



Joint Civil Society Statement to the TICAD 9 Yokohama Declaration

On 22 August 2025, the heads of state, governments, and delegations of Japan and African Union Member States released the [TICAD 9 Yokohama Declaration](#) upon the conclusion of the three-day Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9).

As Japanese, African and Asia-Pacific communities and civil society living with and/or affected by HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, we appreciate the recognition of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) and the welcoming of a “robust and successful” Eighth Replenishment outcome in the Declaration.

We applaud the renewed affirmations by Japan and African Union member states on health as an essential element for social development and human capital in Africa, and support for expanding universal health coverage (UHC) and primary health care by strengthening health systems; bolstering pandemic prevention, preparedness and response; as well as tightening governance and accountability for transparent and effective health investments to address the threats of major communicable and non-communicable diseases.

Furthermore, we appreciate the commitments by Japan and African Union Member States to promote private sector and impact investment to boost domestic and sustainable health financing in line with the Africa CDC's "Africa's Health Financing in the New Era". We also acknowledge and appreciate important intersectionalities on health, gender, marginalised identities, and the climate crisis noted in the Declaration.

The Global Fund partnership supports and connects countries to develop and implement practical, innovative financial mechanisms, which complement traditional grants and domestic financing, as part of its commitment to programmatic and financial sustainability. Global Fund investments also actively address inequities, human rights, gender and climate-related barriers that prevent vulnerable and marginalised populations from accessing effective and equitable health services.

The Declaration is a strong affirmation of Japan's steadfast leadership in global health, UHC and sustainable development. We applaud and thank Japan for their longstanding support of the Global Fund, a partnership which has saved 65 million lives; reduced deaths from HIV, TB and malaria by 63%; and strengthened health and community systems in more than 100 countries, including over 50 countries in Africa. We also note and applaud increased efforts and progress made by African countries to enhance domestic resource mobilisation over the past two years.

Japan is a founding father and fifth largest donor to the Global Fund, whose contributions of US\$5.24 billion to date has expanded access to equitable, people-centred, human rights-based and gender-transformative health responses to vulnerable and marginalised populations, as well as enabled historic progress towards UHC and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa and across the world.

The Global Fund needs for its Eighth Replenishment at least US\$18 billion to save 23 million lives between 2027 and 2029; prevent around 400 million infections of HIV, TB and malaria; and deliver a return of US\$19 in health and economic gains for every dollar invested.

As Japanese, African and Asia-Pacific communities and civil society living with and/or affected by HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, we call on:

- **The government of Japan to support a fully resourced Global Fund with a minimum maintenance pledge of US\$1.08 billion for the Eighth Replenishment.**
- **African Union member states to implement existing global and continental domestic resource mobilisation (DRM) commitments to ensure health financing is sustainable, predictable, and adequate to meet national targets.**
- **All dutybearers and stakeholders to ensure long-term, stable funding for community-led and rights-based health responses that remove barriers to care, protect human rights, and deliver effective, equitable services.**

In solidarity,

[Africa Japan Forum \(AJF\)](#)

[Civil Society For Malaria Elimination \(CS4ME\)](#)

[Global Fund Advocates Network Africa \(GFAN Africa\)](#)

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