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Unprecedented Funding Drop Threatens Global AIDS Response
Experts Warn of Significant Epidemiological Impact

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Speakers:
Mr. Michel Sidibe, Executive Director of UNAIDS
Dr. Jennifer Kates, Vice President and Director of Global Health and HIV Policy, Kaiser Family Foundation
Dr. Olive Shinsana, Honorary Professor, University of Cape Town
Mr. Matthew Kavanagh, Health GAP (Global Access Project)

New data showing 13 of 14 donor governments reduced funding for AIDS in low and middle-income countries will be presented by the Kaiser Family Foundation and UNAIDS. This drop is unprecedented in the history of the AIDS response. The decline in donor funding comes as AIDS services across the world need to be scaled up rapidly in order to meet globally agreed “Fast Track” AIDS targets, which hold the prospect of slashing new infections and deaths. Analysis released earlier this year by UNAIDS, meanwhile, estimates that a minimum of $7.2 billion per year in additional funding is needed by 2020.

Join our panel of expert speakers to discuss the impacts of this funding crisis and outlooks for the future of financing in the AIDS response.

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