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## As #OneWorldOneFight,

## we need a fully resourced Global Fund #MoreNowThanEver!

As the eighth largest public donor to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) and a steadfast supporter and partner, Sweden's total contributions to the Global Fund have reached SEK 15.89 billion. On a per capita basis, Sweden is the third most generous nation and participates on the Global Fund Board through the P7 constituency.

As communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society globally and across Africa and Asia-Pacific, we express our deepest appreciation to Sweden which enables our collective fight against HIV, TB and malaria towards ending the three diseases by 2030.

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral financing institution of global health grants in low- and middle-income countries. According to the <u>Global Fund Results Report 2025</u><sup>1</sup>, as of the end of 2024, the Global Fund partnership has saved over 70 million lives and cut the combined death rate from AIDS, TB and malaria by 63% since its establishment in 2002. In 2024, 79% of people living with HIV were on antiretroviral therapy, up from 22% in 2010. TB coverage reached 75% in 2023 – its highest-ever level – up from 45% in 2010. The percentage of the population with access to a long-lasting insecticide-treated net reached 61% in 2023 – its highest level to date – up from 29% in 2010. As of mid-2025, the Global Fund partnership has invested US\$69.9 billion to counter the threats of HIV, TB and malaria, enhance global health security and pandemic preparedness, and strengthen health and community systems in more than 100 countries.

The effectiveness of the Global Fund is rooted in its strengthened procurement and supply chains, robust health and community systems, and a focus on promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality. This ensure that key, marginalized, and vulnerable populations affected by HIV, TB and malaria maintain access to prevention, testing and life-saving treatment.

In recent years, communities have faced mounting challenges due to climate change, conflict, and attacks on human rights, gender equality and civic space. These factors have worsened inequities and placed the poorest and most marginalised people at greater risk of deadly infectious diseases.

As communities and civil society living with and/or affected by the three diseases, we are committed to the Global Fund partnership at the global, regional and country levels to ensure our fight against the three diseases – including building resilient, equitable, quality, and inclusive community health systems centred on human rights and holistic care – is continued and protected.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The full report is available at <a href="https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/results/">https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/results/</a>

The Eighth Replenishment was launched on 18 February 2025 for the funding period 2026-2028. The virtual launch was co-hosted by South Africa and the United Kingdom. At the launch of the Eighth Replenishment, the Global Fund called for an investment of US\$18 billion to save up to 23 million lives; avert up to 400 million infections or cases; deliver a return on investment of 1:19, resulting in US\$323 billion in returns over 2027-2029; close the equity gaps and accelerate service coverage; reduce global inequality in life expectancy by 7% between 2023 and 2029; catalyse improved and more targeted domestic investments for HIV, TB, malaria and health and community systems; improve resilience to climate change to safeguard progress against HIV, TB and malaria; and save US\$42 billion in primary health care costs, bringing the total savings since 2002 to US\$145 billion.

For the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund, Sweden pledged SEK 3 billion, with additional funding of SEK 100 million towards the COVID-19 Response Mechanism in 2020.

We, communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society call on Sweden to:

- Cement your commitment to global health, to save lives for a healthier and more equitable world by building on Sweden's Seventh Replenishment ambition, for a continued three-year pledge of SEK 3 billion; and
- Use Sweden's diplomatic leverage to rally strategic stakeholders of the Global Fund partnership to secure a successful Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund of <u>at least US\$18 billion</u>.

This investment of US\$18 billion is the minimum required to reverse the course of HIV, TB and malaria, or we will not achieve the 2030 targets. Current funding is insufficient at a time of maximum potential. Without urgent action to close critical funding gaps and strengthen health and community systems, low-income countries risk devastating setbacks, with rising death tolls. Sustained investment is essential to prevent a dangerous resurgence of these diseases and to eliminate them as public health threats. A successfully resourced Global Fund is crucial for our shared future as #OneWorldOneFight #MoreNowThanEver!

With appreciation for your leadership on these issues,

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