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LAUNCH OF THE GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK FOR MALARIA ELIMINATION (CS4ME)

25TH APRIL 2019, WORLD MALARIA DAY, PARIS, FRANCE

This year's World Malaria Day observed under the theme "Zero Malaria Starts with Me" sought to encourage people from all walks of life to make a personal commitment to end malaria. The global event was hosted by France and jointly organised by Roll Back Malaria Partnership to End Malaria, World Health Organisation, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The opening ceremony took place at the City Hall Square in Paris and was participated by Mr Emmanuel Grégoire, First Deputy Mayor of Paris representing Mrs Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris; Mr Patrick Klugman, Deputy Mayor of Paris; Ambassador Stephanie Seydoux, Ambassador for Global Health and Mr Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund. All speakers expressed their views and emphasised the need to engage all stakeholders in the fight towards malaria elimination.

The Global Civil Society Network for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) was officially launched during the World Malaria Day Conference which took place in the City Hall. This was attended by the vice-president of Gabon, First Ladies of Haiti and Niger, the Minister of State of Senegal, and several other dignitaries. Speaking at the conference, Ms Olivia Ngou Zangue, Global Coordinator of CS4ME took the opportunity to make a strong appeal for accelerated mobilisation against malaria, the importance of community mobilisation towards malaria elimination, as well as emphasising the important role that the Global Fund has in supporting malaria elimination and the need for a fully funded Global Fund.

CS4ME was created at the 1st World Malaria Congress in Melbourne, Australia during the Civil Society Pre-Meeting organised and convened by GFAN AP and APCASO on the 28th and 29th June 2018. The pre-meeting brought together over 30 participants around the world, including representatives of communities, civil society, technical partners and academics engaged in the fight against malaria at national, regional, and global levels. CS4ME aims to connect community and civil society actors committed to end malaria on a single platform and build/enhance capacities and enable collaboration and coordination. More information on CS4ME is available at www.cs4me.org.



C20 SUMMIT PRE-MEETINGS

19TH – 20TH APRIL 2019, TOKYO, JAPAN



GFAN AP is a member of the Global Health Working Group and participated in a series of meetings prior to the C20 Summit. This included the roundtable with government officials and T20, and advocating on the importance of the role of the Global Fund in supporting UHC and for Japan to step up its commitments for the Sixth Replenishment during the Media Conference on the 19th April.



A side meeting of GFAN AP key partners was organised on the 20th April hosted by Africa Japan Forum, where partners shared key activities and strategized on actions to be taken and points of advocacy leading up to the G20 Osaka Summit on 28th and 29th June and also discussed civil society plans and activities prior to the G20 Osaka Summit; as well as the presentation of the C20 Policy Pack by other members in G20 countries of the Asia-Pacific.

C20 SUMMIT

21ST – 23RD APRIL 2019, TOKYO, JAPAN

Various advocates for the Global Fund spoke on the importance of a fully funded Global Fund at the C20 Summit – including Ms RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO during the High Level Panel with G20 Sherpa Track on the 22nd April; Ms Stefano Burbo, Italian Network on AIDS, Rights and Health, Ms RD Marte and Ms Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator of GFAN AP during the session “Leave No One Behind” in the strive for UHC - a fantasy or reality? on the 22nd April. Other key messages also included the role of the Global Fund in supporting communities and civil society to leave no one behind with its strong emphasis on Strategic Objective 3: Promoting and Protecting Human Rights and Gender Equality.





KOREAN CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM FOR G20

25TH & 26TH APRIL 2019, SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Korean Advocates for Global Health (KAGH) organised a series of civil society policy engagements on the 25th & 26th April together with the Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC) and Asia Development Alliance (ADA), with the objective of sharing the current status and key agenda of G20, and delivering the [C20 policy pack](#) to the Sherpa of South Korea – H.E. Kyung-lim Choi.

Mr Masaki Inaba, GFAN AP Steering Committee Member; Ms Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator of GFAN AP; Ms Daxa Patel, member of the India Working Group for Health Advocacy (IWG); and Ms RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO participated and spoke in the series of meetings advocating for the need for South Korea to step up its commitment to the Global Fund and for more active engagement of South Korea civil society in Global Health issues related to the three diseases.

The seminar on G20 Global health Agenda Advocacy provided the space for Korean Civil Society advocates to interact and share experiences and insights with regional and global activists on health financing, UHC, G20 and C20 processes and the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment amongst other issues.





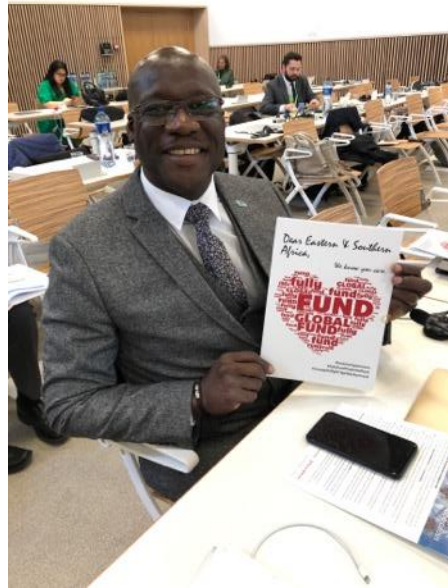
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER HEARING FOR THE HLM ON UHC

25TH – 30TH APRIL 2019, NEW YORK, USA

Ahead of the Multi-Stakeholder Hearing, GFAN AP joined GFAN Africa for a series of visits to permanent missions of several African Countries to the United Nations on the 25th and 26th April. At the Permanent Missions of Rwanda, Zambia, South Africa and Kenya, priority issues discussed included having high level representation from Heads of States of African countries attending the UHC HLM, UHC and Domestic Resource Mobilisation, and pledges for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment. It was emphasised during the visits, the crucial leadership role that African countries play leading up to the Sixth Replenishment.

The Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing for the [UN High Level Meeting on UHC](#) took place on the 29th April. More information on the Hearing, including recordings of speeches is available [here](#). The Hearing encouraged active participation of representatives of Member States, observers of the General Assembly, parliamentarians, representatives of local governments, relevant UN entities, and civil society. Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Chair of GFAN AP Steering Committee and member of the [Civil Society Engagement Mechanism \(CSEM\)](#) spoke at the first panel of the Hearing representing CSO from the South. During her intervention. She insisted on the need to engage CSOs in tax regulation discussions, and in monitoring such regulations and emphasised the need to invest in building the capacities of the CSOs to engage in such policy dialogues. She further mentioned the crucial role that communities play as part of the health workforce, and the need to invest in community responses and community systems strengthening to fully realise UHC.





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16TH MAY 2019, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

The Communities Delegation and GFAN AP collaborated to bring the #lovemoregivemore campaign to the 41st Global Fund Board Meeting during the session where updates on resource mobilization was presented. Communities and civil society engagement and advocacy for the Sixth Replenishment was highlighted during the Update by the Executive Director, Mr Peter Sands, as well as explicitly mentioned in the Board Document on Resource Mobilisation and during the presentation provided by Ms Francoise Vanni, Head of External Relations.

Key messages were incorporated in the cards to all Board Constituencies of the Global Fund Board, emphasizing the need for donors to step up the fight through increased contributions for the Sixth Replenishment, as well as to implementers to continue championing for the Global Fund and increase their domestic financing towards health and especially for the three diseases.

Ms Maurine Murenga, Board Member of the Communities Delegation spoke during the session to acknowledge and thank country communities and civil society organisations for dedicating their own time and committing their own resources for this campaign and for their support towards the Sixth Replenishment efforts.

