



# The Global Fund's investment in health systems strengthening

- Responding to COVID-19 and Preparing for future pandemics -

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**Global Fund's support to countries' COVID-19 response**

**Global Fund's investment in resilient and sustainable systems for health**

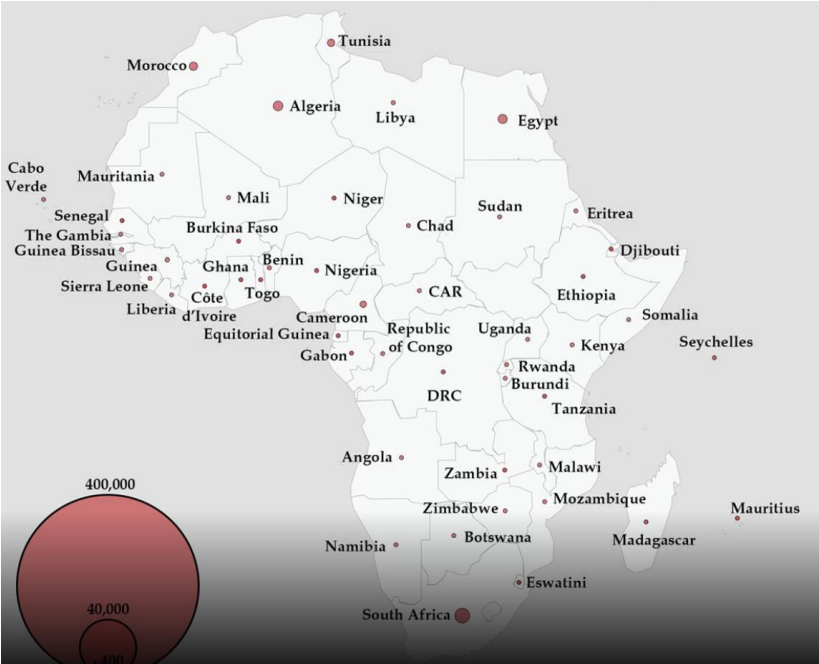
**Global Fund's procurement platform**

**Global Fund's role in ACT-Accelerator**

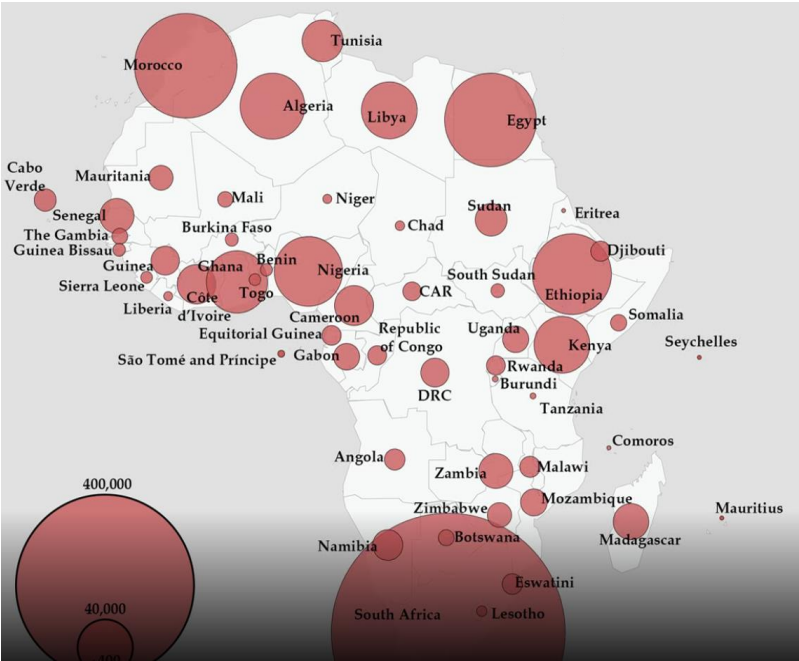


# COVID-19 progression in Africa

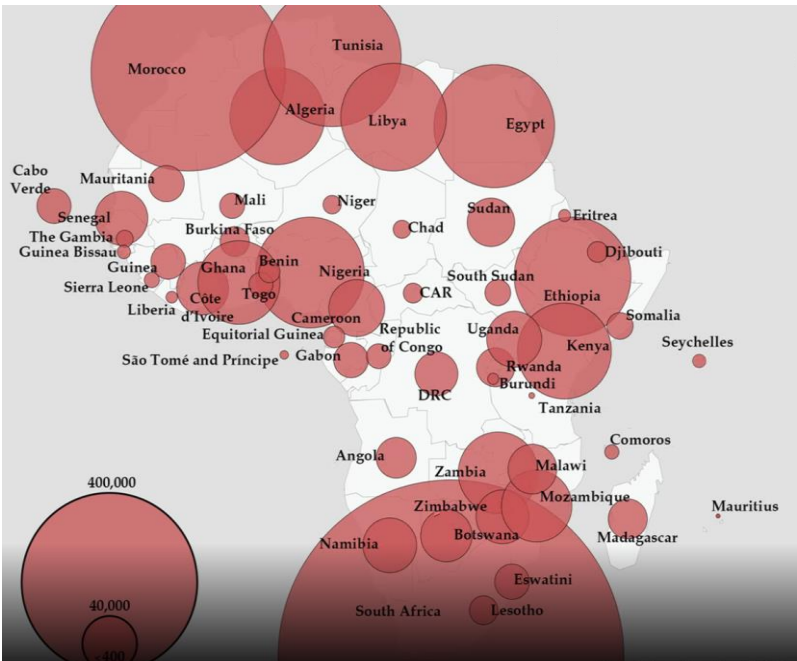
April 4, 2020  
Confirmed cases: 8,602



October 3, 2020  
Confirmed cases: 1,506,877



March 13, 2021  
Confirmed cases: 4,027,046



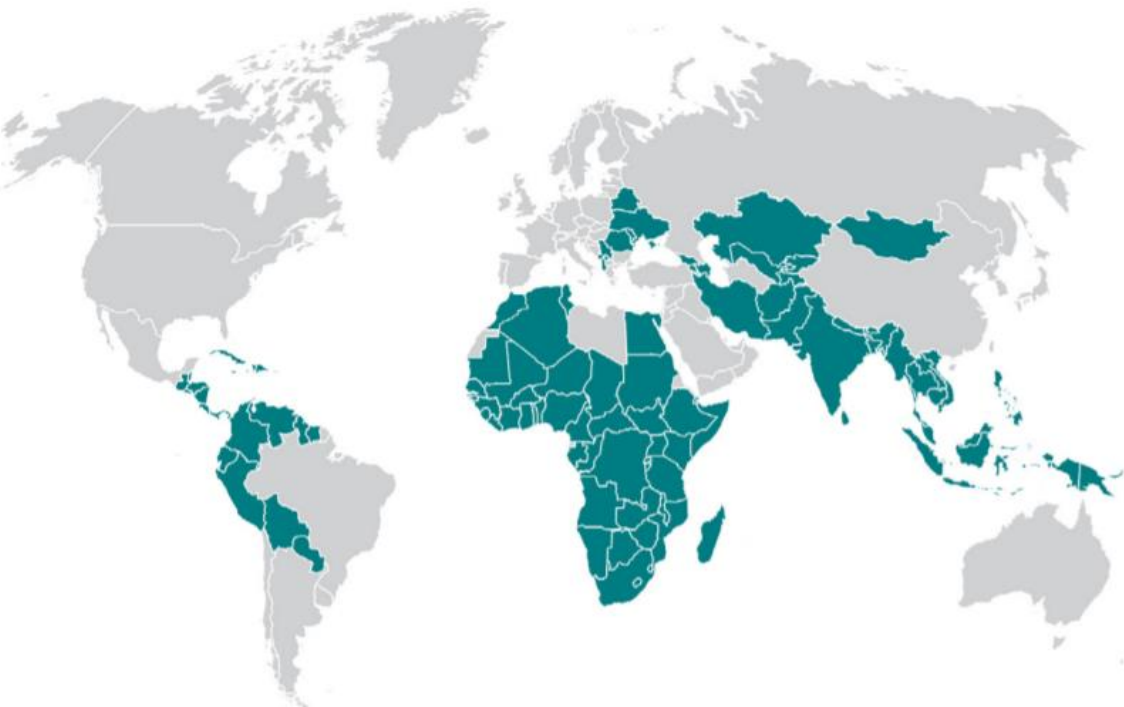
Source: <https://africacenter.org/spotlight/coronavirus-spreads-through-africa/>

# The Global Fund's support to countries' COVID-19 response

The Global Fund responded immediately to the pandemic by awarding **US\$ 988 million** to **106** countries and **14** multi-country programs to support their responses to COVID-19

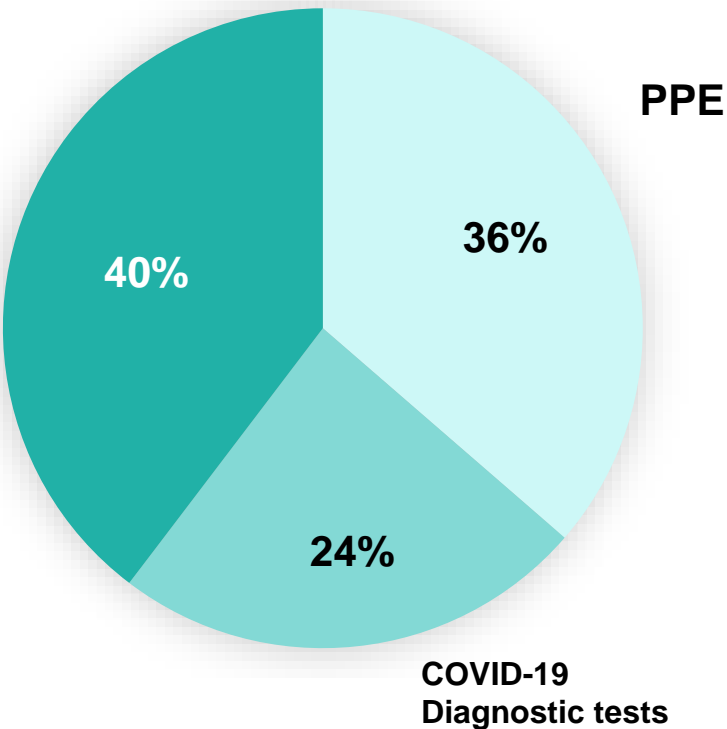
**COVID-19 Response Mechanism funding by priority areas and type**

Data as of 12 March



**Other funded activities**

- Adaptation of treatment delivery and prevention
- Supply of critical health commodities (ie, ARTs, LLINs, TB drugs,etc)
- Surveillance
- Laboratory infrastructure
- Engagement with vulnerable communities

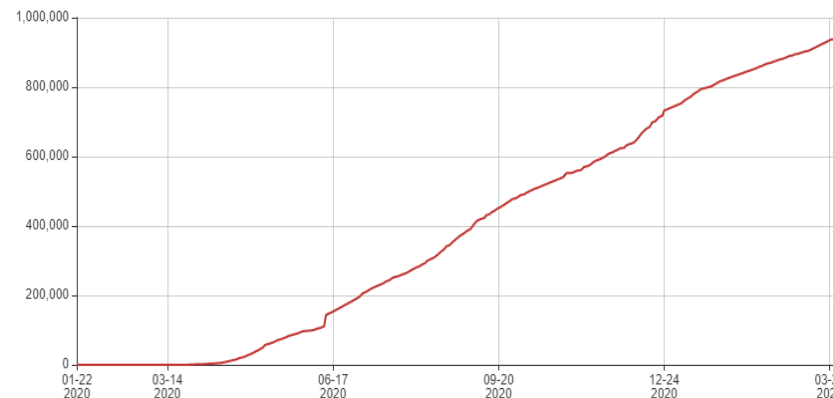


# Uganda: Successful rollout of testing through strong health systems and community responses

- Global Fund approved \$ 62 million to Uganda to adapt existing HIV, TB and malaria programs, purchase PPE for front-line health workers, diagnostics and medical supplies, and to deploy prevention campaigns
- Health systems built to fight the three infectious diseases over the last two decades were the backbone of Uganda's response to COVID-19
  - A robust network of laboratories and surveillance systems combined with well-trained epidemiologists
  - Existing transport system for samples, diagnostic machines for TB, data management system
- Ministry of Health decentralized laboratory testing services that allowed for wider coverage of testing across the country



Cumulative tests in Uganda



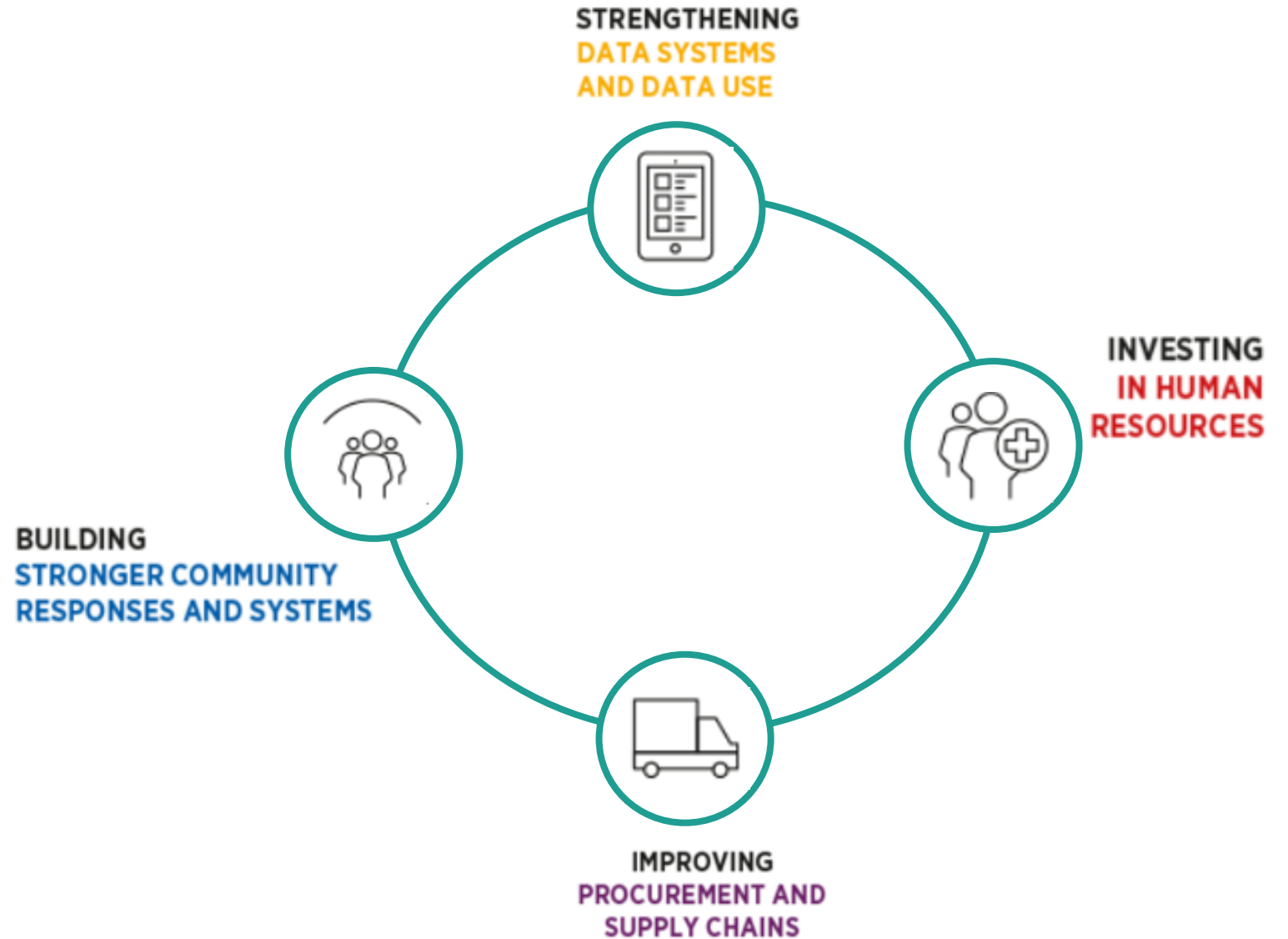
Source: <https://www.finddx.org/covid-19/test-tracker/>



# The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral provider of grants for strengthening systems for health

The Global Fund recognizes the centrality of strong health systems to achieve its mission.

Global Fund investments significantly contribute to building resilient and sustainable systems for health, supporting countries in a wide range of areas

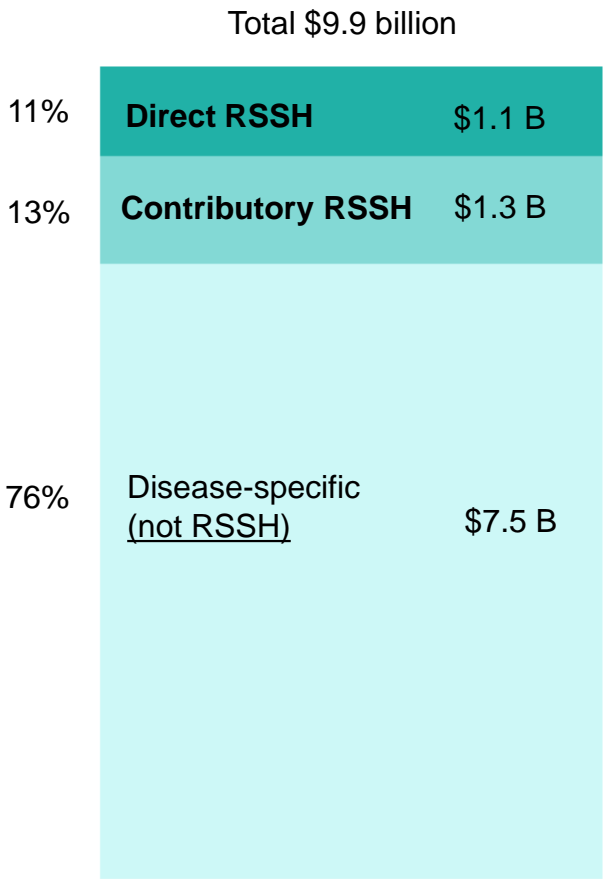




# Overall RSSH investments in 2020-2022 allocation cycle

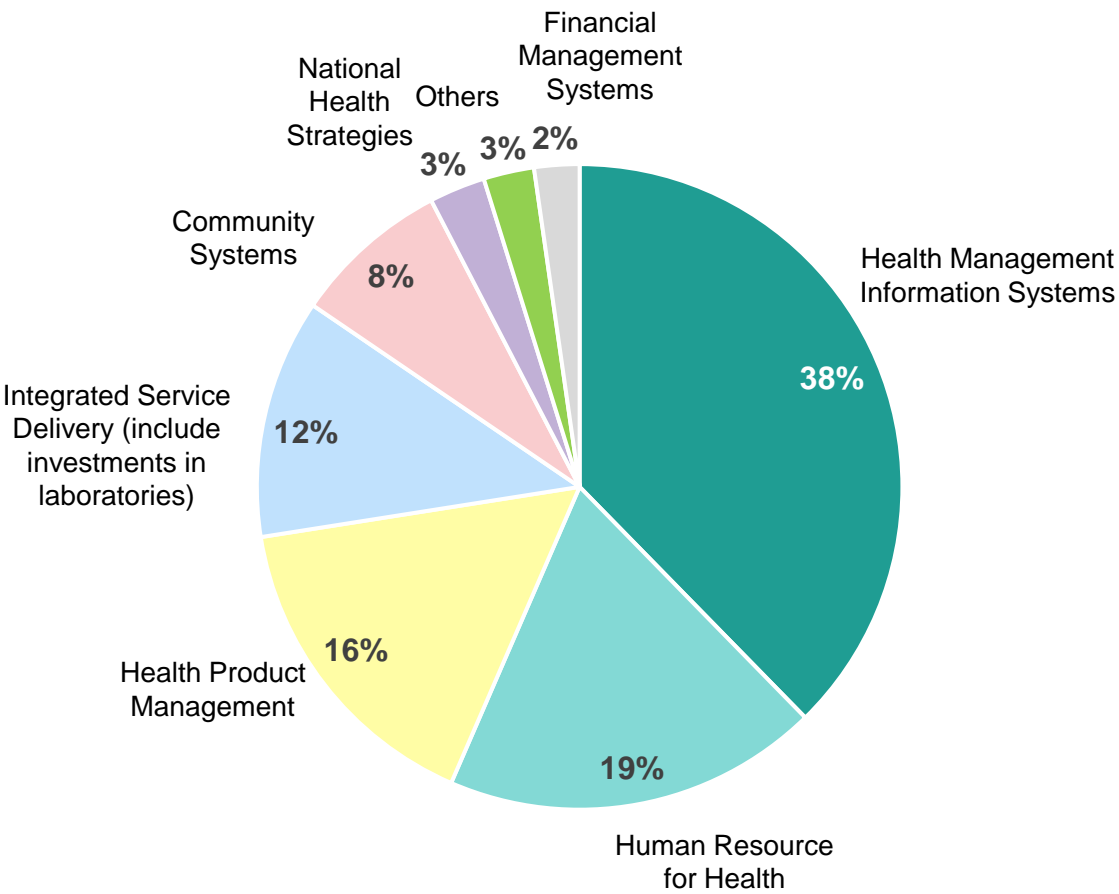
Based on signed grants for 2020-2022 allocation (as of Jan. 2021)

## RSSH investment is 24% of total investment



- **“Direct” RSSH funding** from RSSH modules, strengthens the health system broadly, e.g. investments in health management information system (HMIS)
- **“Contributory” RSSH funding** are investments in disease programs that provide benefits to the health system, e.g. training CHWs on malaria in pregnancy & Integrated Community Case Management.

## Areas of “Direct” RSSH investment



# Community systems expand the reach and uptake of services



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# The Global Fund is a major player in the global public health market

- Every year \$ 2 billion is used for procurement of medicines and health products
- Implementers are able to procure medicines and health products through three channels
  - Global Fund's Pooled Procurement Mechanism (\$ 1 billion/year spent)
  - National procurement mechanisms
  - Other procurement agents (Global Drug Facility, UNOPS, etc)

## Pooled procurement mechanism



Maximizes buyers' purchasing power by pooling demand

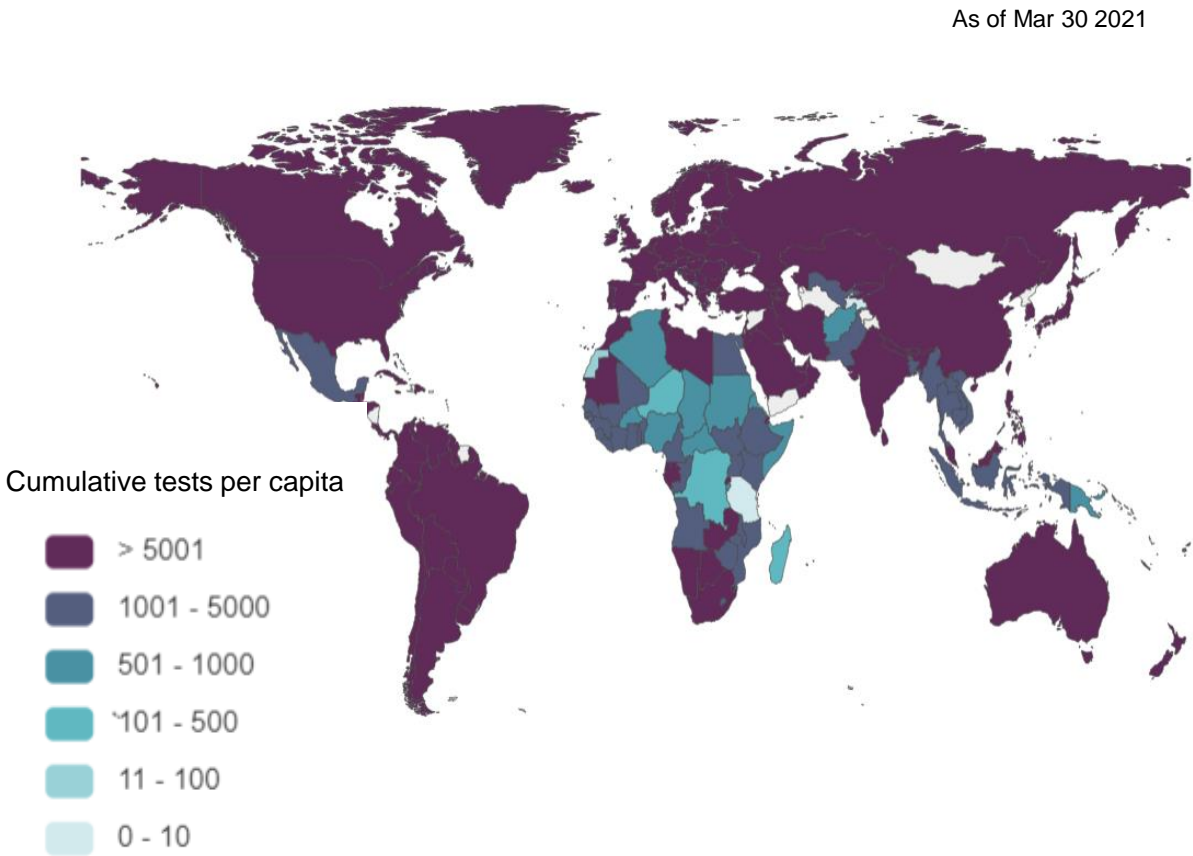


Global Fund's innovative online purchasing platform provides access to negotiated pricing and key information for medicines and health products



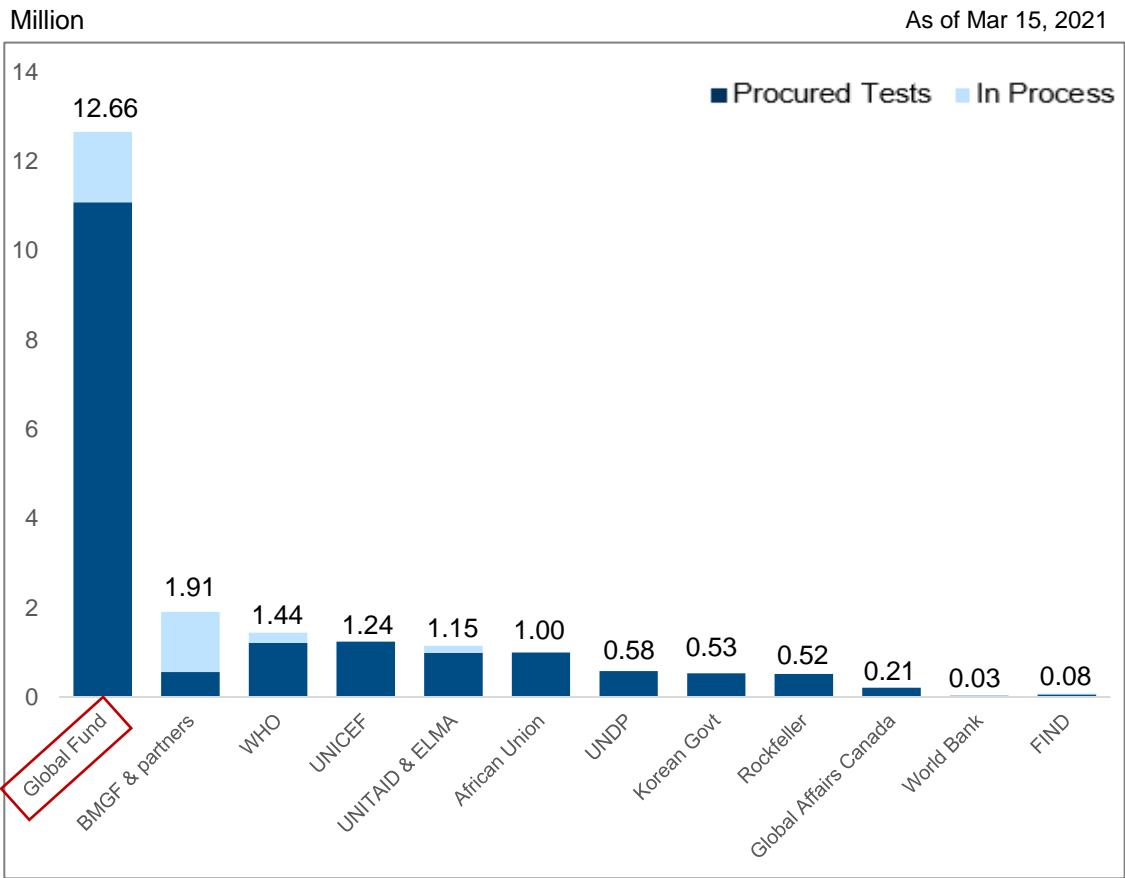
# The Global Fund is the primary mechanism for delivering COVID-19 tests to Africa

Africa lags the rest of the world on COVID-19 testing



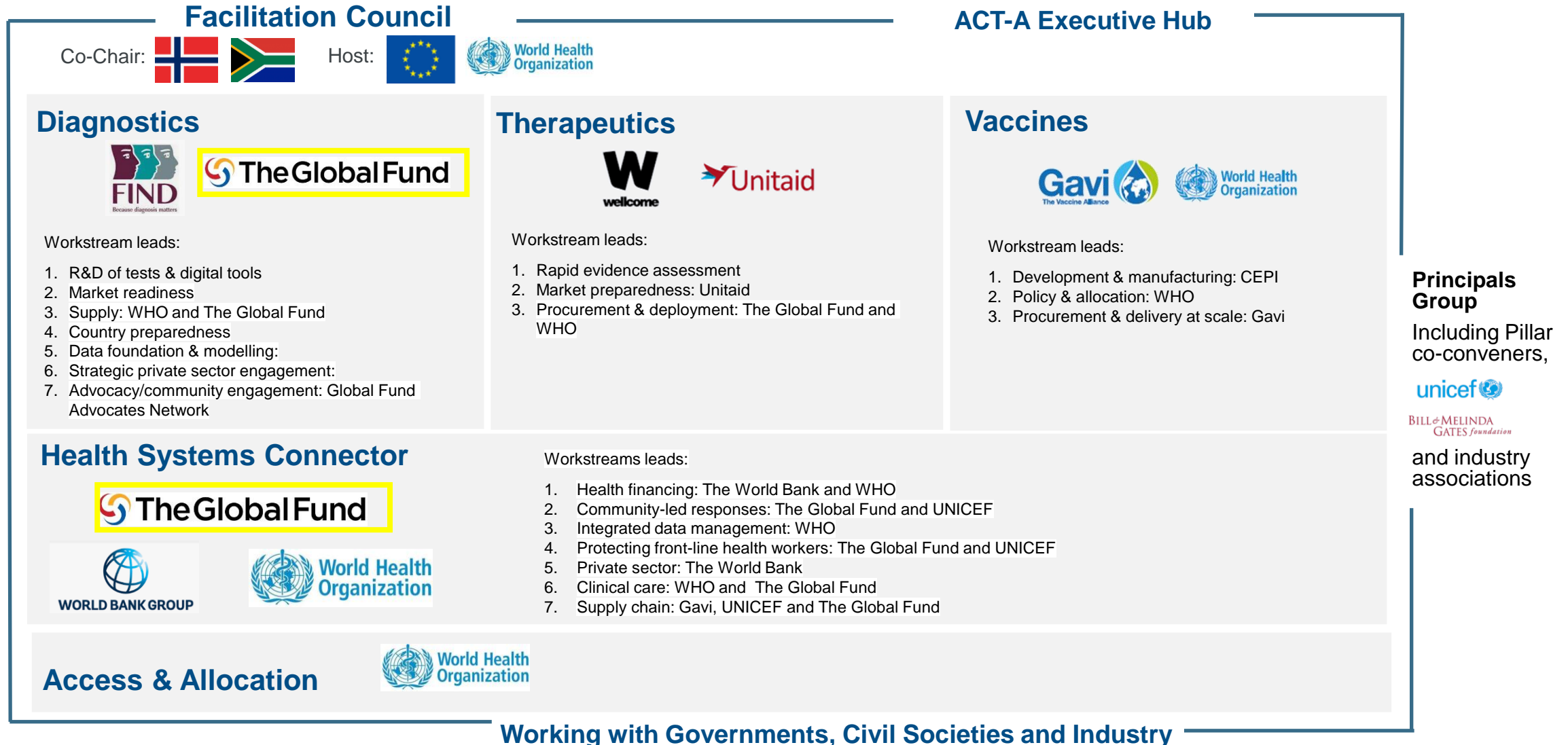
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GF is supplying 59 percent of 21.35 million antigen tests to Africa



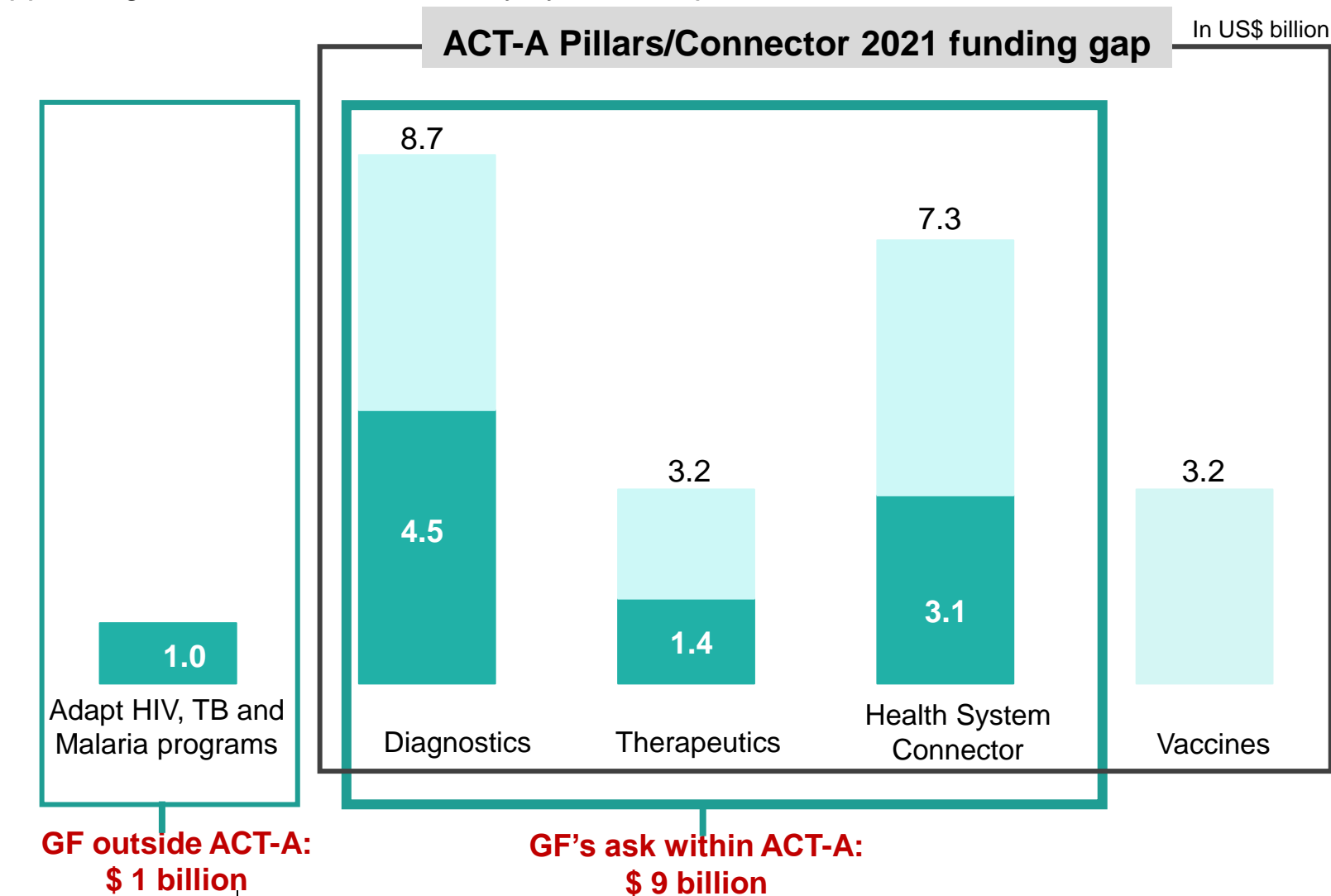
Sources: Diagnostics Consortium for COVID-19 & Partners of Africa Union's Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT)

# The Global Fund is a founding partner of the ACT-Accelerator and is a leader within its operation



# ACT-Accelerator and Global Fund's C19RM

C19RM is the mechanism through which the Global Fund supports countries to adapt their HIV, TB and malaria programs to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, but also to fulfill its role in ACT-Accelerator, i.e. to deploy diagnostics, treatment, and PPE to countries and support urgent health and community systems improvements.



- Global Fund's ask for 2021 COVID-19 response is \$10 billion
- Our ask to fill the gaps in diagnostic, therapeutic and health system connector is approximately 30% of ACT-Accelerator's total funding gap for 2021 (excluding funding recently pledged by US and Germany)

ACT-A funding gap for 2021

GF ask in 2021 mitigation plan





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