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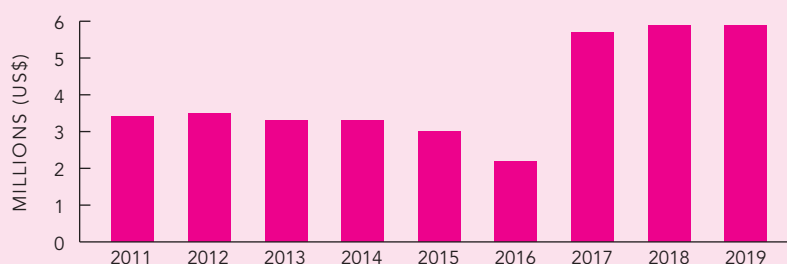
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Germany is a champion of the AIDS response at home and abroad. A valued partner of UNAIDS, Germany is firmly committed to ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, and it has invested significant resources to ensure that no one is left behind. German government, parliamentarians, civil society, private sector, academia and medical practitioners are committed to and actively involved in the planning and implementation of the global AIDS response.

Annual core funding to UNAIDS from Germany



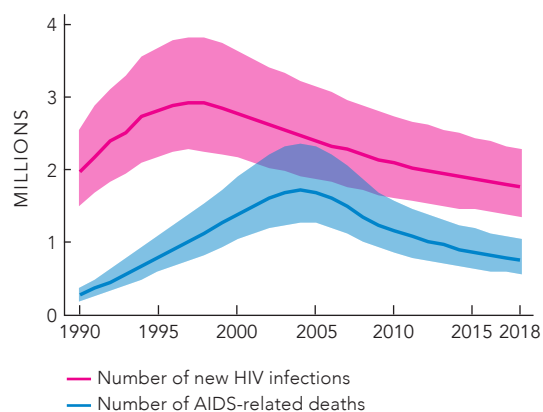
Germany contributed US\$ 5.9 million in core funding to UNAIDS in 2019, and it currently funds two Junior Professional Officer positions, providing valuable expertise and capacity. Germany is also one of the biggest investors in global health: it pledged €1 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) for 2020–2022.

Collaborative global efforts led by UNAIDS have ensured that among the 37.9 million people living with HIV worldwide, 23.3 million now have access to antiretroviral treatment. Furthermore, deaths from AIDS-related illness have been reduced by more than 56% since the peak in 2004, and new HIV infections have been reduced by 40% since the peak in 1997. Together, Germany and UNAIDS have made an important contribution to this unprecedented response to the largest public health threat in modern history.

Despite these remarkable successes, there is still much work to do. In 2018, 14.6 million people did not have access to treatment, and 8.1 million did not even know they had the virus. Every week, approximately 6200 young women become infected with HIV. New HIV infections in eastern Europe and central Asia have increased by 29% since 2010, reflecting insufficient political commitment and domestic investment in

national AIDS responses, with a broadly threatening environment for key populations that discourages HIV testing and treatment enrolment. AIDS is not over—but it can be, with the help of Germany’s contributions and critical engagement.

New HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths globally, 1990–2018



Source: UNAIDS 2019 estimates.

RIGHT TO HEALTH

Germany has demonstrated outstanding leadership on global health and achieving universal health coverage (UHC). As early as 2005, UNAIDS led efforts to promote universal access to HIV services as a human right, calling for the scale-up of quality services that are equitable, accessible, affordable, comprehensive and sustainable. UNAIDS promotes the integration of the AIDS response into overall strengthened health and community systems and development efforts. UNAIDS and Germany also have a shared vision on the Global Health architecture. UNAIDS, the only co-sponsored programme of the United Nations (UN) and a model of UN Reform, has pledged its full commitment to the call for the development of a **Global Action Plan** for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All. UNAIDS works to ensure that the UHC framework and the Global Action Plan are inclusive of vulnerable communities and meaningfully engage with civil society.

MAKING INVESTMENTS WORK

Germany has contributed US\$ 3.6 billion to the **Global Fund**, and it provides crucial technical assistance through the GIZ BACKUP Health Programme. UNAIDS provides leadership for strategic direction-setting, as demonstrated by the globally adopted **Fast-Track Strategy** to end the AIDS epidemic, and it is a key partner at the country level for the development, implementation and optimization of Global Fund grants. With its six regional offices and a presence in more than 75 countries, UNAIDS ensures that technical support is available and that the return on Germany's investment in the Global Fund is maximized, building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

Civil society engagement and partnerships with communities of people living with and affected by HIV are central to the successful AIDS response in Germany, and they remain a priority for its global engagement. Likewise, UNAIDS prioritizes and supports community and civil society engagement and leadership, including as members of UNAIDS' governing board, in national coordination mechanisms and through other fora, thereby ensuring their voice and needs inform the response.



A nurse provides opioid substitution therapy in Belarus, where 37% of people accessing the therapy are living with HIV. Photo: UNAIDS.

PREVENTION

A founding member of the **Global HIV Prevention Coalition**, Germany works with UNAIDS to boost HIV prevention efforts, to stop new HIV infections and to strengthen the linkages to its bilateral programmes. Co-chaired by UNAIDS, the Coalition strengthens and sustains political commitment for HIV prevention by setting a common agenda among key policy-makers, funders and programme implementers. The Coalition is transforming national HIV prevention responses, which are now consistently aligned to five HIV primary prevention pillars: adolescent girls and young women, key populations, condoms, voluntary medical male circumcision and pre-exposure prophylaxis.

INNOVATION

Sharing Germany's focus on innovation, UNAIDS places innovation and digital solutions at the heart of its work. To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, new technologies, service delivery models and financing solutions are required and need to be implemented at scale. Where new technologies are already changing the health landscape, often at a great pace, it is critical that governments harness that innovation to benefit the most vulnerable and marginalized populations. For example, UNAIDS and its partners launched the **Health Innovation Exchange** in 2019. A platform that helps countries identify bottlenecks in their health responses, the Exchange helps explore technologies and innovative models that can address and overcome these challenges.

UNAIDS: AT THE FOREFRONT OF ENDING AIDS

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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