

Communities and Civil Society applaud the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa for hosting the Preparatory Meeting of the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund

[Civil Society for Malaria Elimination](#) (CS4ME), [Global Fund Advocates Network Africa](#) (GFAN Africa), [Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific](#) (GFAN AP), along with communities and civil society living with, affected by and vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria extends our heartiest congratulations to their Excellencies, the Presidents of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa for hosting the Preparatory Meeting of the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund).

The Global Fund Seventh Replenishment Preparatory Meeting which will take place on the 23rd and 24th of February 2022, marks an important milestone in the Replenishment cycle of the Global Fund with the launching of the Investment Case. Following the first time a Preparatory Meeting was hosted by an implementing country, the Republic of India, for the Sixth Replenishment in 2019, this will be the first time in the 20 years history of the Global Fund whereby five implementing countries are co-hosting the Preparatory Meeting – a clear indication of the crucial role played by implementing countries and the support towards the Global Fund even as we continue in our fight against HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics amidst COVID-19.

The [Global Fund Advocates Network](#) (GFAN) in its “[Fully Fund the Global Fund: Get Back on Track to End AIDS, TB and Malaria in a COVID World](#)” report estimates that to close the gaps and get back on track the HIV, TB and Malaria responses, the Global Fund will need at least **USD 28.5 billion** for the period **2023-2025**, which includes USD 1.5 billion to support community-led programmes that are the foundation of success.

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, national and global HIV, TB and malaria investments and responses were not on track to achieve 2030 targets. The pandemic exacerbated the situation by diverting limited resources and disrupted the access to and provision of health services across the world, threatening to reverse the hard-earned gains achieved against the three diseases. Between April and September 2020, compared to the same six-month period in 2019, HIV testing fell by 41%; TB referrals declined by 59%; and malaria diagnoses fell by 31%. The effects if not urgently and adequately addressed, will push the three responses off track and will prevent us from achieving 2030 targets.

The decisive responses of the Global Fund to COVID-19, through its [5% Grant Flexibilities](#) and [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) (C19RM) initiatives, ensured that implementing countries including low- and lower-middle income nations are supported to not only fight COVID-19 but also to protect progress against HIV, TB and malaria. In the face of the worst health emergency in recent world history, community systems supported and strengthened by the Global Fund over the past 20 years proved their indispensability by linking key and vulnerable populations to HIV, TB and malaria services during lockdowns and curfews and ensuring continued services, preventing disruptions.

The collaborative hosting of the Global Fund Seventh Replenishment by Global Fund implementing countries: the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the

Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa is a strong call for all stakeholders of the Global Fund to rally towards a successful Seventh Replenishment to fight the three diseases, support community-led programmes that are the foundation of success, achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for key and vulnerable populations, protect and promote human rights and gender equality, and create resilient and sustainable systems for health.

CS4ME, GFAN Africa, and GFAN AP, along with communities and civil society from our regions express our full support to the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Republic of Kenya, the Republic of Rwanda, the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of South Africa and the Global Fund for a successful Seventh Replenishment Preparatory Meeting and urge all donors and stakeholders to join forces to contribute to this global cause because...

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[Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific](#)

Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) is an advocacy platform of HIV, Tuberculosis and malaria community and civil society organisations in the Asia-Pacific region. GFAN AP supports advocacy for a fully resourced Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund); increased and sustainable domestic resource mobilisation for health; and equitable, people-centred, human rights-based and gender transformative inclusion of HIV, Tuberculosis and malaria responses within Universal Health Coverage (UHC). For more information, please contact Rachel Ong, Regional Coordinator at Rachel.ong@gfanasiapacific.org.

[GFAN Africa](#)

The Global Fund Advocates Network Africa (GFAN Africa) is a continent-wide social movement that demands health for all by recruiting, connecting and mobilizing health advocates (individuals and organizations) to communicate the urgent need for a fully funded Global Fund to defeat HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. GFAN Africa also leads civil society and communities in efforts towards advocacy for Governments to increase the allocation of domestic resources for health. GFAN Africa seeks to maximize the impact of investments in health and to save lives. For more information, please contact Rosemary Mburu at rosemary@wacihealth.org.

[Civil Society For Malaria Elimination](#)

Civil Society For Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) The Civil Society For Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) is a global network of civil society organizations and communities contributing to malaria elimination and ensure that communities are at the centre of malaria programs. Firm in the belief that empowered community and civil society are game-changers in health responses, CS4ME facilitates a platform for representatives of malaria communities and civil society to come together as part of their commitment to jointly advocate for more effective, sustainable, people-centred, rights-based, equitable, and inclusive malaria programmes. For more information, please contact Olivia Ngou at olivia.ngou@impactsante.org