HIV Funding

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Why in News?

Recently, At the 26th International AIDS Conference in Rio de Janeiro, UNAIDS warned that a 1.5 billion dollar cut in global HIV funding threatens decades of progress and the 2030 goal of ending AIDS.

Current Situation

- **Progress –** New HIV infections and AIDS-related deaths at lowest levels in 30 years.
- **Fragility –** Funding cuts undermining prevention programmes, especially in **sub-Saharan Africa**.
- **Impact –** Reduced access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), condoms, testing services.
- Cameroon, Nigeria, Zambia are more than 50% decline in PrEP coverage (2024–25).
- Condom programme funding fell by 93% in one donor initiative.
- **Domestic Efforts –** Ethiopia, Uganda, South Africa, Brazil sustained/expanded prevention via local financing.

Uneven Progress

- **Success Stories –** 7 countries (Benin, Eswatini, Kenya, Lesotho, Nepal, Rwanda, Zimbabwe) reduced new infections by ≥ 78% since 2010, on track for 2030 target.
- **Rising Infections –** 21 countries (Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Congo, Egypt, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tunisia, Venezuela, Yemen, etc.) report increases.

Global Commitment – 2026 Political Declaration

- Adopted by **149 UN Member States**.
- **Targets for 2030 –**

- 40 million people on life-saving treatment.
- Reduce stigma, discrimination, gender inequality, punitive laws.
- 20 million people with access to antiretroviral prevention.

Antiretroviral prevention means using HIV medicines to stop people from getting or spreading the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)

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