



THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA COVID-19 RESPONSE

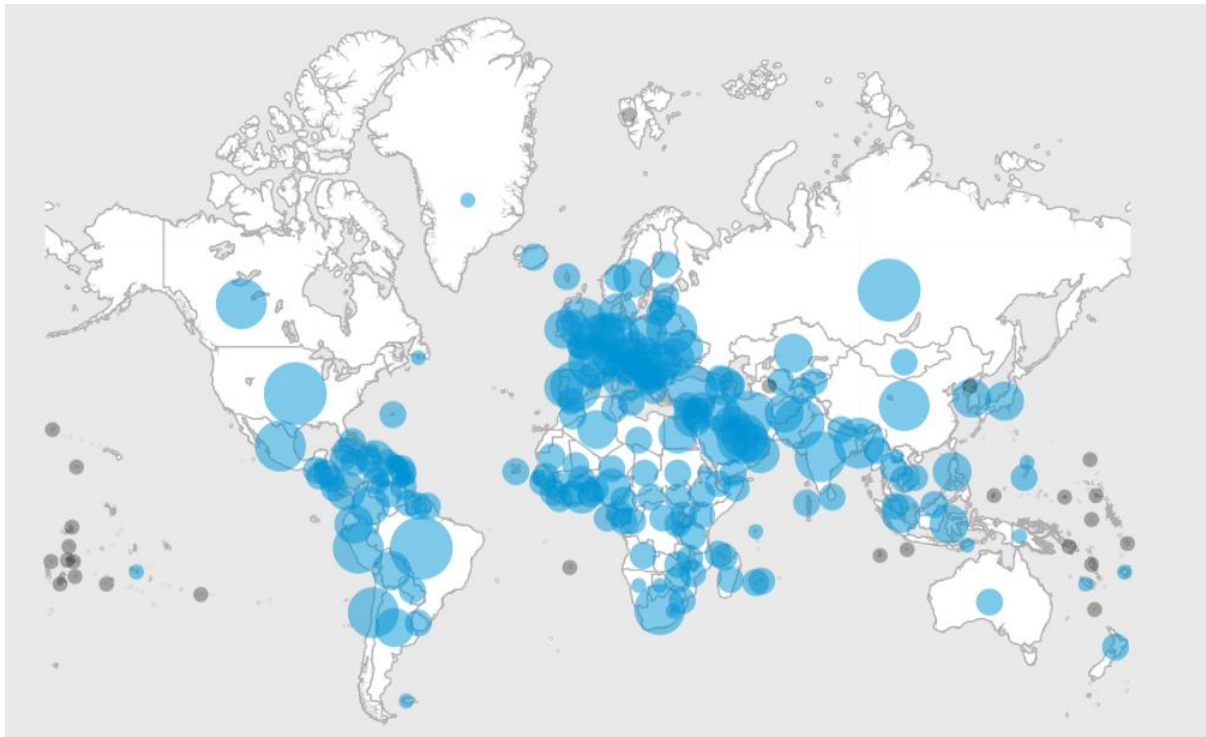
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Part 1: Impact of COVID-19 in low- and middle-income countries and the Global Fund's support to countries to fight COVID-19

Global spread of COVID-19

GLOBALLY, 7.3 MILLION CASES AND OVER 410,000 DEATHS

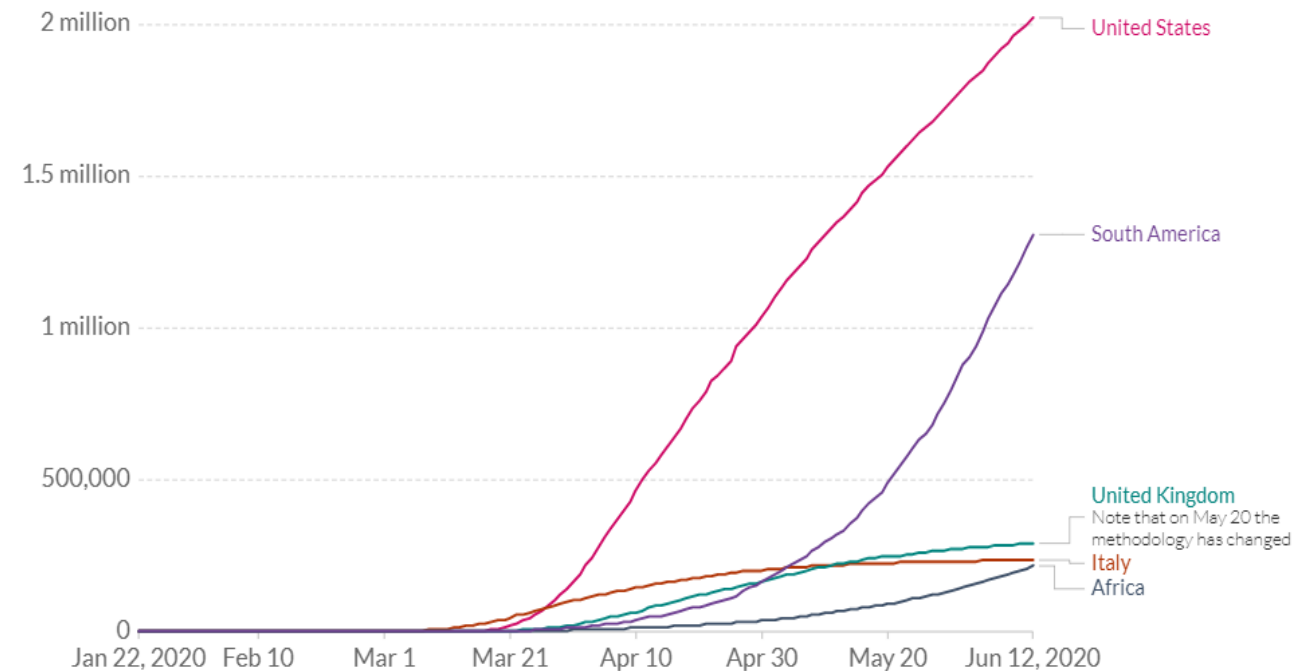
COVID-19 cases around the world



Source: [WHO](https://www.who.int/)

Comparison of total confirmed COVID-19 cases in US, UK, Italy, South America and Africa

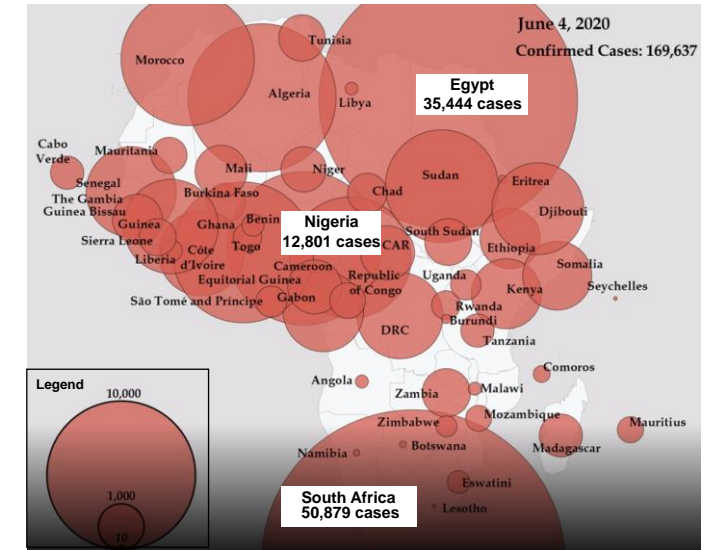
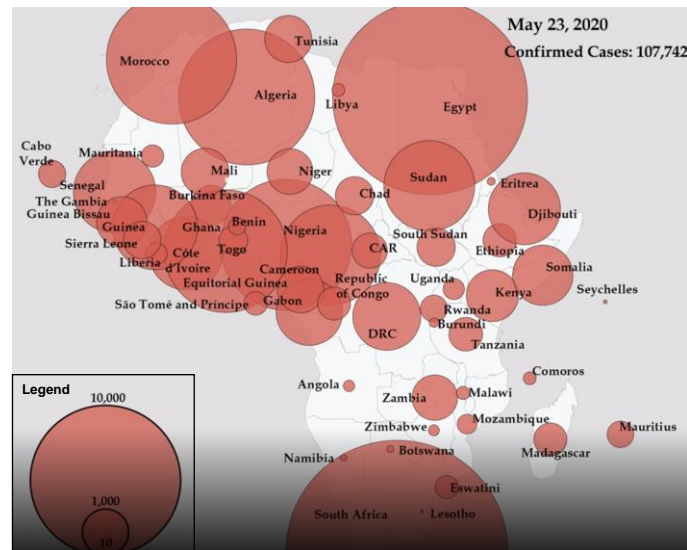
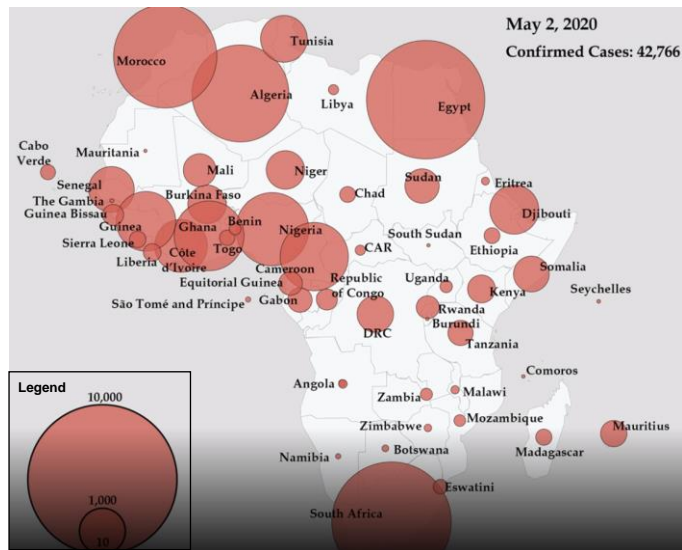
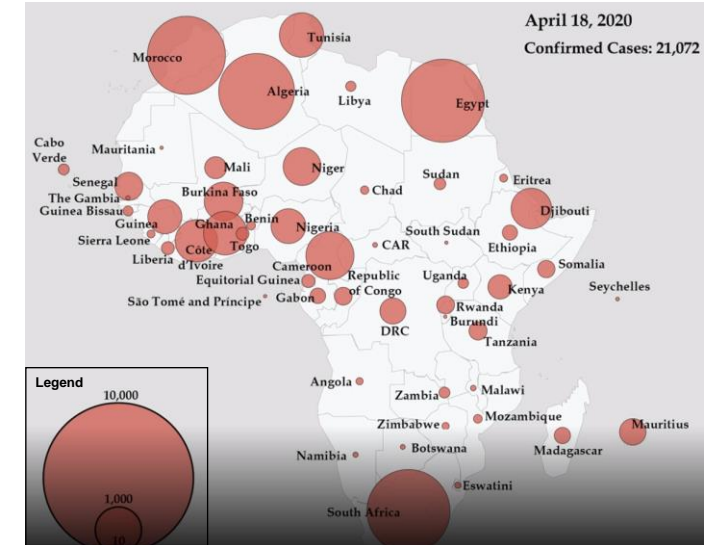
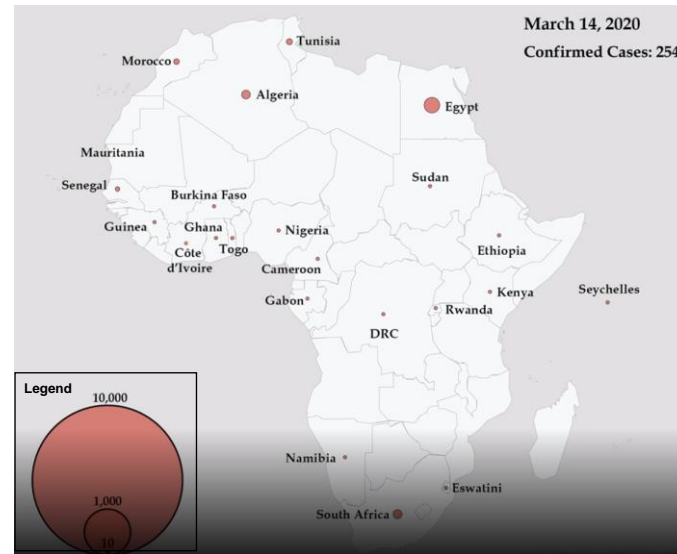
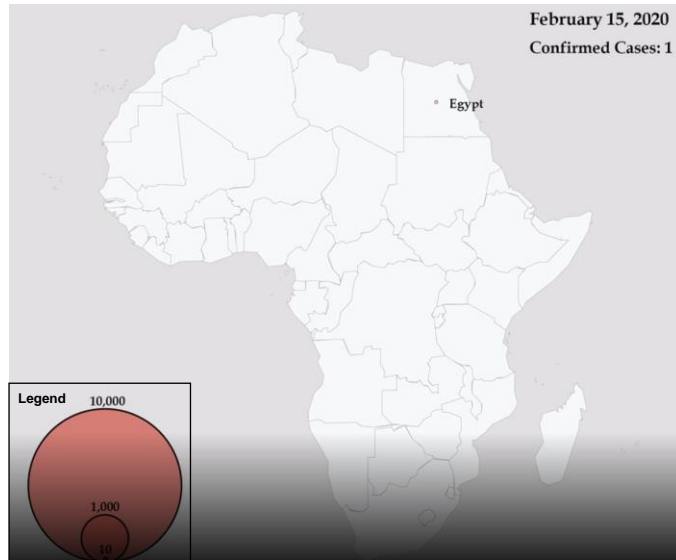
The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of total cases. The main reason for this is limited testing.



Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/covid-cases?country=BRA~FRA~USA~GBR>

Data as of 12 June 2020

COVID-19 progression in Africa



Impact of COVID-19 on the Fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria

Studies show that if health systems collapse or treatment and prevention services are interrupted, the death toll from HIV, TB, malaria and other diseases will be far higher than deaths from COVID-19 itself. This means millions more lives lost.



**Additional
500,000 deaths**

Sub-Saharan Africa 2020-2021

Six-month disruption of antiretroviral therapy could lead to more than doubling deaths from AIDS-related illnesses, including from TB, in sub-Saharan Africa in 2020–2021 compared to number of death in 2018 in the region.

Source: [WHO, UNAIDS](#)



**Additional
1.4 million deaths**

Global 2020-2025

Three-month lockdown and a protracted 10-month restoration of services could lead to an additional 1.4 million TB deaths between 2020 and 2025, along with an additional 6.3 million cases of TB during the same period.

Source: [Stop TB Partnership](#)



**Additional
380,000 deaths**

Sub-Saharan Africa 2020

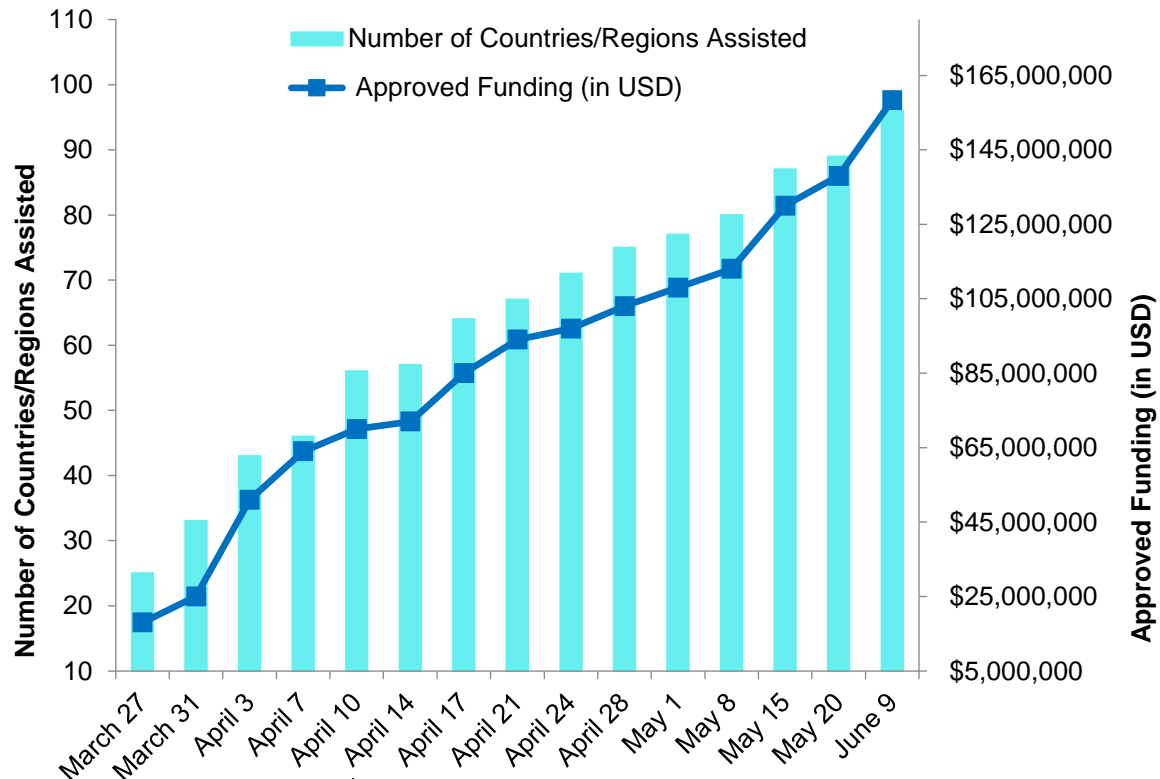
Severe disruptions to insecticide-treated net campaigns and in access to antimalarial medicines could lead to a doubling the number of malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa in 2020 when compared with 2018.

Source: [WHO](#)

Immediate Global Fund Funding of up to US\$1 billion for COVID-19 response

GRANT FLEXIBILITIES

Through grant flexibilities, countries can use up to 5% of existing Global Fund grants to fight COVID-19 and mitigate the impact the pandemic has on HIV, TB and malaria programs. As of 15 June, US\$ 159 million were approved from saving and reprogramming.



COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM

Through the COVID-19 Response Mechanism, countries can access funding to reinforce the response to COVID-19, mitigate the impact of the pandemic on HIV, TB and malaria programs, and make urgent improvements in health and community systems. The mechanism has an initial allocation of up to US\$500 million.

As of 15 June 2020

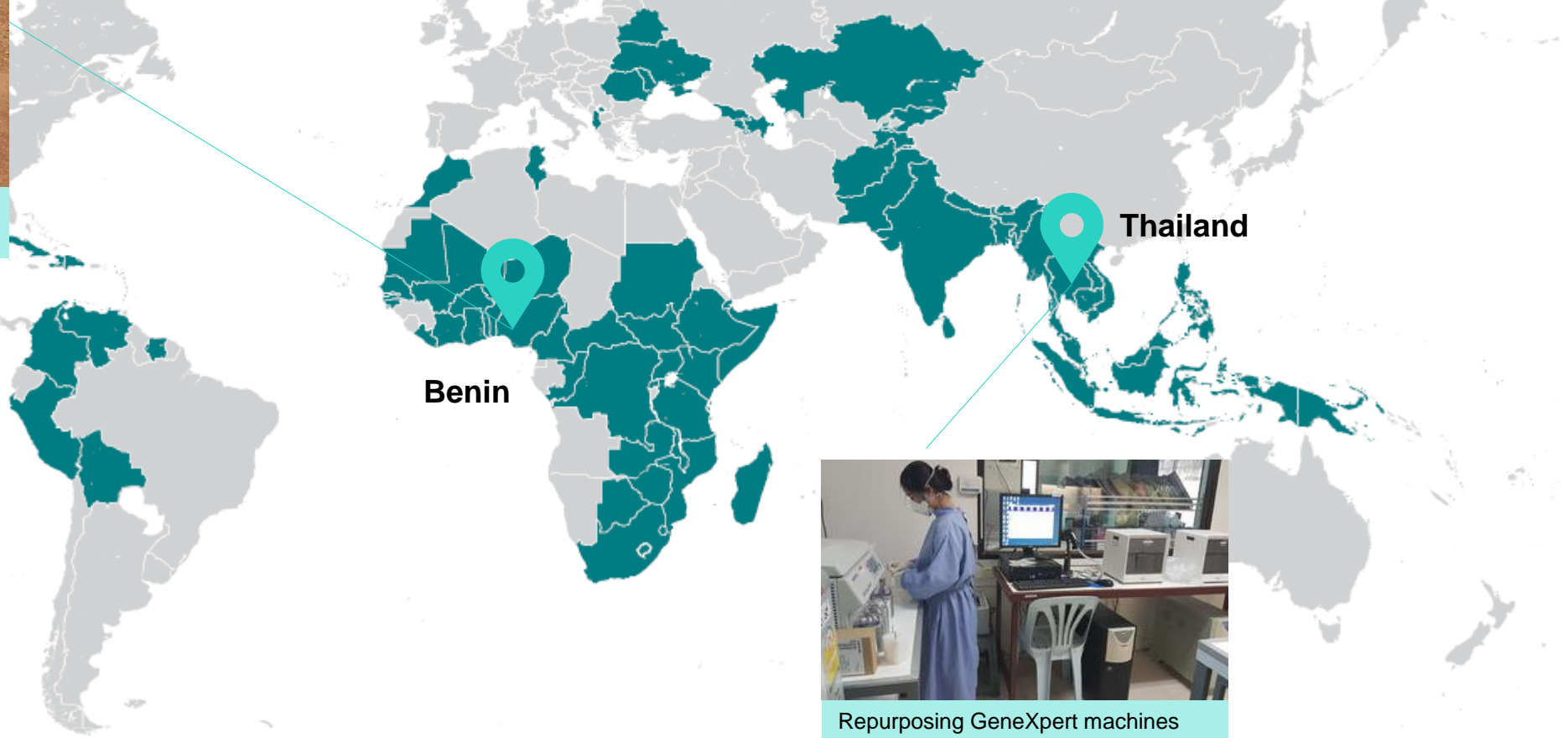
Received	Funding requests from 54 countries
Approved	26 funding requests totaling US\$ 138 million

Global Fund supporting 89 countries and 7 multi-country programs to fight COVID-19



Community health workers went door to door to distribute more than 8 million bed nets

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Benin

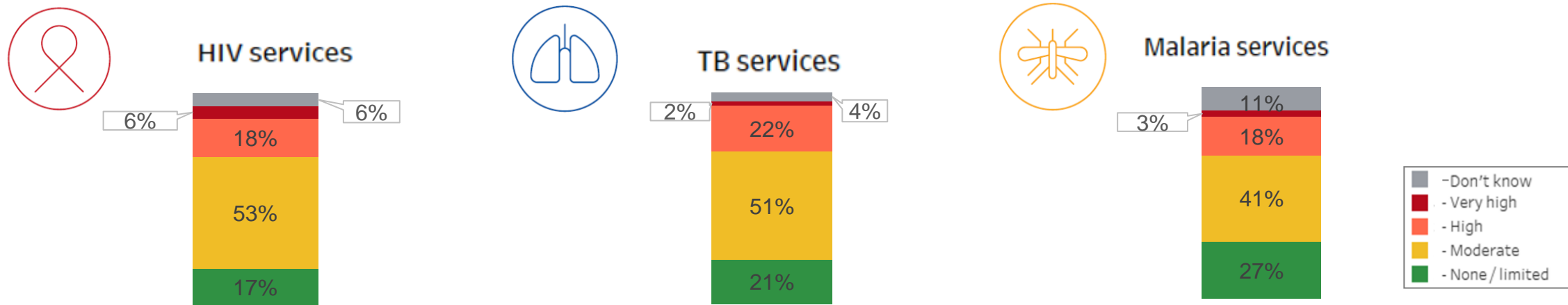
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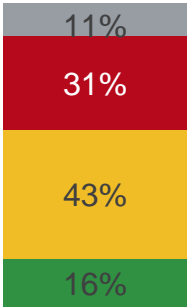
Repurposing GeneXpert machines used for TB to also test for COVID-19

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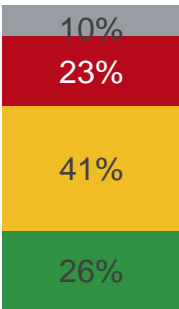
Level of disruption to HIV, TB and Malaria services and in-country systems



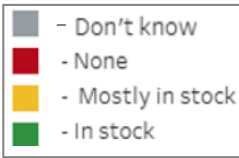
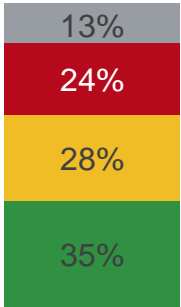
Availability of HIV products



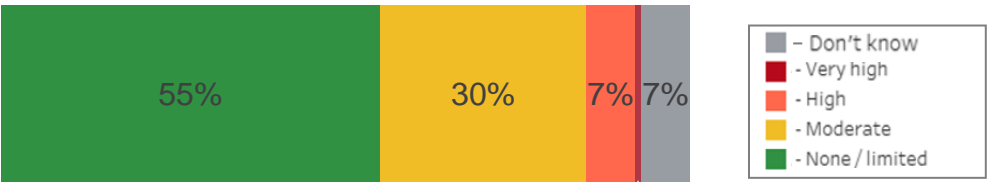
Availability of TB products



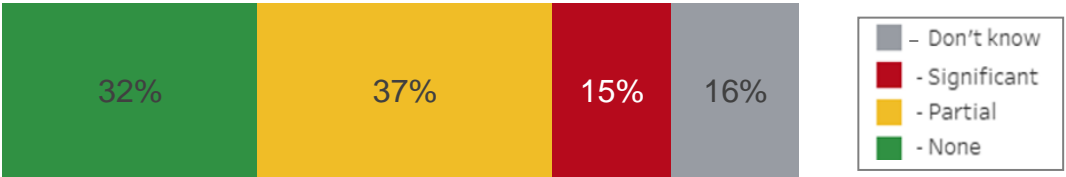
Availability of Malaria products



In-country supply chain



HIV and/or TB Labs



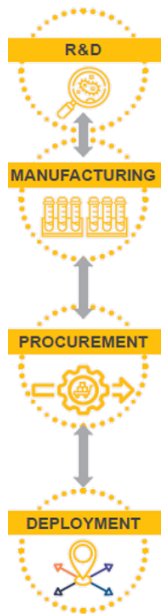
Part 2: ACT-Accelerator and the role of the Global Fund

Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator

Facilitation group to oversee and report progress, mobilize resources and engage with stakeholders
Public sector and private not-for-profit partners, such as:



Coordination hub at WHO



Vaccine Partnership

Co-convener

CEPI

WHO (lead on product allocation)

- Research
- Foundations
- International organizations
- Industry
- Funders
- Regulators

Co-convener

Gavi
The Vaccine Alliance

Therapeutics Partnership

Co-convener

Therapeutics Accelerator

WHO (lead on product allocation)

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Co-convener

Unitaid

Diagnostics Partnership

Co-convener

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The Global Fund

Health Systems and
cross-cutting issues

Co-convener

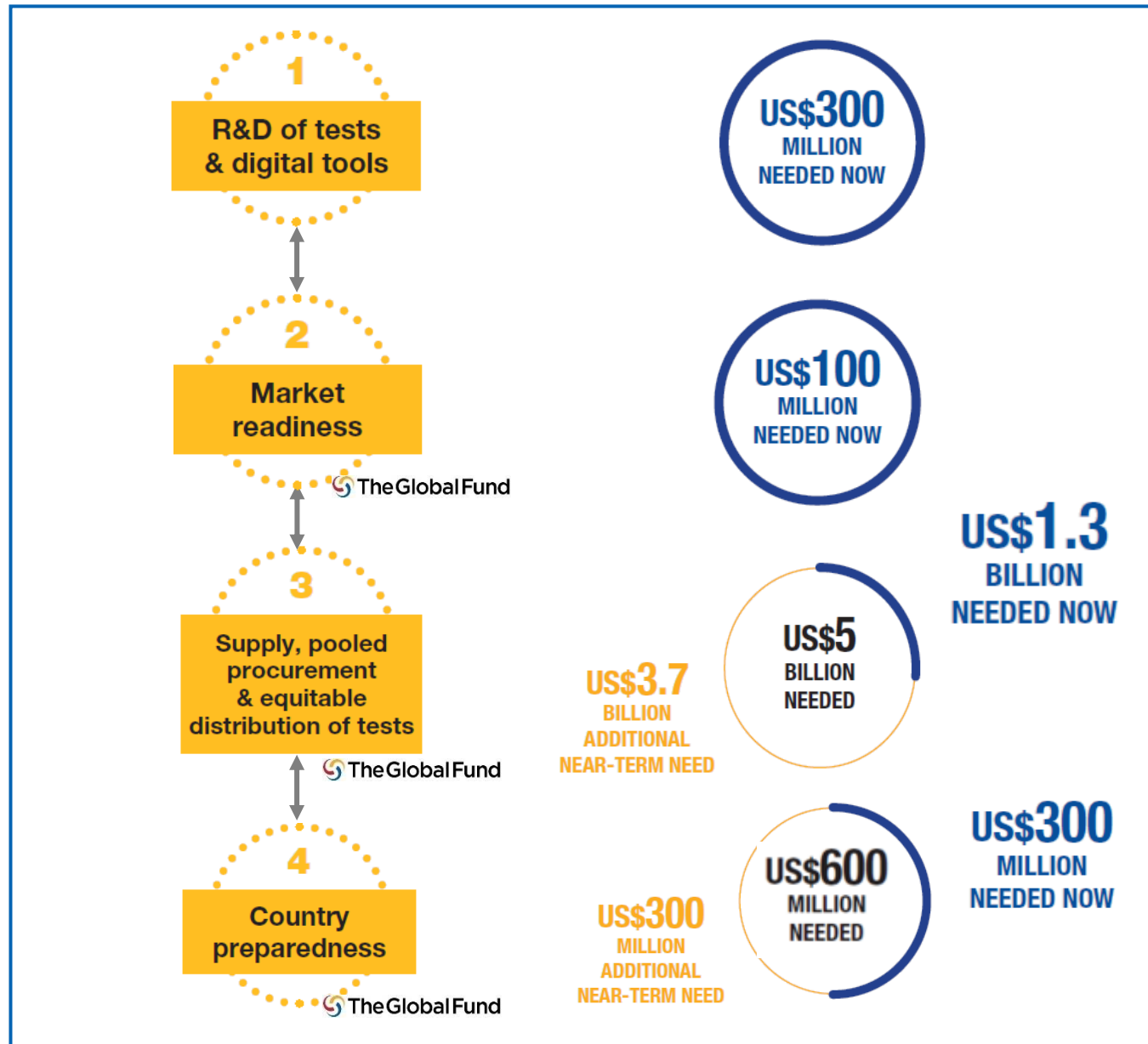




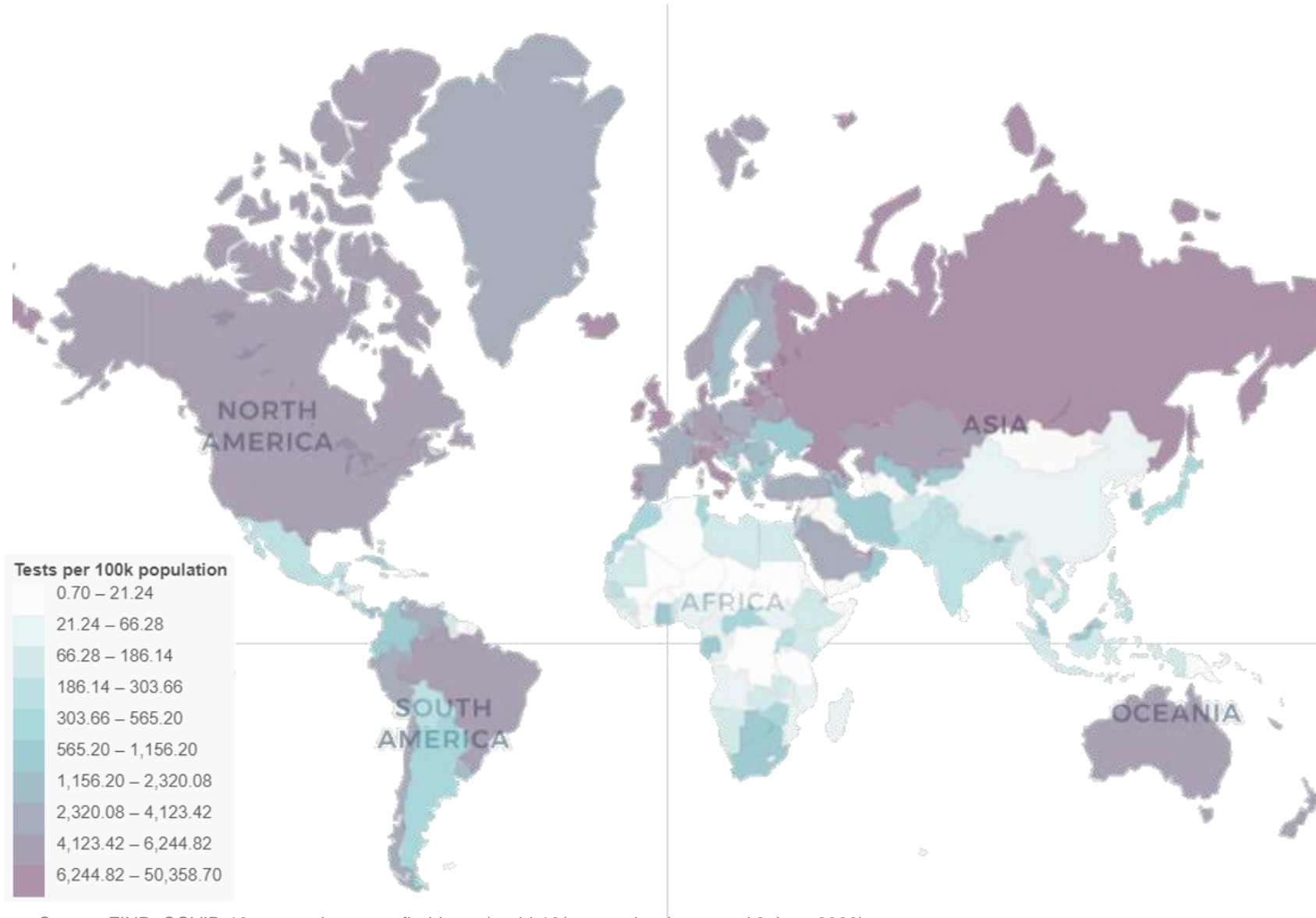
ACT- Accelerator Diagnostic Partnership's Needs Assessment

- Next 12 month: **US\$6 billion** to harness innovation and secure access to diagnostic tests for low- and middle-income countries.
- Immediate need of **US\$2 billion** to expedite development, manufacturing and scale up of the rapid tests and procurement of molecular tests to fill critical short-term gaps in low-income countries.

Source: Investing in Diagnostics to Manage the Course of the COVID-19 Pandemic (ACT Accelerator Diagnostics Partnership, May 2020.)



Fragile health systems in Africa and South-East Asia report the lowest rates of testing







Today's tests rely on complex diagnostics that need well-resourced laboratory systems



Possible Funding Needs for a Covid-19 Response in countries supported by Global Fund

Additional resources could be channeled through the Global Fund to:

	Adaption needs AIDS, TB and malaria
	Health systems strengthening
	Personal protective equipment (PPE)
	Deployment of COVID-19 diagnostics and therapeutics (when these become available), in line with GF's role in the ACT-Accelerator

Community system is vital to the deployment of effective testing program

The Global Fund has been investing over US\$ 1 billion per year in strengthening systems for health including community health workers.

Lessons from Ebola outbreaks in Africa and the HIV pandemic show that supporting community-led responses will be critical in the fight against COVID-19.

Community health workers are the first line of defense against health threats as they monitor disease outbreaks, refer cases and deliver basic treatment and care.

Community health workers in Homa Bay County in Kenya gather outside a local health facility





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