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Kaiser/UNAIDS study finds no real change in donor funding for HIV

Donor disbursements in 2012 totalled US\$ 7.86 billion

GENEVA/Washington D.C., 23 September 2013—As world leaders prepare to meet to review progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, a report from the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) evaluates international efforts to finance the response to the AIDS epidemic. The annual funding analysis finds donor governments disbursed US\$ 7.86 billion toward the AIDS response in low-and middle-income countries in 2012, essentially unchanged from the US\$ 7.63 billion level in 2011 after adjusting for inflation.

Overall, donor government funding for HIV has stayed at about the same level since 2008 - a plateau that followed a period of dramatic growth that saw donor nation support increase more than six-fold between 2002 and 2008. This flattening mirrors a similar trend in development assistance more generally, reflecting the economic and fiscal constraints of the post-financial-crisis period.

The United States government remains the largest donor to HIV efforts, contributing US\$5 billion in 2012 towards the AIDS response in low-and middle-income countries and to the Global Fund, up slightly from the US\$ 4.5 billion in 2011. The U.S. increase results from a quickened disbursement rate of previously approved funding.

"After years of sharp increases in donor government support which led to significant progress in the fight against the HIV epidemic, funding flattened after the worldwide recession and is likely to remain flat for the immediate future," said Kaiser Family Foundation President and CEO Drew Altman.

"We are at a critical moment in the AIDS response," said Luiz Loures, Deputy Executive Director, Programme, UNAIDS, "Scientific advances and new guidelines are providing opportunities to accelerate action and expand access to lifesaving HIV services. To take full advantage of these opportunities all efforts must be made to ensure the response to HIV is fully funded."

Five donor governments - Australia, Canada, Japan, Sweden, and the U.S. - reported increased total assistance for HIV in 2012, with U.S. assistance increasing by just more than US\$ 500 million. Six decreased funding in 2012: Denmark, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, the U.K., and the European Commission. Three donor governments - Germany, Italy, and Norway - stayed constant in their support in 2012. The report found that the great majority, US\$ 6 billion, of international HIV assistance is provided bilaterally.

The United States accounted for nearly two-thirds (63.9%) of disbursements from donor governments bilaterally and multilaterally. The United Kingdom was the second largest donor (10.2%), followed by France (4.8%), Germany (3.7%), and Japan (2.7%). When viewed as a share of national economies, Denmark provided the highest amount of resources for HIV in 2012, followed by the U.K, Sweden, the U.S., and Ireland.

The new report, produced as a partnership between the Kaiser Family Foundation and UNAIDS, provides the latest data available on donor funding based on data provided by governments.

This report is based on analysis of data of 24 donor government members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Assistance Committee. It includes their combined bilateral assistance to low- and middle-income countries, and contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, as well as to UNITAID.

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