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The EU has been a key supporter of the Global Fund since its establishment in 2001, with a total contribution of EUR 3.5 billion. The EU alone is currently its seventh public donor. Jointly with its Member States, the EU represents roughly a third of the total funding of the Global Fund.

EU commitment to Global Health and multilateralism is enshrined in EU Global Health Strategy adopted in November 2022<sup>1</sup> and in the EU Global Gateway Strategy<sup>2</sup>. It was captured in the declaration of the EU-AU Summit that took place in Luanda on 23-24 November 2025 and reaffirmed with the announcement of a new Global Health Resilience Initiative during the State of the Union in September 2025<sup>3</sup>.

Global health challenges benefit from global responses. International support is also fundamental to complement the very much needed increase in domestic efforts in EU's partner countries. Country ownership together with an integrated health system approach is the key to success. This is why the Commission encourages the Global Fund and all relevant Global Health Initiatives to enhance their joint work and cooperation to accompany countries in their transition towards self-reliance, in line with the Lusaka Agenda.

The Commission could not financially commit during the Eight replenishment summit in November 2025 while expressing its strong support to the principles and to the mission of the Global Fund. The Commission has clearly shown willingness to continue being a major partner and intends to contribute to the new cycle of the Global Fund along the lines of previous cycles.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0675>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021JC0030>.

<sup>3</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025/main-initiatives\\_en#a-global-europe](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/state-union/state-union-2025/main-initiatives_en#a-global-europe).