

Fighting pandemics

In 2017, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria killed 2.5 million people. These infectious diseases remain a major challenge for global health. France is strongly committed, alongside the Global Fund and UNITAID, to achieving the eradication of these pandemics by 2030.

As the French public international technical cooperation agency, Expertise France contributes to this effort and supports projects to allow partner countries to achieve the objectives of fighting against diseases.

To this end, it mobilises an extensive pool of technical experts, especially French and French-speaking experts, who are deployed in the field, with the aim of building the capacities of health workers, civil society and central administrations.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- **Build the capacities of national actors** for access to Global Fund grants and their management and implementation
- **Contribute to improving environments**, by taking action to strengthen health systems
- **Promote the adoption of innovative approaches**, informed by conclusive data, to support the fight against pandemics

OUR STRENGTHS

- **A comprehensive assessment of the needs and means**, depending on the institutional context and the capacities of partners
- **A long-term strategy**, aiming at permanently strengthening the capacities of stakeholders
- **A partnership approach**, based on cooperation between the various actors
- **A customised approach**, adapted to actors and territories

OUR PROJECTS

5% Initiative

435 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSIONS

75 PROJECTS FINANCED

44 BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES

68 PROJECT INITIATORS SUPPORTED

The 5% Initiative is a real accelerator of access to Global Fund financing and a promoter of changes in health practices and policies. Since 2011, it has provided technical assistance to several dozen countries eligible for the Global Fund, by:

- **Implementing expert missions** at the request of health actors in countries, particularly French-speaking countries: this support improves their access to Global Fund financing and increases the effectiveness of grants in the field.
- **Financing catalytic projects** that aim to strengthen the impact of Global Fund programmes: via calls for proposals, the 5% Initiative provides its support to many different actors (civil society, international NGOs, research laboratories, public health institutions).

The 5% Initiative is financed by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and is under its supervision. It has a steering committee made up of representatives from Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the research community, the Ministry of Health and Solidarity, and members of civil society.



OPP-ERA: Improving the follow-up of people living with HIV

2013-2019 – UNITAID AND ANRS

Under the scientific direction of the National Agency for Research on AIDS and Viral Hepatitis (ANRS), this project implemented by Solthis, Expertise France and Sidaction has **increased access to viral load tests and integrated their use into health systems in 4 countries**: Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea.

A total of 300 health workers have been trained and 11 laboratories renovated and equipped. Over 180,000 viral load tests have been carried out, thanks to a continuous availability of health products and the organisation of systems to collect samples and give the results. Expertise France was responsible for the Ivorian and Cameroonian components of this project.



Nepal: Improving the quality of HIV care

2016-2019 – EUR 1M (GLOBAL FUND)

The Ministry of Health of Nepal, via the NGO Save the Children and the Global Fund, called on Expertise France to implement a project to **build national capacities to provide care for people living with HIV**.

This project has combined residential support on clinical aspects and short-term expert missions on specific expertise: paediatrics, pharmacology, virology. It has **strengthened the capacities of 200 caregivers from 50 different institutions** (HIV clinical nurses, nurses, pharmacists) to manage and monitor HIV patients (children, adolescents and adults) on a dozen sites across the country.



Expertise France is a public agency and a key actor in international technical cooperation. It designs and implements projects that sustainably strengthen public policies in developing and emerging countries. Governance, security, climate, health, education... It operates in key areas of sustainable development and contributes alongside its partners to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. **For more information: www.expertisefrance.fr**



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