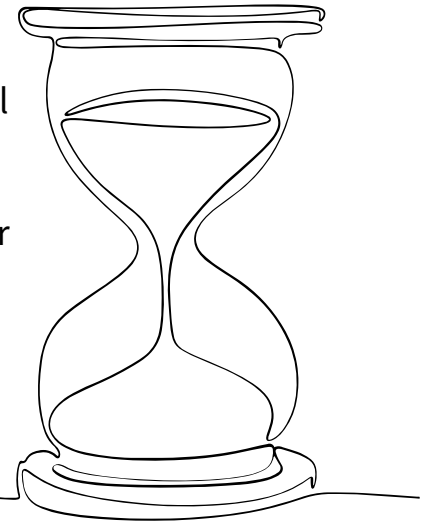


Messages to Canada

Why the Global Fund Matters Now (September 17, 2025)



“Today, Canada is the leader of countries remaining on the side of basic human rights values, common sense and community good. And this is a critical role and important mission. I believe that by supporting the Global Fund, Canada builds a safer future for the whole planet. And not just health, but rights for the most vulnerable populations globally. And in those difficult times, we need Canada's firm leadership as a role model for many other countries. It's a community effort. If Canada steps forward, many other countries will follow.” - **Lenny Emson, Member Expert of the National Expert Group on LGBTQI+ Health and Rights in Ukraine and Board Member of Outright International**



“In the time of war, most funding for prevention has shifted from the government to the Global Fund. Thanks to these efforts, in 2024, 55,000 men who have sex with men and almost 6,000 transgender people have been reached with prevention services, including HIV services, testing and condoms.” - **Lenny Emson, Member Expert of the National Expert Group on LGBTQI+ Health and Rights in Ukraine and Board Member of Outright International**

“The Global Fund has had a considerable impact on the establishment and implementation of the care cascade for people living with HIV and strategies to reduce new infections in Côte d'Ivoire and the sub-region. The Global Fund has also increased the number of peer educators who form the foundation of each organization and who enable outreach work in the field and an increase in screening rates. The Global Fund has also given a certain stability to LGBT organizations that had an HIV/sexual health focus and, by extension, to address the issue of human rights. Health being one of the fundamental elements of human rights, the two cannot be separated.” - **Carlos Idibouo, Independent consultant and advocate with a focus on human rights and HIV, EDI and security and safety**

“The Global Fund has dedicated investments to remove human rights barriers in Uganda. ...The Global Fund has supported our community to get legal literacy and access to justice. We've had community paralegals trained, we've had legal aid provided to community members and organizations in times of need. And also it has enabled us to document cases of human rights violations.” - **Allan Mwasa, Strategic Initiatives Executive, Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG)**

“The Global Fund has supported the community in reducing stigma and discrimination at health facilities. ... Also, when the *Anti-Homosexuality Act* happened in Uganda, the Global Fund really supported actors who were providing services to LGBTQ communities and key populations at large.... The Global Fund has remained our hope for that to continue to happen especially at a time when our lives are at risk and also where we are being criminalized.” - **Allan Mwasa, Strategic Initiatives Executive, Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG)**