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Asia-Pacific Communities & Civil Society
Step Up The Fight For The Sixth Replenishment of The Global Fund To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
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Foreword & Acknowledgements

Communities living with and impacted by the three diseases and civil society have been at the heart of everything the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) does from the very beginning.

The advocacy efforts for increased resources for the Sixth Replenishment saw unprecedented involvement from communities and civil society around the world through community and civil society mobilisation, gatherings, meetings and campaigns. The Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) has put together this report to acknowledge, appreciate and reflect upon the tremendous power of collective determination and efforts of communities and civil society working alongside the Global Fund Secretariat (especially the leadership of Peter Sands, Dr Donald Kaberuka, and Lady Roslyn Morauta, and the External Relations Division), governments and the private sector in reaching common goals. This collective effort was seen not only in the Asia-Pacific region, but across the world – where local, national, regional and global partners worked together in both donor and implementing countries.

GFAN AP is proud and honoured to have worked closely with colleagues on mobilisation efforts – of whom were not resourced to carry out the work and identified resources from their own budgets to advocate collectively for the Global Fund. We are especially fortunate to have developed and/or strengthened relationships and partnerships at the regional and global levels – especially with GFAN, GFAN Africa and the Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination Network (CS4ME); as well as with national partners in the Asia-Pacific region.

We thank the Government of the Republic of India for hosting the Preparatory Meeting for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund in February 2019, in New Delhi, India – the first implementing country to host a Replenishment Preparatory Meeting, and to the Government of the French Republic for hosting the Sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund in October 2019, in Lyon, France.

The diplomatic network of the Government of the French Republic has been pivotal in supporting efforts by communities and civil society and continues to do so after the Sixth Replenishment.

As we reflect on the tremendous successes together, GFAN AP going forward will work to ensure that we continue to step up the fight so that the contributions by donors to the Sixth Replenishment realise country efforts in fighting inequality, inequity, and strengthening social justice for health systems that will leave no one behind. We are deeply humbled to be a part of this collective partnership and global solidarity because when the “Fight is Hardest... Heroes Give More”.

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1 https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/civil-society/
2 Peter Sands, Executive Director, Global Fund; Dr Donald Kaberuka and Lady Roslyn Morauta, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Global Fund Board
A. Mobilising Malaria Communities & Civil Society

The Regional Artemisinin-resistance Initiative (RAI) was launched in 2013 in response to the emergence of drug-resistant malaria in the Greater Mekong region, this led to the formation of the Regional Malaria CSO Platform. GFAN AP and APCASO supported the strengthening of the Platform including holding a side meeting during the Global Fund Partnership Forum in Bangkok, Thailand in June 2015, as well as activities organised during the malaria weeks in 2016 and 2017 held in the region.

However, outside of the Greater Mekong region, the involvement and mobilisation of communities and civil society working in malaria in the rest of the Asia-Pacific region on advocating and influencing national and regional policies and towards sustainable financing for malaria elimination was minimal. With this in mind, GFAN AP prioritised the mobilisation of communities and civil society working in malaria towards Global Fund Sixth Replenishment efforts and towards malaria elimination.

Formation of the Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination Network (CS4ME)

The First Malaria World Congress was held in Melbourne, Australia from 1st – 5th July 2018. In preparation, GFAN AP worked with the Malaria World Congress Co-Organisers, the Global Fund and APCASO, and the Global Fund Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Communication and Coordination Platforms3 to organise the Global Malaria Civil Society Strategizing and Advocacy Meeting held on the 29th & 30th June 2018 in Melbourne, Australia.

The objectives of the two-day meeting were to provide orientation to civil society partners to facilitate their maximum engagement at the Congress; facilitate partnership-building between the civil society partners, Congress Organisers and key stakeholders; update malaria civil society partners on the Sixth

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3 The six regional CRG platforms are: Asia-Pacific CRG Platform hosted by APCASO, Anglophone Africa CRG Platform hosted by Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organisations (EANNASO), Francophone Africa CRG Platform hosted by Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME), Eastern Europe and Central Asia CRG Platform hosted by Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), Latin America & the Caribbean CRG Platform hosted by Via Libre, and Middle East & North Africa CRG Platform hosted by International Treatment Preparedness Coalition-MENA (ITPC_MENA)
Replenishment efforts of the Global Fund, and mobilise civil society commitment to join replenishment efforts; and develop a shared vision and roadmap for building a global malaria civil society movement.

This meeting was the first to bring together over 30 communities and civil society and technical partners working in malaria from around the world. During the meeting, participants acknowledged and recognised the need for a coordinated response and involvement of communities and civil society working in malaria and established the Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination Network (CS4ME). An interim CS4ME working group to formalise this network and developed the Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) Declaration which outlined the key priorities and issues of communities and civil society working in malaria. This was distributed to the First Malaria World Congress participants, as well as highlighted by several speakers during the Congress. CS4ME has since established itself with a secretariat in Cameroon and works closely with the RBM Partnership.

Engagements during the First Malaria World Congress

**Speaker at the Opening of the First Malaria World Congress**

Leading up to the First Malaria World Congress, GFAN AP and APCASO worked with the Malaria World Congress organisers in ensuring the community and/or civil society were included as keynote speakers across the conference programme. Notably, Ida Savadogo, Project Manager of Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME) from Burkina Faso was identified during the communities and civil society pre-meeting and supported by GFAN AP and APCASO as a keynote speaker for the opening ceremony of the Congress.

During her speech, Ida emphasised the importance of:

- A people-centred approach in malaria responses that effectively centred within Universal Health Coverage (UHC) responses that are rights-affirmative and gender-transformative;
- Sustainable funding which needs political commitment from both donors and national governments, and especially towards a resourced Global Fund; and
- The important role of communities and civil society within malaria responses beyond community health workers, and the need for democratising decision-making spaces and supporting malaria civil society mobilisation, advocacy, and capacity building.

**Session on Engaging and Sustaining Community Involvement: Identifying, Mobilising, Influencing, and Supporting Community Involvement in malaria control/elimination**

The session jointly organised by GFAN AP, APCASO and the Global Fund and was chaired by Professor Lenore Manderson, Monash University on 3rd July 2018.

Speakers and priorities of the session included:

- Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh (Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, Vietnam) who emphasised the importance of Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) and how it is critical to effective malaria responses;

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4 The Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) Declaration is available [here](#).

5 RAME is one of the six regional platforms established with the support of the Global Fund under the Community, Rights and Gender Special Initiatives (CRG SI)
• Shreehari Acharya (Regional CSO Malaria Platform hosted by the American Refugee Committee, Thailand) who provided an overview of the work of the Platform and the impacts of the work of RAI2E with the engagement of the Platform;
• Maurice Odindo, (Kenya NGO Alliance Against Malaria (KENAAM), Kenya) who provided an overview on the importance of, and challenges around sustaining and scaling up work of village health workers;
• A panel discussion facilitated by Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh involving Dr Shampa Nag (Caritas India), Willy Mwanafunzi (Faith Victory Association, Rwanda), John Hermawan (PERDHAKI, Indonesia), Dr Scott Filler (Global Fund, Switzerland) on country experiences – CSS approaches and interventions in the context of malaria and sustaining responses; and
• Kate Thomson (Global Fund, Switzerland) that provided a presentation of the Malaria Matchbox as a tool for ensuring community, rights and gender programming in malaria responses to improve the effectiveness of malaria programmes.

**Meeting with Peter Sands**
Communities and Civil Society met with Peter Sands, Global Fund Executive Director on the 4th July 2018, to share the outcomes of the two-day *Global Malaria Civil Society Strategizing and Advocacy Meeting* which founded CS4ME, and developed the *Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) Declaration* and reiterated the commitments from communities and civil society working in malaria towards the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

The following key points were raised by the group during the meeting:

• The framing of malaria responses in the context of social justice and human rights, within UHC – increasing efforts needed towards diseases integration;
• Making malaria decision-making spaces more inclusive and enabling malaria civil society mobilisation through supporting advocacy-orientated capacity-building programmes targeting vulnerable communities and volunteer malaria workers;

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6 The Malaria Matchbox Tool is available [here](#).
7 The Global Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) Declaration is available [here](#).
• Fully meeting the funding needs for the malaria response and strengthen systems for health, creating mechanisms that facilitate access to Global Fund grants by civil society – including grassroots organisations; and
• Partnering with community actors and civil society for an effective malaria surveillance response through advocating for systematic data sharing with all organisations involved in data collection, in particular community and civil society organisations.

Formation of the South Asia Malaria Civil Society Group

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Following the formation of CS4ME at the First Malaria World Congress in June 2018 in Melbourne, Australia, GFAN AP co-organised with CS4ME the South Asia Malaria Civil Society Mobilisation Workshop on 11th & 12th October 2018, in New Delhi, India. The objectives of the meeting were to:

• Increase the understanding of participants about the global, regional, and sub-regional malaria landscape(s) including, and related to – epidemiological profiles, funding trends, and main stakeholders engaged;
• Improve understanding and application of malaria programming and services through the lens of community, rights and gender;
• Map malaria community organisations, CSOs and relevant stakeholders in South Asia;
• Identify sub-regional priority advocacy issues and develop an action plan to address these issues – including the sustainability of financing malaria responses, and potential mobilisation related to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund and domestic resource mobilisation; and
• Establish systematic linkages between South Asia malaria civil society and CS4ME, including through exploring the need and mechanisms for supporting sub-regional civil society malaria coordination and advocacy that supports the work of CS4ME.

This meeting resulted in a South Asia CS4ME to mobilise civil society advocacy efforts geared towards malaria elimination in the region to increase the visibility of the challenges faced by South Asian malaria advocates and activists.

World Malaria Day 2019

World Malaria Day was observed under the theme “Zero Malaria Starts with Me” and was held on the 25th April 2019 hosted by the Government of France in Paris, France. “Zero Malaria Starts with Me” was aimed to encourage people from all walks of life to make a personal commitment to end malaria. In attendance was Dr Shampa Nag, IWG Member and CS4ME Steering Committee Member.

8 The report of the meeting is available here.
Malaria Asia-Pacific Civil Society Strategic Meeting

The Malaria Asia-Pacific Civil Society Strategic Meeting took place on 17th & 18th August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. This meeting was attended by over 30 participants from the Asia-Pacific region and was co-organised with CS4ME and hosted by APCASO.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Engage civil society organisations on a regional advocacy action for domestic resource mobilisation and towards the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment;
- Enable experience sharing between civil society organisations from different countries in the regions, including malaria advocacy best practices;
- Engage civil society organisations around UHC, particularly advocacy for malaria within UHC; and
- Collect feedback on communities/civil society needs to inform the CS4ME strategic plan for 2020 – 2023 and its alignment with international, regional, and country goals and objectives.

Participants engaged and participated actively through group and plenary discussions, analysing what needs to happen to transform traditional civil society working in malaria as healthcare providers to advocates to change, shape and engage in policy arenas. Importantly, the role of the Global Fund in malaria elimination was acknowledged, and the role of communities and civil society working in malaria recognised as pivotal for sustainable funding at the country level.

B. Preparing for the Sixth Preparatory Meeting

The Government of India announced on the 5th September 2018 that it would host the Preparatory Meeting of the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund in New Delhi, India in February 2019 – this was a milestone as the first Replenishment-related meeting to be held in an implementing country of the Global Fund. After the announcement and in preparation for the Preparatory Meeting, GFAN AP mobilised community and civil society partners at the national, regional and global levels to engage effectively and meaningfully in the processes.

India Communities and Civil Society Preliminary Meeting for the Sixth Global Fund Replenishment Preparatory Meeting

After the announcement by the Government of India to host the Preparatory Meeting, GFAN AP worked with national partners to hold the India Communities and Civil Society Preliminary Meeting for the Sixth Global Fund Preparatory Meeting on the 13th October 2018 in New Delhi, India. This meeting was co-organised with the National Coalition of People Living with HIV in India (NCPI+) and hosted by the India HIV/AIDS Alliance.

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9 The report of the meeting is available here.
10 The report is available here.
The meeting was held to increase the understanding of participants on Global Fund Replenishment processes, its priorities, and activities planned; identify priority advocacy issues and actions of Indian communities and civil society leading up to the Preparatory Meeting and Sixth Global Fund Replenishment Pledging Meeting an develop a roadmap and action plan; and foster and strengthen relationships and links between communities and civil society stakeholders in India with regional and global partners during and beyond the Sixth Replenishment. The meeting was also appreciated and recognised by local partners that brought together communities and civil society working across the three diseases in India, which had not occurred in recent years.

**Formation of the India Working Group for Health Advocacy (IWG) 11:**

An important outcome from the India Communities and Civil Society Preliminary Meeting for the Sixth Global Fund Preparatory Meeting was the development of key priorities and actions of Indian communities and civil society and the formation of the India Working Group for Health Advocacy (IWG) – with initial membership of Ms Abhina Aher (Association Director: Sexuality, Gender & Rights, India HIV/AIDS Alliance), Ms Blessina Kumar (Chief Executive Officer, Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA)), Ms Daxa Patel (President, NCPI+), Mr Masaki Inaba (Programme Director for Global Health, Africa Japan Forum (AJF)), Ms Shampa Nag (Steering Committee Member for Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) and Consultant for Caritas India), and Ms Sonal Mehta12 (Chief Executive Director, India HIV/AIDS Alliance).

The IWG was initially formed to mobilise efforts of communities and civil society in India leading up to the Preparatory Meeting and Pledging Conference – towards advocating for the doubling of the pledge of the Government of India from the Fifth Replenishment from US$20 million and to other donors. It has evolved since its formation, recognising its crucial role in influencing national health policy and budgetary processes to advocate for inclusive and sustainable health financing and relevant policies and processes.

To support its work towards community and civil society mobilisation on sustainable financing, The IWG developed and launched the India Investment Case13 - an analysis on the national investments required to address Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 – and more specifically how ending AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics is critical to achieving the SDGs and UHC. Within the Investment Case, it also called for the Government of India to double its investments in health from 1.2% of its GDP to 2.5%.

The formation of the IWG has been pivotal, as it continues its work bringing across and mobilising communities and civil society across the three diseases in ensuring sustainable responses on health and the three diseases.

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11 More information of the work of the IWG is available here.
12 Since the formation of the IWG, Ms Sonal Mehta was appointed the Regional Director, South Asia Region for the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
13 The India Investment Case is available here.
Communities and Civil Society Planning Meeting for the Sixth Replenishment Preparatory Meeting of the Global Fund

Ahead of the Preparatory Meeting hosted by the Government of India, the IWG and GFAN AP co-organised the Communities & Civil Society Planning Meeting on the 16th & 17th January 2019 in New Delhi, India. The meeting was hosted by the India HIV/AIDS Alliance and attended by over 50 participants – including India community and civil society partners from the three diseases, regional and global civil society partners, members from the Communities and NGO Delegations to the Global Fund Board, the Global Fund Secretariat, and in part, technical partners, private sector, and government representatives.

The objectives of the meeting were to:

- Update participants on the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment processes, its priorities, and planned activities;
- Share Global Fund Replenishment-related plans and priorities of India and key partners;
- Support joint strategizing among participants for plans in 2019 leading up to the Sixth Replenishment Preparatory and Pledging Meetings; and
- Foster and strengthen relationships and links between communities and civil society key stakeholders in India with regional/global partners during and beyond the Sixth Replenishment.

The meeting provided an opportunity for community and civil society partners from HIV, TB and malaria in uniting their voices in strengthening their responses towards the UHC agenda and increasing domestic financing towards the three diseases. Participants identified key opportunities for activities and advocacy towards a fully funded Global Fund including work areas of the IWG beyond the Sixth Preparatory Meeting and Pledging Conference, using opportunities such as G20 hosted by Japan, and working more closely with country and regional partners. A key outcome of the meeting was the development of the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign that was rolled out in February 2019 by GFAN AP and partners across the Asia-Pacific region and joined by partners across the world.
Press Conference: Step Up The Fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria and Commit to a minimum of US$40 million for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment

A press conference was held on 17th January 2019, following the release of the Executive Summary of the Global Fund Investment Case on the 9th January 2019 by the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron in Paris, France. The press conference was aimed to highlight the urgency and need of a fully funded Global Fund and to reiterate the ask from communities and civil society of USD 16.8 to 18 billion, the need for the Government of India to double its pledge from US$20 to US$40 million for the Sixth Replenishment, and for the Government of India to increase its current contribution of 1.2 percent to 2.5 percent of its GDP to health and to fully fund HIV, TB and malaria programmes.

C. The Sixth Preparatory Meeting

Communities and civil society representatives attended the Sixth Replenishment Preparatory Meeting of the Global Fund hosted by the Government of the Republic of India on 7th & 8th of February 2019, the first time that a Replenishment Meeting was hosted by an implementing country. The IWG and GFAN AP worked closely together leading up to the Preparatory Meeting in maximising meaningful involvement of communities and civil society to strengthen engagement during the Preparatory Meeting27. GFAN AP also worked with GFAN and GFAN Africa in developing the Communities and Civil Society Statement on the Investment Case for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Bringing together Communities & Civil Society

Communities and Civil Society Meeting for the Preparatory Meeting

GFAN AP and the IWG co-organised a Communities and Civil Society Meeting for the Preparatory Meeting on the 7th February 2019, bringing together communities and civil society participants, speakers of, and observers including Friends of the Global Fund representatives. At the meeting, the IWG shared their priorities and work leading up to and following the Preparatory Meeting and speakers at the Preparatory Meeting shared their interventions for feedback in strengthening their speaking points, and to prepare for discussions for a meeting organised with Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund.

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14 The Press Release is available in English, French, Korean, Indonesian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese and Hindi.
15 The summary of the Investment Case is available here.
16 Three articles were released by The Millennium Post – Combating HIV, TB and Malaria (17.01.2019); The Week Magazine – Bouquets and brickbats for India’s Fight against TB, HIV and Malaria (17.01.2019); and Navodaya Times (17.01.2019)
17 The brief of the Sixth Preparatory Meeting is available here.
18 The Communities and Civil Society Statement on the Investment Case for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is available here.
Communities and Civil Society representatives met with Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund and Francoise Vanni, Head of External Relations of the Global Fund during the Communities and Civil Society Meeting for the Preparatory Meeting held on the morning of the 7th February 2019, in New Delhi, India. The discussions were moderated by Erika Castellanos, Alternate Board Member of the Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund. The IWG shared the work they have been engaged so far on community mobilization for the Global Fund Replenishment and on advocacy on domestic resource mobilization.

Peter expressed deep appreciation for the commitment and collective efforts of communities and civil society for the Sixth Replenishment and congratulated the formation of the IWG. The group discussed the Investment Case ask and domestic co-financing and communications strategy of the Global Fund; the need for scaling up and continued investments in communities and civil society; community systems strengthening; and related threats for accessing generic medications on Intellectual Property Rights discussions of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

**The IWG Booth at the India Showcase**
As part of the Preparatory Meeting, side events and booths showcasing the work of various partners were planned. The IWG organised a booth that included display materials on TB, HIV, and malaria and presented the work of more than 80 communities and civil society organisations across India.

Display materials included a small model prepared by children living with HIV on health services, interactive stories of people affected by HIV & TB and from a malaria perspective. The booth also provided an opportunity for supporters to select and paste a pseudo currency (US$, €, £) onto a wall with a call to commitment for donors to step up the fight and increase their pledges.
D. Sixth Replenishment Campaigns

#LoveMoreGiveMore

Launch of #LoveMoreGiveMore

GFAN AP launched the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign – a Saint Valentine’s Day-oriented community and civil society mobilisation effort in support of a successful Global Fund Sixth Replenishment. An action that was originally meant to be carried out by partners in the Asia-Pacific region endorsed by participants at the Communities & Civil Society Planning Meeting for the Sixth Global Fund Replenishment Preparatory Meeting co-organised by GFAN AP and the IWG in January 2019 in New Delhi, India, this action gained the support of colleagues from Africa, Eastern Europe Central Asia, and Latin America.

On Saint Valentine’s Day – 14th February 2019 and in the following week, communities and civil society organisations and advocates in over 45 countries sent “love letters” to embassies and high commissions of donor countries of the Global Fund to appreciate their continuous support for the fight against HIV, TB and Malaria since the establishment of the Global Fund in 2002 and to call for increased and early pledges to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment.

The campaign was also carried out by civil society colleagues in select donor countries of the Global Fund – including Canada, United Kingdom, South Korea, Australia, amongst others; and was supported by GFAN Africa and CS4ME in francophone Africa, GFAN Latin America, and the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association and Alliance for Public Health in counterpart rollouts in the African, Latin America and Caribbean, Eastern Europe and Central Asia regions, respectively. A total of 550 letters were sent, with 60 countries receiving the letters, 14 countries had 52 meetings organised with various donors, and 45 countries participated in the action.

This action demonstrated that there was much “love” and appreciation from communities and civil society towards the donors of the Global Fund, and created relationships at the country level with donor embassies and communities and civil society organisations – enabling further conversations beyond the campaign on the development and implementation of Global Fund and relevant national health programmes and policies.

The #LoveMoreGiveMore Campaign is very apt even from the perspectives of communities, civil society and key populations. Because a lot were given at the individual, organisational, and network levels in all the country mobilisations. Because there was a lot of love for what the campaign stands for and a lot of heart for the communities with the biggest stakes in the results of the Replenishment.

~ RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO and GFAN AP Steering Committee Member

More information on the campaign is available [here](#).
Photo 26: Meeting Representatives of the European Commission, Hanoi, Vietnam

Photo 27: Japanese Ambassador in Burkina Faso

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Photo 38: German Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal

Photo 39: Delivering the letter to the South Korean Embassy, Ukraine
#LoveMoreGiveMore at the Global Fund 41st Board Meeting

GFAN AP collaborated with the Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund and brought the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign to the 41st Global Fund Board Meeting held on the 15th & 16th May 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

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.

The #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign was highlighted during the Board under the agenda item – Update on Resource Mobilisation to the Board, recognising the extraordinary level of engagement of communities living with and affected by the three diseases and civil society for the Sixth Replenishment.

Ms Maurine Murenga, Board Member of the Communities Delegation spoke during the session to acknowledge and thank the efforts of 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.

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20 GF/B41/17: Update on Resource Mobilisation
Perspectives of the Sixth Global Fund Replenishment – An Embassy Event hosted by the French Republic to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

The first of a series of embassy events targeted towards mobilizing increased donor pledges and civil society support for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment, this event was held on the 19th June 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam and was jointly organized by Centre for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI), UNAIDS Vietnam, GFAN AP and the Embassy of the French Republic, with the leadership of the Ambassador, H.E Betrand Lortholary.

The event brought together representatives from the embassies of donor countries in Vietnam including USA, Netherlands, Mexico, Switzerland, Indonesia, Spain, European Union, Finland, Russia, Government representatives – including the Minister of Health Associate Professor Nguyễn Thị Kim Tiến, and representatives from French academia and researchers – including Nobel Prize Laureate Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, technical partners, communities and civil society in Vietnam. This event aimed to share country perspectives of the impacts of the Global Fund and the efforts of Vietnam in sustainably financing its health responses to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

Perspectives on the importance of communities and civil society engaging in the health responses beyond just service delivery, the importance of promoting access to prevention and healthcare for the poorest, remotest and most marginalised populations to achieve 100% UHC, and the importance of the Global Fund in Vietnam were a few key messages brought across by various speakers.

#LoveMoreGiveMore with Tahir Foundation

GFAN AP worked with Yayasan Spiritia, to collect signatories from Indonesian communities and civil society organisations for a letter to Dato’ Sri Prof Dr Tahir of Tahir Foundation. Over 70 signatories were collected and delivered21 to Dr Tahir on the 25th June 2019. The letter thanked Dr Tahir for his contributions to the Global Fund, as well as in Indonesia; and called for an increased and earlier pledge for the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment.

21 The letter with signatories is available here.
#HeroesGiveMore

The #HeroesGiveMore campaign was conceived as the next phase after the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign which recognised the local heroes on the ground – key affected populations and people living with and affected by the three diseases who are not only beneficiaries of Global Fund grants, but also work alongside donors, technical partners, governments, and other stakeholders in decision-making processes, implementation of grants, delivery of services, monitoring and evaluating, and ensuring accountability. The #HeroesGiveMore campaign also recognised Heads of States, Heads of Private Sector and Private Foundations as heroes and urged them to step up their fight against the three diseases and get back on track through increasing their pledges to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

Calling for Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Heroes – An Embassy Event hosted by the Embassy of Canada in the Kingdom of Thailand

The Embassy of Canada in Thailand with the support of Ambassador H.E. Donica Pottie, in partnership with GFAN AP, Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), and APCASO hosted an event to rally support for a successful Global Fund Sixth Replenishment.

Themed, “Calling for Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Heroes”, the event launched the #HeroesGiveMore campaign through emphasising the importance of reaching the minimum target of US$14 billion by stepping up now or slipping back on the course to end the epidemics of AIDS, TB and malaria by 2030.

The event was participated by over 30 representatives of donor embassies, technical partners, and communities and civil society from around the world with keynote speeches delivered by:

- Dr Phusit Prakongsai, Acting Senior Advisor on Health Promotion, Office of the Permanent Secretary, Thailand Ministry of Health;
- Lady Roslyn Morauta, Vice-Chair, Board of the Global Fund;
- Mr Olivier Richard, Chargé d’Affaires, Embassy of the French Republic, Thailand;
- Ms Kate Thomson, Head, Community Rights & Gender Department, Global Fund;
- Mr Eamonn Murphy, Regional Director, UNAIDS Asia and the Pacific;
- Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Chair, GFAN AP Steering Committee & APCASO; and
- Mr Rico Gustav, Executive Director of the Global Network of People Living with HIV.

More information on the #HeroesGiveMore Campaign is available here.

Speeches are available here.
Regional #HeroesGiveMore Action

GFAN AP launched the #HeroesGiveMore Campaign to deliver the last push to Donor Countries and the Private Sector and Private Foundations donors of the Global Fund to pledge increased amounts to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

Following the GFAN AP #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign actioned in February 2019, the #HeroesGiveMore campaign targeted the Heads of States, Heads of Private Sector and Private Foundations, as heroes and urging them to support the local heroes – communities and civil society, living with and affected by HIV, TB and malaria through stepping up the fight against the three diseases by increasing their pledges to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment.

The campaign delivered letters and mementoes to the Heads of States and the Heads of Private sector and Private Foundations, recognizing their heroism as individuals and as States in contributing to the fight against the three diseases since the establishment of the Global Fund in 2002.

A campaign video 24 launched during an event hosted by the Embassy of Canada to the Kingdom of Thailand on 15th September 2019, featured the barriers in the Asia-Pacific region that impede success of the three response in the region including the lack, inequity and/or inequality of access to quality essential services; human rights violations; gender inequalities; and rising conservatism. In addition, it showcased the tremendous achievements communities and civil society despite these barriers. The video also urged donors of the Global Fund to be heroes when the fight is hardest.

Head of States, Ministers of Health or Ministers of Finance of 29 countries and Heads of five Private Sector and Private Foundations received #HeroesGiveMore packages which included the letter and mementos. The letters, while highlighting the contributions of donors to the Global Fund so far also emphasized the urgent need for donors to step up their fight against the three diseases and to ensure that at least US$14 billion is raised for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund to continue advancing its investments and results in Resilient and Sustainable Health Systems (RSSH), Community Systems Strengthening, Human Rights and Gender Equality and in achieving 2030 Development Agenda through and beyond SDG 3.

Press Conference: Heroes to Drive Domestic Resource Mobilisation for Health and the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment

On the 12th September 2019, a press conference in Dakar, Senegal on the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund was co-organised on the margins of the Global Fund Implementer Voting Group Retreat by GFAN AP with GFAN Africa, the Implementer Voting Group to the Board of the Global Fund Board and the Senegalese Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM).

24 The video is available here.
Speakers at the Press Conference included Mr Guillaume Brault, Regional Advisor for Global Health, Embassy of the French Republic to Senegal; Ms Aissatou Mbaye Ndiaye, Vice-Chair of the CCM; Dr Donald Kaberuka, Chair of the Global Fund Board; Ms Françoise Vanni, Director, External Relations of the Global Fund; Mr Elhadj Momar Hoodia Diop, 2nd Vice-Chair of the CCM and Senegalese community representative; and Ms Maurine Murenga, Board Member of the Communities Delegation to the Global Fund Board and Vice-Chair of the Implementer Voting Group to the Board of the Global Fund.

The press conference was attended by over 20 journalists from both print and television media. Speakers at the Press Conference called on public donors to step up their fight by increasing their pledges to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund and emphasized on the important role played by communities and civil society as partners and stakeholders in the fight against the three diseases. In addition, speakers also stressed on the need for countries to increase their domestic investments towards health and especially the three diseases in reaching Sustainable Development Goal 3 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, while leaving no one behind.

Calling on Heroes to Drive Domestic Resource Mobilisation for Health and the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment – An Embassy Event hosted by the French Republic to the Republic of Senegal

Co-organised by GFAN AP, GFAN Africa, the Implementer Voting Group to the Board of the Global Fund Board, Senegalese CCM and hosted by the Embassy of the French Republic to the Republic of Senegal on 12th September 2019, Dakar, Senegal in support of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment and calling Global Fund donors to step up their pledges to the Sixth Replenishment.

The event also aimed to raise awareness of the importance of the contributions of The Global Fund towards sustainable systems for health and the critical role of communities and civil society in the fight against the three diseases, and the role of countries in ensuring sustained and increased contributions for health resources, including for the three diseases.

Speakers included Ms Agnes Humruzian, First Counsellor of the Embassy of the French Republic; Mr Abdoulaye Diouf Sarr, Minister of Health of the Republic of Senegal; Dr Donald Kaberuka, Chair, Board of the Global Fund; Mr Elhadj Momar Hoodia Diop, 2nd Vice-Chair of the CCM; and Ms Maurine Murenga, Board Member, Communities Delegation; Vice-Chair of the Implementer Voting Group.
E. G20 & C20 Engagements

C20 Summit

Mr Masaki Inaba, Program Director for Global Health, Africa Japan Forum (AJF) and member of GFAN AP Steering Committee was the C20 Sherpa for the G20 hosted by the Government of Japan in 2019; as well as the Japan Local Coordinator of C20 Global Health Working Group. Masaki was instrumental in involving Asia-Pacific civil society partners – including GFAN AP into the discussions of the C20 Global Health Working Group and bringing the role of the Global Fund contributing towards the SDGs and UHC, and the importance of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment into C20 and G20 conversations.

C20 Summit Pre-Meetings

GFAN AP was a member of the Global Health Working Group for the C20 hosted by the Government of Japan in 2019. In preparation for the C20 Summit, GFAN AP participated in the pre-meetings held on the 19th & 20th April 2019. The pre-meeting held on the 19th April included a roundtable with government officials of Japan and members from the T20; and was a speaker at the Press Conference organised by Africa Japan Forum on the 19th April on the importance of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment in the context of achieving UHC.

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

During the C20 Summit on the 21st – 23rd April held in Tokyo, Japan, Asia-Pacific Global Fund advocates spoke in various sessions on the importance of reaching the US$14 billion target for the Sixth Replenishment, and the role of the Global Fund in UHC. Ms RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO and GFAN AP Steering Committee Member was a speaker on the 21st April Plenary – High Level Panel with G20 Sherpa Track.

In addition, a side session was organised by Africa Japan Forum with GFAN AP during the C20 Summit titled “Leave No One Behind – in the strive for UHC – a fantasy or reality?”. Speakers of the session held on the 22nd April that worked on Global Fund Replenishment included Ms Stefania Burbo, Italianal network on AIDS, Rights and Health, Ms RD Marte, Executive Director, APCASO and GFAN AP Steering Committee Member; Ms Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator, GFAN AP. Speakers spoke on the importance and impacts of reaching the US$14 billion target for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund in the context of UHC given the role the Global Fund has in supporting key populations, communities and civil society in the context of human rights and gender equality in reaching the Global Fund’s Strategic Objective 3: Promoting and Protecting Human Rights and Gender Equality.
Korean Civil Society Policy Forum for G20

A key partner in the region, the 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). The Republic of Korea is a member of the G20, and KAGH organised the engagements with the objectives of sharing the current status and key agenda of the G20 hosted by the Government of Japan, and delivering the C20 policy pack to the Sherpa of Republic of Korea – H.E. Kyung-lim Choi, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations.

Mr Masaki Inaba, GFAN AP Steering Committee Member; Ms Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator of GFAN AP; Ms Daxa Patel, member of the IWG; and Ms RD Marte, Executive Director of APCASO and GFAN AP Steering Committee Member 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 G20 Korean Civil Society Policy Forum held on the 25th April 2019 provided the space for Korean Civil Society advocates to interact and share experiences, priorities, and insight with regional and global activists on health financing, UHC, G20 and C20 processes and the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment amongst other issues.

On the morning of the 26th April 2019, a meeting was organised with the Korean Sherpa for G20 where colleagues shared priorities and emphasised the importance of the contributions of the Republic of Korea to the Global Fund and asked for an increase of the Republic of Korea’s pledge to the Sixth Replenishment.

In addition, a meeting with Honourable MP Lee Myung-Soo, the Chair of Health and Welfare Committee of the National Assembly was organised at the National Assembly on the afternoon of the 26th April 2019 to share the work of communities and civil society in UHC and Global Fund from the Asia-Pacific region.
F. Universal Health Coverage and Domestic Resource Mobilisation

Multi-Stakeholder Hearing for the United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

Mission Visits

Key messages raised at the visits included requesting for the highest level representation of African Heads of States to the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund, as well as for the High Level Meeting on UHC; increased domestic resource mobilisation for health to reflect the commitments of the Abuja Declaration; and increased pledges from African States for the Sixth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

During the visits, the crucial leadership role of African countries leading up to the Sixth Replenishment was also emphasised.

Multi-Stakeholder Hearing for the United Nations High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

The Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Hearing for the United Nations High Level Meeting on UHC took place on the 29th April. 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 Advisory Group member of the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (CSEM) spoke at the first panel of the Hearing representing CSO from the Global 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.
The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7)

The Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) was held on the 28th – 30th August 2019 in Yokohama, Japan. GFAN AP joined African and Japanese civil society colleagues at TICAD7 to lobby for and advocate for the importance of domestic resource mobilisation, UHC, communities and civil society engagement in Global Fund programmes and grants, as well as for increased pledges to the Sixth Replenishment.

Global Fund Advocates Preparatory Meeting

A meeting was co-organised by GFAN AP, GFAN Africa and AJF for colleagues working in Global Fund advocacy from Africa and Japan to share and inform each other of various activities implemented at regional and national levels to support a successful Sixth Replenishment, as well as to strategize on key issues to be raised at various side events carrying the voices of communities and civil society on issues of community rights and gender, as well as sustainable financing for health in the context of the Sixth Replenishment.

The opportunity was also used to identify priority issues to be raised in the meetings that were set up with Peter Sands, Executive Director, Global Fund; as well as with Dr Donald Kaberuka, Chair of the Global Fund Board.

Meeting with Peter Sands

GFAN AP co-organised a meeting with Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund and joined by Dr Donald Kaberuka, Chair of the Global Fund Board in the margins of TICAD7 on the morning of the 29th August 2019. Colleagues from Africa and Asia-Pacific met with Peter to discuss communities and civil society activities in support of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment and to discuss concerns around domestic resource mobilisation, specifically on the plans of the Global Fund, as well as on UHC.

Peter extended his deep appreciation for the hard of communities and civil society in replenishment efforts around the globe and provided updates on the work of the Secretariat as well as priorities and strategies for countries that had yet to pledge.

Meeting with Dr Donald Kaberuka

GFAN AP organised a meeting with Dr Donald Kaberuka, Chair of the Global Fund Board with Global Fund Advocates from Africa and Asia-Pacific on the margins of TICAD7 on the evening of the 29th August 2019.

Dr Kaberuka shared the priorities of his role given that he had been elected as the Chair of the Global Fund in May 2019. Issues raised during the meeting from participants included concerns on responses to the three diseases, domestic resource mobilisation and sustainable financing for health in the context of the three disease, the meaningful involvement of communities and civil society in country processes – especially around issues of CRG, as well as the progress of the CCM evolution pilot in countries.
High Level Political Forum on SDGS (HLPF)

In preparation leading up to the High Level Political Forum on SDGs (HLPF) held between the 8th – 18th July 2019 in New York, USA, GFAN AP worked with the Global Action for Gay Men’s Health & Rights (MPACT) and developed a technical brief on SDG 17 “To Achieve Sustainable Development Goal 17, Invest in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria”25, which laid out the case for the Global Fund as a model towards achieving the broader call for UHC as well as achieving the 2030 Agenda.

In addition, GFAN AP provided comments for the brief developed by MPACT on “Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16 For All: Linking HIV, Key Populations, and Human Rights”26.

“Empowered while Criminalised: Multi-Stakeholder Strategies for Combating Stigma, Discrimination, Violence and Inequalities” Side Event

A side event co-organised by MPACT and the Free Space Process (FSP) was held on the 12th July 2019 in New York, USA entitled “Empowered while Criminalised: Multi-Stakeholder Strategies for Combating Stigma, Discrimination, Violence and Inequalities” where Niluka Perera, Communications and Coordination Officer of GFAN AP delivered a special intervention which highlighted the need to increase investments in the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment to get back on track on responses to the three diseases and the pivotal role that the Global Fund has in supporting communities and civil society, including key populations.

Civil Society Convening on Universal Health Coverage Policy Advocacy Strategies

ICSS and the Partnership to Inspire, Transform and Connect the HIV Response (PITCH) co-organised the Civil Society Convening on Universal Health Coverage Policy Advocacy Strategies on the 9th July 2019 in New York, USA and hosted by the Open Society Foundations (OSF). The meeting was organised to better understand what different stakeholders aimed to achieve regarding UHC, and what the collective achievements were, and to strategize for policy advocacy opportunities leading up to the High Level Meeting on UHC. GFAN AP attended the meeting to share priorities from the Asia-Pacific region and the plans on developing an accountability framework based on #TheUHCThatWeWant in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Asia-Pacific Communities and Civil Society Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

The Asia-Pacific Communities and Civil Society Meeting on Universal Health Coverage was co-organised by APCASO, the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+) and GFAN AP on the 14th & 15th August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting27 was attended by more than 45 participants representing communities and civil society in the Asia-Pacific, and was also joined by other regional, and global partners, including also the Global Fund Secretariat.

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25 The Technical Brief on To Achieve Sustainable Development Goal 17, Invest in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria is available here.
26 The Technical Brief on Achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16 For All: Linking HIV, Key Populations, and Human Rights is available here.
27 The meeting report is available here.
This was the second regional meeting co-organised by GFAN AP on UHC, following the first regional meeting organised on 26th and 27th November 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand – “Asia-Pacific Communities and Civil Society Universal Health Coverage Caucus” with APCASO attended by over 30 participants from the Asia-Pacific, which developed the regional statement by communities and civil society on #TheUHCThatWeWant.

The #TheUHCThatWeWant was developed ahead of the UHC Forum hosted by the Government of Japan in Tokyo from 12th to 15th December 2017, where GFAN AP co-organised a side event with APCASO and AJF, supported organising additional Asia-Pacific communities and civil society colleagues to attend the UHC Forum, as well as organised a meeting with World Health Organisation Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to present #TheUHCThatWeWant and discussed the challenges of implementation of UHC from the perspectives of communities, key populations and civil society in Asia-Pacific.

The meeting gathered health advocates from community and civil society organisations in the Asia-Pacific region, and other regional/global partners to strategize on the continuing momentum for UHC leading up to the High Level Meeting on UHC in September 2019, and the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being for All which brought together 12 multilateral health, development and humanitarian agencies to better support countries to accelerate progress towards the health-related SDGs.

Meeting objectives were to:

- Develop a common understanding among participants of the recent developments on global health, particularly on UHC (including country examples);
- Identify advocacy objectives for civil society engagements in UHC issues, at the global/regional level and at the country level;
- Present updates on planned activities from the previous meetings (such as the UHC monitoring indicators) and to develop a plan of action for other engagements; and
- Develop key asks for critical stakeholders in global health financing, including the Global Fund Replenishment process

The meeting was also used as an opportunity to update communities and civil society partners on GFAN AP activities in support of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment and to mobilize collective engagement.

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28 The statement is available [here](#).
High Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage

Civil Society Advocacy beyond the UHC HLM

A side event was organized by the Joep Lange Institute, Global Health Council and Action for Global Health UK on the 22nd September 2019 on the margins of the High Level Meeting on UHC. The objective of the meeting was to engage civil society colleagues to discuss the direction of global health advocacy beyond the UHC Summit to prepare for the way forward in advocacy for global health in the context of UHC and the SDG framework beyond the summit.

GFAN AP and country partners from the Asia-Pacific participated in the meeting bringing experiences and perspectives from the Asia-Pacific region.

Last Mile to Lyon Meeting

The Last Mile to Lyon Meeting was organized by GFAN ahead of the High Level Meeting on UHC and General Assembly Week on 22nd September 2019 in New York, USA. The meeting brought together communities and civil society partners, regional partners – GFAN Africa and GFAN AP, as well as the Global Fund Secretariat to share updates on the Sixth Replenishment, DRM Advocacy, and activities leading up to and during the Pledging Conference in Lyon, France in October 2019. GFAN AP participated in this meeting to share its activities and campaigns leading up to the Pledging Conference.

Accountability & UHC: Mapping the Road Towards #TheUHCThatWeWant

GFAN AP worked with APCASO and GNP+ to co-organise a side event immediately following the adoption of the United Nations Political Declaration on UHC at the High Level Meeting on UHC on the 24th September 2019 in New York, USA. This was co-sponsored by the Governments of Japan and France.
The side event took stock of alignments between #TheUHCThatWeWant and the expectations of other stakeholders with the adopted Political Declaration on UHC; examined existing country, regional, and global accountability frameworks, mechanisms, and structures and their potential for ensuring duty-bearer accountability and driving country-level progress, impact and changes against the 2019 UHC Political Declaration; determined linkages between robust and coherent accountability mechanisms and mobilisation of resources for health from external funding, domestic allocations, and financing innovations and foster the establishment of a partnership between champions from Global North and Global South governments and civil society that will support further discussions on UHC accountability framework development and operationalisation that is linked to health, and where possible, other relevant SDGs.

G. Sixth Replenishment Conference

GFAN AP was invited as an observer to the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Meeting held on the 9th and 10th October 2019, in Lyon, France, hosted by the Government of the French Republic and spearheaded by President Emmanuel Macron.

The #HeroesGiveMore campaign materials were brought to the Sixth Replenishment Meeting and received high visibility during the Replenishment Meeting in various sessions.

This included youth representatives delivering interventions wearing the #HeroesGiveMore T-shirts at the welcome reception on the 9th October 2019, as well as the Heads of States dinner hosted by President Emmanuel Macron on the 9th October 2019; and President of the French Republic, H.E Emmanuel Macron also wore the #HeroesGiveMore pin on stage presented by Ms. Abhina Aher, representing the IWG and a speaker during the Replenishment Meeting as a representative of “Faces of the Fight” – a campaign developed by the Global Fund Secretariat.
Pre-Meeting for Communities and Civil Society

Co-organised by GFAN, GFAN Africa and GFAN AP, a Pre-Meeting for Communities and Civil Society was held on the morning of the 8th October 2019 to look back on the Investment Case and reflect upon shared victories and successes of the broader GFAN network, as well as to meet with Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund. This was an opportunity for all the advocates for the Global Fund in Lyon to share their perspectives, as well as strategizing for the last push before the pledges of the Replenishment Conference.

Supporting Youth at the Sixth Replenishment Meeting

GFAN AP coordinated and supported a group of six young HIV, TB and malaria activists from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe and Central Asia to prepare a youth statement and deliver it during the welcome reception of the Sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund on the 9th October 2019. The group of young activists with lived experiences of the three diseases commenced the preparation of the youth statement a week before the pledging conference. The youth statement was prepared as a response to the “Open Letter to 7-Year Olds” launched by the Global Fund and was well received by the audience. It is also featured as a highlight of the pledging conference.

The group of young people also met with the Executive Director of the Global Fund, Peter Sands, after the pledging conference and highlighted the need for a youth specific advisory mechanism to the Global Fund, to ensure that issues and concerns of young people are addressed effectively.

29 The Youth Statement is available [here](#).
H. Thanking Communities & Civil Society and Donors

Following the successful outcomes of the Sixth Replenishment that met the target of raising US$14.02 billion\(^{30}\) – the largest amount ever raised by a multilateral health organisation and the largest amount by the Global Fund, GFAN AP extends sincere gratitude to the donors of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment – donor and implementing countries, private sector and foundations (including High Net Worth Individuals) for their show of unprecedented global solidarity in stepping up the fight.

GFAN AP owes much of the accomplishments of our efforts to all our supporters, well-wishers and partners – including but not limited to the GFAN network, at the local, national, regional, and global levels, and the External Relations Division and Community Rights and Gender Department for working alongside communities and civil society and for providing constant support throughout key events organised by GFAN AP.

Communities and civil society partners in Asia-Pacific and beyond, including colleagues in Anglophone and Francophone Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, as well as in donor countries have been the cornerstone of the successes of GFAN AP initiated campaigns. Our partners have contributed their own resources, beyond the call of duty, for successful country rollouts.

To express appreciation to donors and partners for their contributions and collaborations after the Sixth Replenishment Conference, GFAN AP sent out thank you cards to over 130 donors and communities and civil society colleagues recognising their efforts and appreciating the collective impact.

We are committed to work in collaboration with the Global Fund partnership and all other stakeholders to ensure that our fight against the three diseases are on track to realize a world free of AIDS, TB and Malaria epidemics by 2030.

We thank you for proving that when the fight is hardest…

#HeroesGiveMore

The Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) is a platform of community and civil society advocates for a fully resourced 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 responses take into account community, rights and gender issues.

\(^{30}\) Pledges at Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Conference available here.