

July 2010: Easy learning exercise

HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria are three of the biggest killers of women and children.

The three diseases have a huge impact on the world's poor, **forcing parents and children to miss work and school**. Families affected by malaria produce on average **60% fewer crops**.

The UK government has pledged to focus development aid on **effective bodies that help women and children**. They have also pledged to spend **£500 million per year** to fight malaria.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria finances **two thirds of all programmes to fight tuberculosis, one quarter for AIDS and three quarters for malaria**.

The Global Fund is an **effective results-based** organisation, which has saved **5.7 million lives** and prevented thousands of new infections since it was created in **2002**.

Women and children are particular beneficiaries of the Global Fund. In 2009 alone, **345,000** pregnant women received treatment through the Global Fund to prevent them passing HIV on to their babies.

The UK government should **increase** its funding for the Global Fund to **meet its 'fair share' of £840 million** and should **strongly encourage other donor countries to follow suit**.