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Communities and Civil Society in Asia-Pacific urge the UK for a bolder and bigger pledge for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund

Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) together with 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 \(APTNTN\)](#), [Regional Malaria CSO Platform GMS](#), [Network of Asian People who Use Drugs \(NAPUD\)](#), [Youth LEAD](#), [Youth Voices Count \(YVC\)](#) and communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society in Asia-Pacific acknowledge the announcement made by the United Kingdom (UK) Minister of Development, Andrew Mitchell on 14 November of GBP 1 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund).

While we appreciate the UK's commitment to the Global Fund amidst national economic challenges, we note with grave concern that the UK's pledge to the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund is almost a 30% cut from its pledge to the Global Fund from its Sixth Replenishment 2019 of GBP 1.46 billion. The UK is a founding member and long-time partner of the Global Fund. The country has been the third largest public donor to the Global Fund, with a total contribution of GBP 4.43 billion to date.

The Global Fund [Seventh Replenishment Investment Case](#) called for **at least USD 18 billion** to help the world get back on track to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics and save 20 million lives between 2024 and 2026. With eight years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), countries of the G7 came together with increased investments, reinvigorated commitment and political will to make the money work to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics by 2030. While the United States, Canada, South Africa, Germany, Japan and Ireland - peers of the UK, responded to the rallying calls of the Global Fund and communities and civil society by increasing their pledges by 30% to the Seventh Replenishment, the 30% decrease of the UK at a critical juncture of the global responses to HIV, TB, malaria and for pandemic prevention and preparedness is alarming.

With the UK's pledge, we are now at USD 15.669 billion and still USD 2.331 billion short of achieving the target of **at least USD 18 billion** for the Seventh Replenishment. This is only 78% of the need covered for 2024 – 2026 for us to get back on track to end HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics as the Global Fund begins implementation of its new [Strategy](#).

Reaching this target will reduce (a) HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women in most affected countries by 72%; (b) new TB cases by 27%, from 8.5 million to 6.2 million; and (c) malaria deaths by 62%, from 623,000 to 234,000. The 30% reduction of the pledge from the UK comes with significant consequences; including risking 1.54 million potential lives lost due to HIV and over 34.5 million new HIV transmissions across the three diseases.

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At a time when the global HIV, TB and malaria response is in danger, this UK pledge undermines the international goals to end AIDS, TB and malaria as a global public health threat by 2030.

“The UK has been a strong supporter of the Global Fund since its establishment in 2002. Through its contributions to the Global Fund and its direct bilateral support to countries, the UK has facilitated numerous gains in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria, ensuring gender equality for all and protecting and promoting human rights of those who are marginalised and vulnerable. The UK must strive to maintain its leadership role in the global health movement and catalyse change among its peers for bigger, better and bolder actions to end existing epidemics and face future health threats. It is time that the UK materialise this commitment with the required 30% increase to its pledge to the Global Fund Seventh Replenishment,” said Dr Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, Executive Director of [Centre for Community Development Initiatives \(SCDI\)](#) Vietnam and Chair of GFAN AP Steering Committee.

At the Replenishment Conference hosted by United States President Joe Biden in New York on September 21, the United Kingdom (UK) Minister of State for Development in the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Vicky Ford reiterated the significant contributions of the UK to fight preventable deadly diseases across the world and emphasised the UK’s intent to be a strong supporter and contributor to the Global Fund in line with strengthening the UK’s approach to Global Health in its International Development Strategy.

As communities and civil society, **we urge the UK to stand by its commitment to Global Health and continue to be a leader in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria and preventing future pandemics.**

We urge the UK to match its efforts to global commitments and within its International Development Strategy.

We urge the UK to reemphasize its commitment to ending HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics and plan for a bolder and bigger pledge to the Global Fund Seventh Replenishment over the next three years.

The time is now for action! We cannot fall behind in saving lives, as communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society in Asia-Pacific, we call upon the UK to #FightForWhatCounts and increase its pledge by 30% from the pledge made at the Sixth Replenishment because

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