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Here goes our First edition

Thanks to the financial support of the German Cooperation Agency GTZ, through its worldwide project "[Initiative Backup](#)", the Latin American Network of People living with HIV – AIDS. RedLa+ is pleased to release its first edition of the information bulletin in Spanish and English.

A test edition was released recently and we hope that the definitive version meets all your expectations and information needs.

The main objective of the bulletin is to release information about the Global Fund for the Fight against Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria, along with other notes of interest for people who live with HIV and with AIDS, self support groups, governments, non-government organizations and the community in general.

Any additional information you may require can be obtained at our e-mail info@redla.org.

Latin American Network of people who live with HIV/AIDS RedLa+

Created in 1998 by representatives of some national networks of Spanish speaking people in Latin America and the Caribbean living with HIV.

RedLa+ intends to contribute to improve the quality of life of those who live with HIV and AIDS at a national, regional and international scale.

RedLa+ has as a background the Pan-American Association of people living with HIV (PLHIV) founded in 1989. Currently almost all the countries in the region have a national PLHIV network that make up part of the regional network.

Since the year 2000, **RedLa+** formalized its association with the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, GNP+ and two members from our network represent us in its Global Council.


We are working with the Technical Horizontal Cooperation Group within the region, Onusida and other regional community networks.

Countries that make up RedLa+

Argentina
Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Ecuador,
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Dominican Republic
Uruguay
Venezuela

The Objective

In order to reach this objective, **RedLa+** works with information, The Human Rights



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chapter and skill development as the fundamental tools of its daily chores.

RedLa+, is a membership organization. Which means that everyone living with HIV within the region can be a direct member of the organization.

[Visit our Web Page](#), where you will find a complete listing of the National Focal Points with the necessary information to contact us. [Back to the top](#)

What is the global Fund for the fight against AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis?

It is an entity that finances projects and actions against these three diseases that are responsible for the death of more than six million people yearly, worldwide.

Created in 2002 with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the Fund is an independent and international organization whose management is in the hands of 18 members that represent donor countries, receiving countries, the private sector and the general population.



Objectives

Draw, manage and disburse additional resources to fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for countries in need.

Ration financing resources for prevention, treatment and care of the people afflicted with these illnesses in countries where this action is most needed.

Assign and disburse resources in an efficient and responsible manner.

Some of the Fund's principles

- It is a financial instrument and not an executor entity.
- It acts evenly in terms of different regions, illnesses and interventions.
- It evaluates proposals through individual review processes based on the most appropriate scientific and technical standards that take into consideration local realities and priorities.
- The coordination and supervision of the projects is assumed by the management organized in the receiving countries, made

Recent Recipients

13 Latin American and Caribbean countries have received financing for different projects on behalf of the Fund. During the first round, Haiti, Honduras, Panama, Chile and Argentina were able to guarantee the execution of their proposals.

Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Colombia reached their goal during the second round.

Countries interested in getting financing can continue to present proposals for the following rounds and it is expected that with the support of the international community we can get the resources needed to benefit several countries with this initiative.

It must be taken into account

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up of government representatives, the general population, the private sector and other representatives that include people afflicted by these three diseases.

that it is very important for the Fund that proposals involve the participation of the general population, government organizations, support groups and people who love with HIV/AIDS.

Third Round Results

Last October 15th, the Fund's Board of Directors approved US\$623 million in two two-year grants.

When the third round is reached, the Fund's commitments will total US\$2.1 billion for 121 countries, plus three territories in the Caribbean.

When the round was over, grants for Belize, Bolivia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Paraguay and some territories in the Caribbean (OECS) were approved.



Tommy G. Thompson, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services and Chair of the Global Fund's Board said that in less than two years the Global Fund has become a leading force in the fight against HIV / AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

To cover the amount recommended for the third round of proposals, the Board committed to fully funding the round by deferring until January 2004 formal confirmation of a portion of proposals totaling \$138 million out of the US\$623 million. Almost all proposals require additional technical clarifications before funds are legally obligated.

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Distribution of funds by disease		Distribution of funds by region	
HIV-AIDS	60%	África	6%
Malaria	23%	Asia, Middle East, Northern Africa	20%
Tuberculosis	17%	Latin America and the Caribbean	11%
		Eastern Europe	9%

For more information about the Global Fund for the Fight Against AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, [visit its Web Page](#) ./ [Back to the top](#)

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NotieSe Agency – Mexico. Upon notice of the selection, Jorge Saavedra, General Manager for AIDS / HIV Prevention and Control, (Censida, inn Spanish), agreed to "establish an information and inquiry mechanism for the entire region that truly represents his ideas when facing such urgency".



The Mexican government's main role would be to seek the assignation of the majority of the Fund's resources to Latin America. Likewise, it will advice the rest of the nations in the elaboration and presentation of their solid financing proposals.

It will also have to negotiate with the Caribbean countries that are not Latin, in order to reach joint representation positions and Review the financing eligibility clauses for the Global Fund.

It is worth mentioning that Mexico was elected thanks to the support of 14 governments in the region as well as the support of the six Latin American networks from non government organizations that work with HIV / AIDS. Members of ONUSIDA, Sidalac and the Task Force of men who have sex with men, were present . [Back to the top](#)

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