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Dear Mr. Soontaranum,

Dhanin Tawee Chearavanont Foundation has committed USD 2 million over two years to Global Fund's largest regional initiative to eliminate drug-resistant malaria in the Greater Mekong region – the Regional Artemisinin Resistance Initiative (RAI) to Elimination.

The Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) along with advocates, activists and representatives of communities living with, affected by, and/or vulnerable to the three diseases in Asia-Pacific sincerely appreciate your contributions to the Global Fund which has saved over 27 million lives and continue to build resilient and sustainable systems for health, promote and protect human rights, and advance gender equality.

We cannot get out of our minds how your contributions to the Global Fund have catalysed funding contributions alongside public donors, and other private sector and private foundation donors to the Global Fund. The continuous support that donors including yourself to the Global Fund, sends the message that you do care about us, the fight against the three diseases, and improving the lives of those most impacted and vulnerable to them!

Dhanin Tawee Chearavanont Foundation (DTCF) works to bring a healthy society and sustainable world by providing infrastructure, research, strategy, technology, and financial support to empower people and organizations to reach their fullest potential. DTCF is working with the Global Fund, partners, and regional leaders to establish Indo China Health Partnerships to mobilize resources to tackle malaria and other threats to health and well-being, prioritizing urgent needs. With the foundation's grant, non-governmental organizations working with migrants in Thailand will be able to increase detection of malaria cases, strengthen the monitoring of resistance to malaria medicines in the border provinces, and expand the distribution of prevention and treatment of malaria in the most vulnerable populations – pregnant women and children – in Tak province.

This year, the Global Fund embarked on its Sixth Replenishment process to raise at least USD 14 billion which will help to save 16 million lives, cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria in half, and contribute towards stronger health systems by 2023. Technical partners have estimated the total funding need for AIDS, TB and malaria at USD 46 billion annually of which, as the Get Back on Track to End the Epidemics report¹ by the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) estimates, at least USD 16.8 to USD 18 billion should be invested through the Global Fund for the Sixth Replenishment (2020-2022).

In 2015, World Leaders committed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, pledging to deliver health and well-being for all, to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC), and to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable world by leaving no one behind. In 2018, the development of the Global Action Plan and its framework united 12 health and development institutions under a common aim to accelerate progress towards

¹ Get Back on Track to End the Epidemics - <http://www.globalfundadvocatesnetwork.org/campaign/get-back-on-track/>

SDG 3: Health and Well-being for all. With only 11 years more to 2030, it is crucial that we accelerate our actions to achieve SDGs.

Raising at least USD 14 billion for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment will present us with an opportunity towards the acceleration of progress towards SDG 3 and UHC through strengthening systems for health; reinforcing health security; spurring domestic investment of USD 46 billion during the period 2021-2023; tackling inequalities in health including gender and human rights-related barriers to access; and yielding a return on investment of 1:19 with every dollar invested.

Getting back on track to end the epidemics and delivering the broader SDG 3 targets will require all the actors involved, including multilateral and bilateral partners, governments, private sector, private foundations, communities and civil society to raise their game, accelerate innovation, coordinate and collaborate more efficiently and execute programmes more effectively.

An increased and successful Replenishment will provide the Global Fund the ability to scale up its effective responses and get the world back on track to fight the three diseases!

Hence, we want you to be our Hero!

Be a Hero among other Private Sector and Private Foundations donors; lead and rally the global donor community to increase their pledges to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment and announce early pledges!

We hope Dhanin Tawee Chearavanont Foundation will continue to be our Hero, Global Fund Champion and Contributor because...

#HeroesGiveMore
#AtLeast14Billion
#StepUpTheFight
#GetBackOnTrack

Global Fund Advocates Network Asia Pacific (GFAN AP)

GFAN AP is a platform of community and civil society advocates for a successfully resourced Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). It supports community and civil society mobilisation in the areas of increased domestic financing for HIV, TB, and malaria; increased donor contributions towards the Global Fund; and ensuring that policy frameworks on health financing take into account community, rights, and gender issues. For more information, please visit, www.gfanasiapacific.org or contact Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator – Rachel.ong@gfanasiapacific.org or Niluka Perera, Communications and Coordination Officer – Niluka.perera@gfanasiapacific.org

² This letter is supported by the following individuals, community-based and civil society organisations - <https://gfanasiapacific.org/2019/08/heroesgivemore-global-sign-on/>