



NDP Responds

Note: We have yet to release our full platform but here are the answers to date outlining our commitments.

Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD)

How will your party increase support for Canadian and international research on new HIV prevention technologies, including multi-purpose prevention technologies, microbicides, and vaccines?

NDP Response: The increased use of New Prevention Technologies to complement existing prevention efforts has had a positive impact in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Further research is expected to yield even greater benefit.

A New Democratic government will, therefore, encourage research into NPTs as part of our commitment to improving scientific research in Canada overall.

That commitment includes supporting Canada's world-class researchers:

- We will restore the independence of Canada's granting agencies and respect their status as arm's length government agencies to ensure the best research gets funded.
- We will maintain the Canada First Research Excellence Fund to help Canadian universities compete globally.
- We will support researchers in post-secondary education institutions, including universities, colleges and polytechnics with a total investment of \$105 million in new funds over five years. We will make sure that government policy supports both our leading research institutions and values the role that smaller colleges and universities play in communities across Canada.
- Ensure a balanced approach to science and technology policy. We will undertake a transparent and inclusive review of Canada's science and technology strategy to ensure that all voices are heard.
- We will make government data open and available by default, in a useable format to assist researchers and businesses across Canada.

Will your party renew Canada's leadership role at the Global Fund through a minimum of a 20% increase in its contribution for the 2017-2019 period?

NDP Response: The Global Fund has been a primary agent through which Canada has directed our international support in the battle against HIV/AIDS for many years. It has proven effective and efficient in the past and the NDP looks forward to continuing to support The Global Fund in government. It is not appropriate at this time to discuss a precise amount in association with that support. However, in the interests of fiscal planning, we will move as expeditiously as possible in resolving this matter.

To enhance the efforts of The Global Fund and others, a New Democratic government will finally, after repeated attempts in opposition, be in a position to enable Canadian pharmaceutical companies to export generic versions of life-saving medicine for people suffering from HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other diseases in the developing world.

What will your party do to reverse this trend and set a binding timetable to deliver on this commitment?

NDP Response: A New Democratic government increase funds to Canada's Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) and will set a timetable to meet an aid target of 0.7 per cent of GNI.

How will you ensure that Canada demonstrates leadership at home and abroad in meeting global HIV targets of 90-90-90 by 2020?

NDP Response: More than a decade after *The Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada*, it is time to reset our programming and funding strategy for HIV/AIDS at home and abroad. A rejuvenated strategy would include targets, timetables and accountability measures. A New Democratic government will work collaboratively with provincial and territorial governments and HIV/AIDS organizations on this important initiative.