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Global Week of Action:

Communities & Civil Society Call for at least US\$ 18 Billion for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund

Singapore, 15th March 2022 – In global solidarity, communities living with, affected by, and/or vulnerable to HIV, Tuberculosis (Tb) and malaria and civil society from over 55 countries from both donor and implementing countries of the Global Fund joined together during the [Global Week of Action](#) held from 7th to 11th March 2022 to call on the global donor community to rally together and raise at least US\$18 billion for the [Seventh Replenishment](#) of the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria \(Global Fund\)](#).

The Global Week of Action, co-organised by [Civil Society For Malaria Elimination \(CS4Me\)](#), [Global Fund Advocates Network \(GFAN\)](#), [GFAN Africa](#) and [GFAN Asia-Pacific \(GFAN AP\)](#) mobilised communities and civil society collectively to create momentum as part of the “[In Extraordinary Times... The Power of More](#)” campaign developed by GFAN AP for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund.

Around the world, communities and civil society have been reaching out to Embassies and High Commissions of donor countries through physical and virtual meetings; with letters posted, couriered, hand delivered or emailed; as well as on social media platforms. The efforts aimed to raise awareness of Embassies and High Commissions of donor countries on the impact of Global Fund investments on national HIV, TB, and malaria responses, on strengthening health and community systems, and protecting and promoting human rights and gender equality of key and vulnerable populations.

“The coming together of communities and civil society from implementing countries through a global mobilising effort showcases the support that communities and civil society have for the Global Fund. As a global partnership, we have a shared responsibility for a successfully replenished Global Fund that can continue to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19, accelerate the delivery of core interventions for the three diseases to achieve SDG 3 and UHC, and prepare effectively for future pandemics through strengthened health and community systems,” said Masaki Inaba, Program Director for Global Health, Africa Japan Forum, and Steering Committee Member of GFAN AP.

Since its establishment in 2002, the Global Fund has saved over 44 million lives, put 21.9 million people on Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) for HIV, treated 4.7 million people with TB, and distributed 188 million mosquito nets by the end of 2020. In the face of COVID-19, in addition to maintaining core HIV, TB and malaria programme interventions, the Global Fund approved US\$4.1 billion to support 108 countries and 21 multi-country programmes to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the three diseases, and support health and community systems. This has ensured health and community systems supported by the Global Fund were not disrupted and lifesaving HIV, TB and malaria testing, treatment, prevention, care, and support services continued to reach those most in need despite COVID-19 induced curfews and lockdowns.

“Communities and civil society are at the heart of the success of the Global Fund partnership which has ensured community systems are established and strengthened because of its investments in over 100 countries. Raising at least US\$18 billion will ensure that resources can be increased towards the necessary strengthening and sustaining of community systems that are crucial for the long-term successes of the Global Fund partnership, and we call on the donor community as part of the Global Fund Board to actualise the Global Fund’s commitments in promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality,” said Rosemary Mburu, Executive Director of WACI Health, host of GFAN Africa.

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As the Global Fund celebrates its 20th Anniversary, the Seventh Replenishment Conference hosted by President Biden of the United States in Q3 of 2022 provides a vital opportunity for the world to come together in global solidarity to get back on track to achieve the SDGs and global targets of HIV, TB and malaria while mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 on the three diseases and the livelihoods of communities in Global Fund supported countries.

“The Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund is a major opportunity to advance global health equity and a major test of the world’s commitment to act on global priorities with global solidarity,” said Chris Collins, President and CEO of Friends of the Global Fund, and GFAN International Steering Committee Member. “We simply cannot afford to fall short of our funding target.”

For the first time in its 20 years history, the [Global Fund Results Report 2021](#) reported declines in targets achieved for the three diseases at the end of 2020. The [Global Fund Investment Case](#) was launched at the [Seventh Replenishment Preparatory Meeting](#) co-hosted by a coalition of African leaders from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal and South Africa on 23rd and 24th February 2022, and calls for **at least US\$18 billion** to help us towards attaining objectives set out in the [Global Fund Strategy 2023 – 2028: Fighting Pandemics and Building a Healthier and More Equitable World](#), and will:

- Save 20 million lives between 2024 and 2026;
- Reduce the death toll across the three diseases to 950,000 in 2026, down from 2.4 million in 2020;
- Avert more than 450 million infections or cases;
- Catalyse scale-up of domestic investments of up to US\$59 billion;
- Reinforce systems for health and pandemic preparedness;
- Yield a return on investment of US\$1:31; and
- Reduce inequities in health services by addressing gender-related and human rights barriers and building more inclusive health systems that leave no one behind.

However, the ask of US\$ 18 billion is the bare minimum required for us to effectively reverse the trajectories for HIV, TB and malaria, and it is not enough to meet our 2030 targets. Therefore, we stand behind the [GFAN ask](#) for at least US\$24 billion to close the resource gap needed to fight the three disease for the Seventh Replenishment, US\$6 billion above the minimum funding need expressed in the Global Fund Investment Case.

Communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to the three diseases, and civil society around the world call on the global donor community to rally together with all stakeholders of the Global Fund partnership to advocate for increased pledges to raise at least US\$18 billion for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund as We Fight For What Counts because...

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