

The Real Costs of Waiting

The Global Fund prospectus estimates that for Rounds 3, 4 and 5 which are expected to be awarded by the end of calendar year 2004, \$3.4b could be effectively spent on high-quality, technically sound proposals. Of this total, \$400m is currently available for Round 3; leaving a need of \$3b by the end of 2004. With adequate resources for Rounds 3, 4 and 5, donor countries can **save lives and considerable amounts of money**. The sooner the full financial needs are mobilized to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, the fewer individuals will contract these diseases, get sick and need care and antiretroviral (ARV) therapy. Fewer people will die, leaving behind fewer families requiring care. The following table shows the real impact that each G7 country’s scaled up contribution to the Global Fund could have on the lives of real people around the world:

Donor	Equitable Share of Global Fund needs 2004 (\$3b)	Infections Prevented	People on Treatment	People Under Care
Canada	\$60	97,500	23,833	47,357
France	\$120	195,000	47,667	94,714
Germany	\$180	292,500	71,500	142,071
Italy	\$90	146,250	35,750	71,036
Japan	\$420	682,500	166,833	331,500
United Kingdom	\$120	195,000	47,667	94,714
United States	\$990	1,608,750	393,250	781,393
The 40 non- G7 “high Human Development Index” countries:	\$420	682,500	166,833	331,500
All other countries, plus foundations, corporations and individuals	\$570	926,250	226,417	449,893
Total	\$3,000	4,875,000	1,191,667	2,367,857

Every day in Africa, 9500 people are infected with HIV and 6500 die. By waiting to invest the needed funds to fight AIDS, we compound what is already an onerous challenge. As noted in a widely circulated academic analysis in *The Lancet* in 2002, “delayed implementation of the prevention package interventions on HIV/AIDS will lead to a large reduction in total benefits in terms of instances of infections prevented. A three year delay in achieving full implementation would reduce the total number of new infections averted by 2010 by 50%.”

The long-term positive gains and savings from an immediate \$3 billion commitment are considerable:

- In 2004 alone, enough funds will be provided to the Global Fund **to prevent an additional 5 million people from contracting the HIV virus**
- Preventing more infections upfront means that the global community **can save \$2.6 billion each year on the cost of the ARV drugs** these people would have eventually required.

- It also means saving the money that it would **cost to retrain the teachers** who replace those who died from AIDS; it means never having to pay for the **care of the children orphaned** when their parents die from AIDS, and it means making more of an impact on slowing **the trajectory of the epidemic**—*if we want to stop the runaway train, we have to step on the brakes now.*

Future Savings from Scaled Up Fund Contributions	
Additional money directed to the Fund	\$3000m
Approx portion of funds directed towards prevention	\$975m
Additional infections averted	5 million
Total annual savings on ARVs for these 6m people=\$2.6b	