Pandemic preparedness and response

Highlights:

• Development partner contributions to pandemic preparedness and response increased rapidly amid the pandemic, reaching a high in 2020, yet remained a small share of total development assistance overall (less than 1%) that year.

• Development assistance for pandemic preparedness and response came from a variety of sources, the largest single sources being the United States, Germany, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

• UN agencies, most notably the World Health Organization, play a dominant role in distributing development assistance for pandemic preparedness and response.

Development assistance for pandemic preparedness and response peaked in 2020 at over $1 billion.

Figure A  Development assistance for health for pandemic preparedness and response, 1990–2023

Values are in 2022 USD.

Global Fund = The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
NGOs = Non-governmental organizations
Other UN Agencies = PAHO, UNFPA, UNICEF, Unitaid, and UNAIDS.
WHO = World Health Organization
Regional development banks include the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank.
The development assistance for pandemic preparedness that was distributed at the country level flowed primarily to countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Figure B** Development assistance for health received per person for pandemic preparedness and response, 2022

In 2023, most financing for pandemic preparedness and response was distributed by UN agencies, including the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

**Figure C** Flows of development assistance for health for pandemic preparedness and response, 2023