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# Unitaid: Accelerating innovation in global health

#### Who we are

Unitaid is an international organisation that invests in new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria more quickly, more cheaply and more effectively.

### What we do

Unitaid provides health partners with short-term financial grants, targeted to achieve maximum impact. For example:

- Unitaid investments played a key role in bringing about a tenfold price reduction for antiretroviral treatment for HIV.
- It helped scale up use of a new tool that tests for drug-resistant tuberculosis, doubling the global detection rate in 4 years.
- It increased access to quality antimalarial drugs and new diagnostic techniques, contributing to a 50% reduction in malaria deaths since 2000.

#### How we work

Unitaid finds health solutions that show promise and invests in them to establish their viability so that partner organisations can make them widely available.

Through calls for proposals, Unitaid identifies key partners and health technologies with the potential to alleviate the burden of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

Financial grants from Unitaid help to fast-track access and reduce costs of new more effective medicines, technologies and systems to combat these diseases.

## Who pays for it?

Since its establishment in 2006, Unitaid has received over \$US 2.5 billion in contributions from donors. Unitaid's main donors are France, the United Kingdom, Norway, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Brazil, Spain, the Republic of Korea, and Chile.

A key source of income is innovative financing, specifically the solidarity levy on airline tickets implemented by France, which was later adopted by a number of other countries (including Cameroon, Chile, Congo, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, and the Republic of Korea).

# Ten years and counting

Unitaid has been providing solutions for healthy lives for 10 years now. With new projects in the pipeline, Unitaid will continue to invest in solutions for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for years to come.

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