



## Communities and Civil Society in Asia-Pacific Applaud Japan's Increased Pledge for Global Fund Seventh Replenishment

[Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific \(GFAN AP\)](#) together with [Africa Japan Forum \(AJF\)](#), The Activists Coalition on TB – Asia Pacific (ACT! AP), [APCASO](#), [APCOM](#), [Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV \(APN+\)](#), [Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers \(APNSW\)](#), [Asia Pacific Transgender Network \(APT\)](#), [Global Coalition of TB Activists \(GCTA\)](#), [Regional Malaria CSO Platform GMS](#), [Network of Asian People who Use Drugs \(NAPUD\)](#), [Youth LEAD](#) and [Youth Voices Count \(YVC\)](#) along with communities and civil society living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria in the Asia-Pacific region applauds Prime Minister Kishida Fumio, the Government of Japan and its people for the USD 1.08 billion pledge to the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) announced by Prime Minister Kishida on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD8) held in Tunisia. This is the first pledge from a G7 country that has pledged an increase of 30% from its Sixth Replenishment pledge covering 2020 – 2022 of USD 840 million. Japan is the fifth largest public donor to the Global Fund and has contributed USD 4.24 billion to date.

“This announcement from Prime Minister Kishida weeks before the Replenishment Conference is a strong rallying call to all donor countries to join the fight against HIV, TB and malaria through increasing their pledges to the Global Fund to achieve at least USD 18 billion. Global Fund has been working with communities to develop resilient and sustainable systems for health and financing the Global Fund is one of the most effective ways to invest in community responses for health. This announcement also proves beyond a doubt the commitment of Japan to end the three diseases as epidemics and achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for all,” said Masaki Inaba, Program Director for Global Health of AJF and Steering Committee Member of GFAN AP. “At the same time, it is a stark reminder from Japan to the world that the three diseases should remain a key focus of the global health agenda to achieve a healthier world in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and to leave no one behind.”

This pledge and significant increase demonstrates the strong commitment, leadership and global solidarity of Japan as a strong leader in global health and who paved the way for the establishment of the Global Fund at the G8 Summit in Okinawa in 2000.

For its Seventh Replenishment, the Global Fund calls upon the global donor community to raise **at least qUSD 18 billion**. The Seventh Replenishment Conference will be hosted by United States President Joe Biden on 19 September 2022. The President's Budget Request for FY23 included a request for USD 2 billion for the Global Fund Replenishment with an intended total pledge of USD 6 billion for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund and has offered to match every USD 2 from other donors with USD 1.

**At least USD 18 billion** will save 20 million lives between 2024 and 2026; catalyse scale-up of domestic investments of up to USD 59 billion; reinforce systems for health and pandemic preparedness; reduce inequities in health services; and yield a return on investment of USD 1:31.

"We have only eight years before the 2030 deadline that we have set for ourselves to end the three pandemics of HIV, TB and malaria as public health threats and COVID-19 has displaced many of our hard-earned gains. There is only one way for us to achieve this critical target – to step up the fight, with stronger political will, greater efforts and more resources. The Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund will provide the proof of whether we live up to our promises", said Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Executive Director of [Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives \(SCDI\)](#) and Chair of GFAN AP Steering Committee. "The increased pledge recently announced by Prime Minister Kishida Fumio is a showcase of the strong political will of the Government of Japan and great advocacy efforts from Japan's communities and civil society. We know we can count on you."

Communities and civil society call upon all other public and private donors to Fight for What Counts and to Meet the Target to achieve **at least USD 18 billion** and not to fail the millions of lives that will be saved through the Global Fund which is building and strengthening sustainable and resilient systems for health, mitigating the impacts of COVID-19, preparing for future pandemics to ensure healthy lives, and promoting well-being for all. Demonstrating global solidarity and ensuring a successfully resourced Global Fund is more crucial than ever for us because

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The [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).

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