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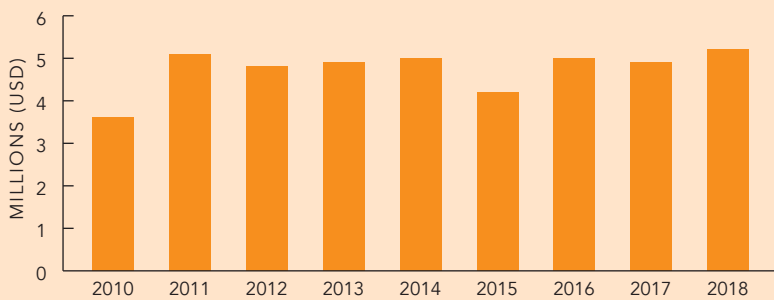
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A valued partner of UNAIDS, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg is actively involved in the planning and implementation of global HIV priorities and is a strong advocate for the UNAIDS 90–90–90 agenda. Luxembourg remains dedicated to ending AIDS through its global partnerships and its active civil society engagement, including through continued commitment to the western and central Africa catch-up plan.

“Communities and civil society organizations are an essential component of the fight against HIV and AIDS. We must make sure their voices are being heard and work closer together.”

— Paulette Lenert, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs

Annual core funding to UNAIDS from Luxembourg



Luxembourg is the largest donor per capita to UNAIDS. In 2018, Luxembourg contributed US\$ 5.2 million in core funding to UNAIDS. These funds are used to support work by UNAIDS to overcome barriers to HIV service access and to support countries in achieving time-bound, measurable targets on HIV. UNAIDS greatly values Luxembourg's continued commitment to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

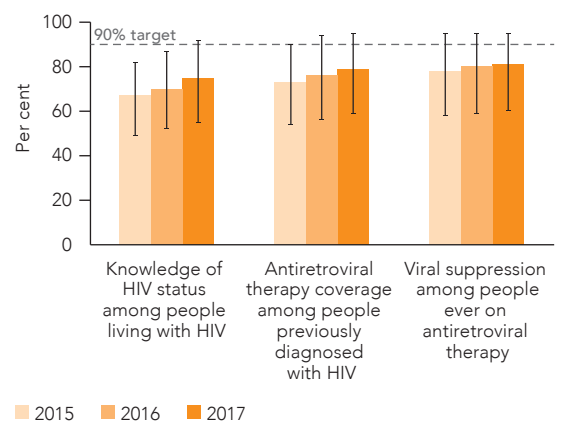
Among the 36.9 million people living with HIV worldwide, 21.7 million now have access to antiretroviral therapy. Furthermore, deaths from AIDS-related illness have been reduced by more than 51% since the peak in 2004, and new HIV infections have been reduced by 47% since the peak in 1996. Together, Luxembourg and UNAIDS have made an important contribution to this unprecedented response to the largest public health threat in modern history.

### CHAMPIONING THE 90–90–90 AGENDA

There has been remarkable progress towards reaching the UNAIDS 90–90–90 targets—whereby 90% of people living with HIV know their HIV status, 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status are accessing treatment and 90% of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads.

From the beginning, Luxembourg has been a formidable champion of the 90–90–90 agenda—and some countries have already achieved the 90–90–90 targets.

### Global 90–90–90 progress



Source: UNAIDS special analysis, 2018.

“What matters now is to strengthen collaboration and to involve more civil society networks to Fast-Track. The goal is to reach the key populations, the vulnerable and the marginalized to leave no one behind.”

— Marc Angel, Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committee in the Luxembourg Parliament and UNAIDS Champion for the 90–90–90 agenda



Marc Angel, Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Development Committee in the Luxembourg Parliament and UNAIDS Champion for the 90–90–90 targets, with children at L'Association Espoir pour Demain in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, which raises HIV awareness among expectant mothers and in maternity wards.

### JOINT PROJECTS: WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA CATCH-UP PLAN

As the global response to HIV accelerates, UNAIDS data show that millions of people in western and central Africa are being left behind. In 2016, UNAIDS and partners established a **catch-up plan** that aims to address bottlenecks and accelerate national responses in western and central Africa. Luxembourg contributes funding for the catch-up plan with a particular focus on paediatric care and treatment, human rights-related barriers to service access, and civil society and community health systems strengthening.

Luxembourg's contribution helps UNAIDS to provide technical support to implement innovative care models and negotiate free HIV treatment in western and central Africa. UNAIDS is facilitating high-level negotiations with government and key partners to establish an 18-month emergency commodity stock and an effective distribution system. UNAIDS and partners have also established the innovative Civil Society Institute for Health in West and Central Africa for enhanced consultation, coordination and synergy of civil society organizations working to develop an effective and sustainable health response in western and central Africa.

Although results vary across the region, several countries have greatly increased HIV treatment rates since the launch of the catch-up plan in 2016. Overall, the coverage of adults receiving antiretroviral therapy rose from 2016 to 2017, increasing by 39% in Congo, 39% in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 33% in Sierra Leone and 24% in Cameroon.

### SHARED PRIORITIES: GENDER EQUALITY

With its focused support for UNAIDS gender programming, Luxembourg has promoted public engagement and national responses on gender equality and human rights in HIV issues. Through the global **#BeTeamWomen** initiative, UNAIDS works to foster connections, link agendas and amplify actions across diverse movements and sectors to mobilize for the empowerment, health and rights of women. UNAIDS has developed the **HIV Gender Assessment Tool**, a detailed plan to support countries to assess the HIV epidemic, context and response from a gender perspective. This multipartner process allows countries to identify gaps, develop gender-specific programmes and policies, and include key recommendations in national strategic plans, country investment cases and submissions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund).

### SHARED PRIORITIES: MAKING INVESTMENTS WORK

Luxembourg has contributed more than US\$ 50 million to the **Global Fund**. Support to countries in planning, leveraging and implementing Global Fund investments is a mainstay of UNAIDS country office work. With six regional offices and a presence in more than 75 countries, UNAIDS ensures that technical support is available and maximizes the return on Luxembourg's investment, with a shared focus on equitable and accessible health care, resilient and sustainable health systems, and innovation.

## UNAIDS: AT THE FOREFRONT OF ENDING AIDS

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As the world takes stock of progress towards the UNAIDS **Fast-Track Targets**, as agreed by United Nations Member States in the **2016 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS**, UNAIDS is providing the strategic direction, coordination and technical support needed to meet the time-bound targets and ensure that no one is left behind.

By connecting governments with **civil society** and the private sector and making sure that people living with HIV are at the centre of decision-making processes, UNAIDS is helping to ensure that everyone in need has access to life-saving HIV prevention, treatment and care services. As part of this work, UNAIDS' collaboration with UNFPA to establish the **Global HIV Prevention Coalition** is uniting partners to reduce new HIV infections by 75% by 2020.

Through the **90–90–90** treatment targets, UNAIDS is pushing progress so that 90% of people living with HIV know their HIV status, 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status are accessing treatment and 90% of people on treatment have suppressed viral loads, keeping them healthy and preventing transmission of the virus. UNAIDS is also helping to bring the world one step closer to achieving an AIDS-free generation by keeping the world focused on eliminating new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive through a Super-Fast-Track approach.

UNAIDS is working to end gender inequalities and all forms of violence and discrimination against **women and girls** by providing platforms for their participation and working with partners and governments. Furthermore, its efforts to champion and protect the rights of women, adolescents and **key populations** are ensuring that women in all their diversity, gay men and other men who have sex with men, sex workers, transgender people, people who inject drugs, prisoners and other incarcerated people, and migrants can access the HIV services they need.

UNAIDS is also ensuring that progress towards **universal health coverage** is truly universal by

advocating for progress on equity, inclusion and social justice. Its people-centred, human rights-based approach promotes community-led service delivery and advocates for the need to address the social determinants of health, including pursuing necessary law and policy reforms and removing stigma and discrimination.

Having generated the world's most extensive **data collection** on HIV epidemiology and programme coverage, UNAIDS is the most authoritative and up-to-date source of information on the HIV epidemic—which is vital to informing and guiding an effective response to HIV. UNAIDS works with countries to determine their AIDS investment needs and advocates for increased resources from both domestic and international sources, thus ensuring funds are available and impact is maximized.

The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** takes to scale what the AIDS response has been working towards for 30 years: a multisectoral, rights-based and people-centred approach that addresses the determinants of health and well-being. UNAIDS makes the link between the many intersections between the AIDS epidemic and other health, human rights and broader development issues to advance progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The only Joint Programme in the United Nations system, UNAIDS unites the experience and expertise of 11 United Nations **Cosponsors**: UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, UN Women, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank. UNAIDS draws on this experience to engage actively in the United Nations reform agenda, sharing both successes and lessons learned.

UNAIDS has a vision of zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths, and a principle of leaving no one behind. With support from our donors, UNAIDS is working to make this vision a reality.



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