



## HEALTH

*The G8 confirms its support to the **fight against pandemics** and the **strengthening of healthcare systems**, with particular attention to **maternal and child health**.*

### THE CHALLENGE

#### **Pandemics:**

**HIV/AIDS:** throughout the world, the number of people affected by HIV amounts to some 33 million, of which 37% live in Sub-Saharan Africa, which sadly also counts 72% of **AIDS** deaths in the world. In Sub-Saharan Africa, 61% of adults affected by HIV/AIDS are women. (Young women are two or three times more likely to contract the virus compared to men of the same age).

**Tuberculosis:** 1 death out of 4 is related to HIV. In 2007, 1,370,000 new TB cases occurred among HIV affected individuals, causing 456,000 deaths.

**Malaria:** in 2006, some 247 million malaria cases led to the death of 881,000 people.

#### **Maternal and child health:**

- A woman dies every minute, due to complications associated with child-bearing. This implies that more than half a million women die every year. Some 99% of maternal deaths occurs in developing countries.
- The chance of dying due to child-bearing and delivery complications amounts to 1 in 16 in developing countries, compared with 1:2800 in developed countries.
- Out of 130 million children born every year, some 4 million die before reaching their 28th day. Some 3.2 million more are stillborn.
- 4 million children die every year before reaching their fifth birthday.

Sources: [www.who.org](http://www.who.org); [www.unfpa.org](http://www.unfpa.org); [www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)

### G8 RESPONSE

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Initiatives to address the shortage of health workers in developing countries, also by encouraging the WHO to draft, from here to 2010, a Code of Conduct for the International Recruitment of Health Personnel
- Support to the development of a global consensus on maternal and child health, with the aim of accelerating progress towards the MDGs.
- Continued support to universal access to treatment against HIV/AIDS, by 2010.
- Continued support to: fight against tuberculosis, malaria, tropical diseases and for the eradication of Polio.
- Monitoring and accountability.

#### **FIGURES:**

- US\$ 60 billion were committed before 2012 to fight infectious diseases and strengthen health care (confirming Heiligendamm commitments).
- Additional resources are mobilized through innovative sources of finance to strengthen health care systems (for example: the De-Tax mechanism).