

THE ROADMAP

Shared responsibility
and global solidarity
for AIDS, TB and malaria in Africa

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NOW IS THE TIME FOR AFRICA TO TAKE THE LEAD ON AIDS, TB AND MALARIA

The African Union is taking the lead on transforming the face of the AIDS, TB and malaria responses – through shared responsibility and global solidarity.

Hope abounds as the world surveys progress in the response to these three diseases.

In 22 African countries the number of annual new HIV infections has declined by more than 25% in the last ten years. Access to antiretroviral treatment in Africa has skyrocketed - the number of Africans on treatment has increased 100-fold since a decade ago.

Since 2001, nearly 13 million people in Africa have been reached with TB treatment. The burden of malaria in Africa is down by one third, and eight countries have already achieved the targeted reduction of 75% in new infections of malaria since 2000.

Yet there is no time to be complacent. The AIDS response, as well as to TB and Malaria, is a long term investment – millions of Africans will need access to prevention programmes and HIV treatment for their entire lives. It is an investment that delivers returns through increased productivity, lower health and orphan care costs, dignity and hope. In this context, the overreliance of Africa's AIDS response on foreign investments, foreign drugs and foreign solutions is not sustainable.

With Africa on the rise, with emerging economies becoming critical development partners, with an enduring economic crisis and the visible limits of development approaches that fail to have national leadership at their core – Now is the time for change.

Shared responsibility and global solidarity is on the agenda of the 21st African Union Summit – supported by the African Union Roadmap. Building on commitments including the 2001 Abuja Declaration and the 2010 Kampala Declaration, this Roadmap is leveraging the resources, activism and momentum of the AIDS, TB and Malaria responses for progress across health and development through a set of practical African-sourced solutions.

THE ROADMAP:

three strategic pillars

1

More diversified,
balanced and
sustainable financing
models

2

Access to medicines
–local production and
regulatory
harmonisation

3

Leadership,
governance and
oversight for
sustainability

Priority actions

- Develop financial sustainability plans with clear targets
- Ensure development partners meet commitments and align with Africa's priorities
- Maximise opportunities to diversify funding sources and increase domestic resource allocation
- Invest in leading medicines manufacturers – focusing on AIDS, TB and malaria
- Lay foundations for a single African regulatory agency
- Acquire essential skills through technology transfers and south-south cooperation
- Incorporate TRIPS flexibilities and avoid "TRIPS-plus" measures in trade agreements
- Use strategic investment approaches for scale-up of basic programmes
- Support communities to claim their rights and participate in governance of the responses
- Ensure investments contribute to health system strengthening
- Mobilise leadership at all levels to implement the Roadmap

