

# In Extraordinary Times... The Power of More

16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and Representatives of the UK Government,

Ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), as over 360 civil society organisations from across the Commonwealth, we urge the UK Government to continue its strong partnership with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund).

Twenty years ago, in an act of extraordinary global leadership and partnership with many Commonwealth members, the UK Government co-founded the Global Fund. We welcome that the UK Government's recently published International Development Strategy recognises that the Commonwealth and multilateral organisations are essential partners in achieving the UK's goals.

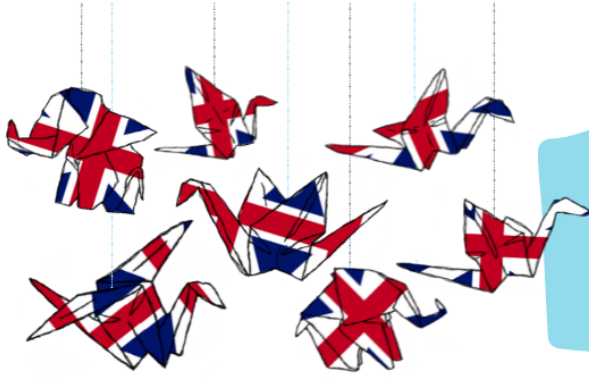
The impact of Global Fund investments in the Commonwealth and beyond are profound. The Global Fund has helped to save over 44 million lives and the combined death rate from the three diseases has reduced by more than half in the countries in which the Global Fund invests in. The Global Fund provides over \$4 billion in grants each year and about half of that goes to Commonwealth countries.

At the 2018 CHOGM hosted by the UK Government, leaders committed to halving malaria by 2023. Despite the Global Fund's rapid and determined response, COVID-19 has severely impacted hard-won gains against malaria, other infectious diseases and health systems. For the first time in 20 years, malaria cases and deaths increased last year. Securing at least \$18bn for the Global Fund would get us back on track and avert more than 450 million HIV, TB and malaria infections or cases. Malaria deaths will decrease by 62% and malaria will be eliminated from an additional six countries by 2026. If we are to stay true to commitments from the 2018 CHOGM, renewed UK partnership with the Global Fund will be critical.

We applaud the UK's leadership and commitment to gender equality and women's rights as demonstrated in the new International Development strategy. Continued high level Global Fund investment will be critical in delivering on this. Women and girls continue to be disproportionately affected by ill health because of AIDS, TB and malaria. For example, opportunistic infections resulting from HIV are the leading cause of death of women of reproductive age globally and around one third of all pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa suffer from malaria. The Global Fund is one of the most impactful investments that the UK Government makes in supporting women and girls. About one-third of Global Fund investments directly benefits Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). The Global Fund's focus on gender equality and its SRHR related investments cut across disease programmes, health systems, and rights interventions. Therefore, the Global Fund is arguably the largest multilateral provider of grants to improve the health and wellbeing of girls and women in all their diversity globally. Thanks to the Global Fund's investments, more than 85% of pregnant women living with HIV now have access to medicine to prevent transmitting HIV to their babies, and in 2020 the Global Fund supported 11.5 million pregnant women to receive preventive therapy for malaria. Getting to at least US\$18 billion could enable the Global Fund partnership to reduce HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women in most affected countries by 72%. Failing to meet the Global Fund's target of a 30% increase to contributions from the Sixth Replenishment will jeopardise any gains made and will have devastating impacts for women and girls the world over.

The Global Fund also delivers impact in challenging operating environments. Countries facing conflict or other crises receive about one third of Global Fund investments. This work is all the more

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important in the face of a crisis, like Tropical Cyclone Ana in Malawi and Mozambique, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Prior to the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the Global Fund had invested \$850m in the country, where HIV and TB rates - particularly multidrug-resistant TB - are some of the highest in Europe. Global Fund investments have helped to reduce new HIV infections to around a third of the number in 2002, and almost halved the number of people living with TB. Additional funding was mobilised in less than a week by the Global Fund to ensure that, through the course of the war, people living with HIV and TB are still able to receive the essential services and treatment to reduce the spread of infectious diseases across the region.

As the past two years have shown, we need to build stronger and more resilient health systems to fight future pandemics. The Global Fund currently invests \$1.5bn a year in strengthening health and community systems and pandemic preparedness. The Global Fund plans to increase this to \$2bn over the period of 2023-26. This will enable the Fund to support countries to build more effective health systems that are better able to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease threats.

Given the Global Fund's critical role in reducing disease incidence, building health systems and strengthening systems to respond to pandemics, these investments are key in advancing Commonwealth countries' economic development and trading partnerships. Every dollar invested for the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment will result approximately in US\$31 in health gains and economic returns.

The target for the Seventh Replenishment for at least US\$18 billion will get the world back on track towards ending AIDS, TB and malaria, strengthen health and community systems, and prepare for future pandemics. To meet this goal and save a further 20 million lives, the Global Fund is asking all donors to increase their pledges in national currency by 30%. Across the Commonwealth, Governments are stepping up their commitments to the Global Fund. The United States (U.S.) has pledged US\$6 billion but each \$1 from the United States must be matched with \$2 from other donors. Every £100 million short of this \$18bn goal would leave £50 million of U.S. funding on the table.

A 30% increase to the UK's contribution at the Sixth Replenishment equates to approximately an additional £140 million per year from current investments. This investment would help to save 2.6 million lives between 2024 and 2026 and avert more than 59 million infections or cases.

We urge the UK Government to step up to Fight For What Counts, and stand with its Commonwealth allies in the fight to end epidemics because

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Yours sincerely,

A Shot In The Arm Podcast

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Action against NCDs in Eswatini

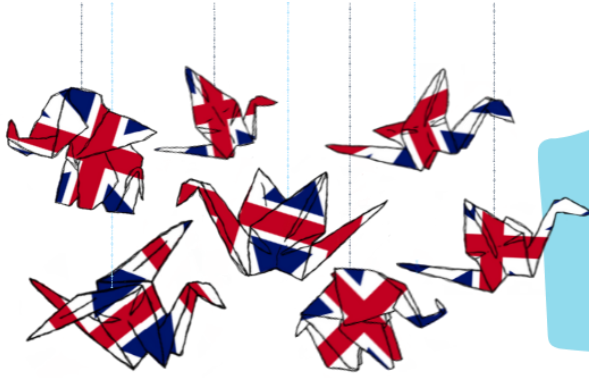
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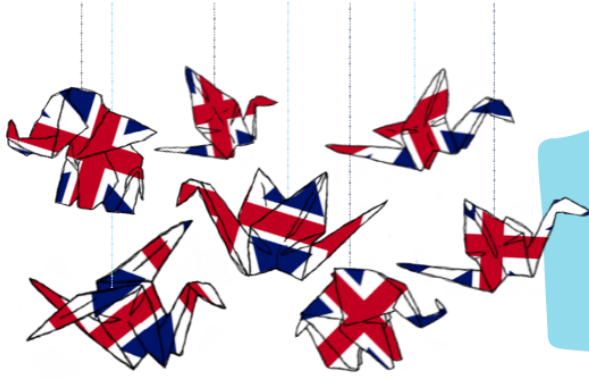
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- Advantage Africa
- Advocacy Initiative for Development (AID)
- Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA)
- Africa Japan Forum
- African Network of Adolescents and Young Persons Development (ANAYD)
- Afrihealth Optonet Association (CSOs Network)/Society for Conservation and Sustainability of Energy and Environment in Nigeria (SOCSEEN)
- Afrocab Treatment Access Partnership
- Agra Positive People Welfare society, AGRA
- Ahfco
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation - South Africa
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation - Zimbabwe
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation- Malawi
- Aids Healthcare Foundation-Kenya
- Aids Orphan UK Trust
- Aidspan
- All Nations Hope Network
- Allahabad network for people living with HIV /AIDS society prayagraaj
- Alliance for Sustainable Development Organization (ASDO)
- Ambassadors for youths and adolescent reproductive health program
- Approche Participative, Développement et Santé de Proximité (APDSP)
- Arena of Hope and Change Foundation
- Ashar Alo Society
- Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas (ACEID)
- Association Camerounaise pour l'épanouissement et l'autonomisation des personnes vulnérables
- Association Féminine Vision Positive " AFVIPO "
- ASSOCIATION FEMMES ET ENFANTS
- Association for prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA)
- Association For Promotion Sustainable Development
- Azamgarh positive network of people living with HIV/AIDS Society
- Baba Azimi Foundation (BAF)
- BAMANEH
- Banaras Network for Positive People Living with HIV/AIDS Society
- Bandhu Social Welfare Society (Bandhu)
- BAPSA
- Barakabaho Foundation
- BGMEA TB Control Project
- Bhilwara Network for people living with HIV/ AIDS sansthan
- Bihar Network For People Living With HIV/AIDS Society
- Bikaner Network for Peoples Living With HIV Sansthan (BNP+)
- Bishnu
- BKMEA TB Control Project
- Blood Patients Protection Council Kerala
- Lean on Me Foundation
- Lesotho Council of NGOs
- Life Building Awareness Initiative (LIBAI)
- Life care society for underprivileged (HP)
- Love Life Society
- Malaysia AIDS Council
- Madhira Institute
- Malaria Consortium
- Malaria No More UK
- Malaria Youth Army Champion
- MAMATA
- Mau Positive Network of People living with HIV/AIDS Society
- MDG Achieving Organization
- Meera Foundation
- Midwife
- Mithuru Mithuro Movement
- Moradabad Network Positive Welfare society
- Most At Risk Populations' Society in Uganda
- Mothers Initiatives Africa
- Nalgonda Youth positive society people living HIV/AIDS (NYPS+)
- Nari Matree ( NM )
- NATAB
- National Advocacy Key Population Advocacy Consortium
- National Anti Tuberculosis Association Of Bangladesh(NATAB)
- National Coalition of PLHIV in India (NCPI+)
- National Transgender Network Sri Lanka
- Network for chennai People Living with HIV/AIDS (NCP+)
- Network for Positive People in Trichy (NPT+)
- Network of Aurangabad By People Living with HIV
- Network of Hingoli by people living with HIV Hingoli
- Network of Kolhapur by People living with HIV/AIDS
- Network of Maharashtra by People Living with HIV/AIDS (NMP+)
- Network Of Parbhani District By People Living With HIV/AIDS
- Network of PLHIV(NOP+),
- ONE Campaign
- Ontario Positive Asians (OPA+)
- Organization of African Youth-Kenya
- OSER HUMANITAIRE
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Initiative(OLPHI)
- Outreach Scout Foundation
- Pace-Setter For Development of Rural Communities Initiative
- PacificwinPacific
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- Pamoja TB group
- Paribar Kallayn Samity (PKS)

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Blue Cross Nyatike Community Development Programme

Botswana Network on Ethics, Law & HIV/AIDS (BONELA)

BRAC

Building Capacities for Better Health in Africa Cameroon

Canadian AIDS Society

Canadian Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases

Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health

Canadian Positive People Network (CPPN)

Carelink Resource Foundation (CRF)

Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC)

Catholics for AIDS Prevention and Support (CAPS)

CEHRDF UK

Center for Media Advocacy for Mother and Child (CAMAC)

Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum - CEHRDF

Centre For Health Rights Cbo

Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research Initiative (CHEDRES)

Centre for Sustainable Development and Education in Africa

Child Way Uganda

Child/Women Welfare Foundation

Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP)

CHISA

Christ Soldiers Foundation

Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation

Churu Network for People Living With HIV/AIDS Sansthan

CILSIDA

CITAMplus

Citizens Climate International

Citizens Concern Africa (CICOA)

Civil Society Movement against TB

Coimbatore Network for Positive People (CNP+)

Communities in Development Activities (COIDA)

Commonwealth HIV & AIDS Action Group

Community Social Development Foundation

Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD)

Council of People Living with HIV AIDS of Kerala (CPK+)

Cuddalore District HIV Positive Society (CDS +)

Damien Foundation

Delhi Users' Network

Deoria network for people living with AIDS Society

Development for Peace Education

Dhaka Ahsania Mission

Dharmapuri District HIV Positive Welfare Society (DDPWS+)

Dindigul District HIV Positive Society (DDS+)

Diversity And Solidarity Trust Sri Lanka

Dr Uzo Adirieje Foundation (DUZAFUND)

PARIVARTAN FOUNDATION-AHMEDABAD & GUJARAT STATE NETWORK OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.

Pentecostal Advocates for Socio-Economic Development (PENASED)

People living with HIV AIDS-PLAS Lyantonde

People's Health Movement - Kenya

People's Health Movement Tanzania (PHM Tanzania)

Perambalur District Network For HIV Positive People (PDNP+)

Persatuan Insaf Murni Malaysia

Pete Activist who living with HIV.

Phenomenal Youths Association

PILS

PIME Sisters Khulna

Pink Triangle Foundation

PNG National Key Population Advocacy Consortium

Positive Action Against Poverty (PAAP)

Positive Malaysian Treatment Access & Advocacy Group (MTAAG+)

Positive Society Women Network

Positive Young Women Voices

Pratapgarh network for people living with HIV/AIDS

prayas network of positive people welfare society (PNPP)

Prevention Access Campaign

Princess of Africa Foundation

PT Foundation

Public Health International Consulting Center (PHICC)

Pudukkottai District HIV Positive people Welfare Society (PDPS+)

Puthuvai Cluny Social Service Trust

Rainbow Mirrors Uganda

Rainbow TB forum

Rajarata Gami Pahana

Rajmala Welfare Society, India's Diverse Chamber

RDRS Bangladesh

Regional Centre for International Development Corporation

Rekat Peduli Indonesia

Resource Integration Centre (RIC)

Restless Development

Results Australia

Results Canada

RESULTS Korea

RESULTS UK

ROALP-TOGO

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

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Rural Integrated Development Initiative

Rural Mother and Gender Care Initiative

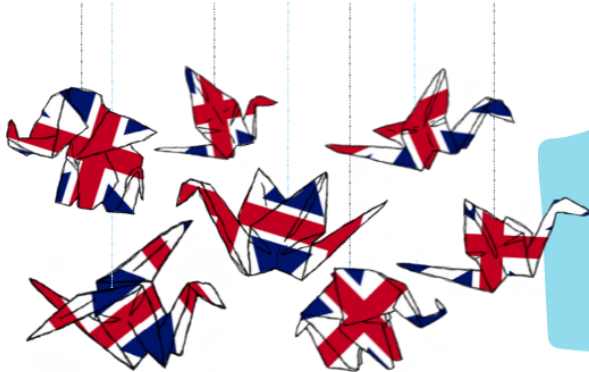
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Sanjeevan Bahu-udeshiya Samaj Seva Sanstha, Nagpur

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Emony Yefwe International

Empire Plus Network

Equality for All Foundation Jamaica

Eswatini Coalition on TB

Fédération nationale des organisations de santé de Côte d'Ivoire (FENOS-CI)

Foundation for Environmental Watch

Friends Frangipani Inc-PNG

Frontline AIDS

Geeta Mahila uthan ssmi

Génération Maastricht

George House Trust

GFAN Africa

Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Malaria

Gift Of Hope Foundation

Girls Advocacy Network- Ghana

GLEF Foundation

Global Citizen

Global Fund Advocates Network

Global Fund Advocates Network Africa

Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP)

Global Network of Sex Work Projects

Global Network of Young People Living with HIV (Y+ Global)

Global TB Prevention Justice Collaborative (GTPJC)

Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)

Good Health Community Programmes

Grassroots Development Initiatives Foundation-Kenya (GRADIF-Kenya)

Gujarat state network of people living with HIV AIDS GSNP

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Hadoti Network for People Living With HIV/AIDS Samiti Kota

Harm Reduction Zambia Network

Hathras positive peoples welfare society

Health Care Community of Positive Peoples, Ambajogai

Health for Children Organization

HEED Bangladesh

HER VOICE KENYA

HIV Buddies

HIV Legal Network / Réseau juridique VIH

HIV Scotland

Hope Centre Foundation (HOCEFO)

Hope for Future Generations

KMSS

Sarathi Kalyankari Sanstha Bhandara (NBP+)

SASOD Guyana

Saviya Development Foundation

Self Help And Development Everywhere (SHADE SL).

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Sisterhood for Health Equality Zambia (SHEZ)

Sk. Khurshid Anwar

Social Linkages for Youth Development and Child Link

Society for Conservation and Sustainability of Energy and Environment in Nigeria (SOCSEEN)

SOLDIS "Solidarité pour le Développement et les Initiatives de Santé Publique"

Sophia Forum

Southern African Miners Association (SAMA)

SRHR HUBS TORONTO

Stop TB Canada

STOPAIDS

Strategic Alliance for Research and Development

Strategic Poverty Alleviation Systems--SPAS

Subrang Society

Success Capital Organisation

Sustainable Impact for Development in Africa (SIDAF)

Swaziland Network of Young Positives

Synergy Care Development Initiative

TackleAfrica

Tamilnad Network of Positive People

Tamilnadu Positive Women Network (TPWN+)

Tanzania AIDS Forum

Tanzania Child and Youth Rescue Organization (TCYRO)

Tanzania Community Health Information and Support (TaCHIS)

Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV and AIDS

TB Alert

TB Alert India

TB women Global

TBPPM Learning Network

Thanjavur district network of positive people TDNP+

The Christian Spiritual Youth Ministry(CSYM HUDUMA)Tanzania

The Coalition for Health Research and Development (CHReAD)

The Leprosy Mission International-Bangladesh (TLMi-B)

The Reformed Drug and Substance Abuse Initiative (REDSAI)

Thuchila Youth Empowerment Programme and Development Network

Tilottama Voluntary Women's Organization

TINADA Youth Organization

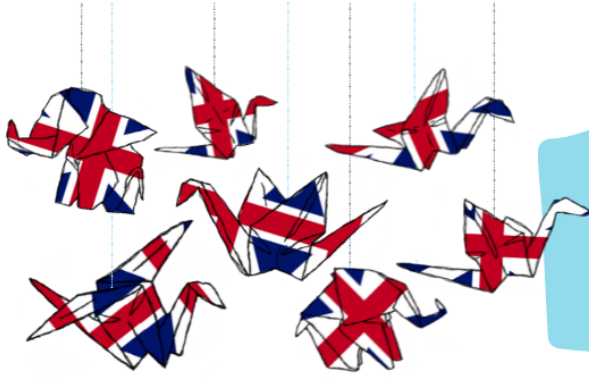
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Tunaweza Organisation

Uganda Peace Foundation

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India Working Group for Health Advocacy

Indian Social Service Instiute

Innovations for Development (I4DEV)

Int'l Centre for Women Empowerment & Child Dev (ICWECD)

International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN)

International Christian Center for Education and Development

International Community Service Center Trust

International Planned Parenthood Federation

International Youth Council-Yemen (IYCY)

Jabalpur Network of people Living with HIV/ AIDS Society

Jamaica AIDS Support for Life

Jamaica Community of Positive Women (JCW+)

Jaunpur Network for HIV positive People Living with AIDS Society

Kalinga Network for People Living With HIV/AIDS (KNP+) Odisha

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KAPOTEC FOUNDATION UG

KENEPOTE

Kenguelekezé Para Saúde Direitos Humanos e Meio Ambiente

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Kenya Malaria Youth Army

Kenya network of positive teachers

Kenya Orphans Support Organization

Key populations Uganda

Khawaja Sira Society

Khulna Leprosy and TB control project

KUBORESHA-AFRICA LIMITED

Khulna Mukti Seba Sangstha (KMSS)

Kokoto cbo

Krishnagiri district living with HIV/AIDS Welfare society (KDAS+)

Ugenya Youth Community Development Project

Ukana West 2 Community Based Health Initiative

United for Global Mental Health

Upline Centre for Development (UCD)

Uttar Pradesh Welfare for People Living with HIV/AIDS Society

Venasa Transgender Network

Virudhunagar District HIV Ullor Nala Sangam

Vision makers

Voluntary Health Association of India

Voluntary Health Association of Tripura

WACI Health

Wakambadhala Kusindi Youth Group

Wasaib Sanwaro

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Network

Wider Aid & Development Agency-South Sudan

Women Against Rape Inc

Women Coalition for Agenda 2030

Women Organization For Worldwide Islam (OFIF/WOWI)

Women Together Edu-cultural Center

Women Wake up

Women4GlobalFund

World Mission Prayer League (LAMB hospital)

World University Service (WUS Germany)

World Vision UK

Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance

Wote Youth Development Projects

Yaah Foundation

YAPBEC

Young Out Here Sri Lanka Trust

Youth Advocating Positive Behaviour Change

Youth and Women for Change

Youth and Women for Opportunities Uganda-YWOU

Youth Foundation of Bangladesh

Youth LEAD Asia Pacific regional network for YKPs

Youths Initiative for Peace and Innovation (YIPI)

Zéro Pauvre Afrique (ZPA)

Zimbabwe Community Competence Trust

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