells**, weakening the immune system.
- This makes it easier to get sick with diseases like tuberculosis, infections and some cancers.
- It is **spread from the body fluids of an infected person**, including blood, breast milk, semen and vaginal fluids.
- It can be treated and prevented with antiretroviral therapy (ART).

Q1) What is Malaria?

Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease caused by the Plasmodium parasite. It is a significant global health concern, particularly in tropical and subtropical regions of the world. Malaria is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.

Source: [Global Fund secures deal to slash HIV treatment price](#)

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