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As #OneWorldOneFight, we need a fully resourced Global Fund #MoreNowThanEver!

As a longstanding partner to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) since 2003, Kuwait's pledges of US\$27.5 million to date have demonstrated Kuwait's commitments towards ensuring that HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria responses are delivered through investments in resilient and sustainable systems for health for a safer and more equitable future for all.

As communities and civil society living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria, we express our deepest appreciation to the State of Kuwait which enables our collective fight against HIV, TB and malaria towards ending the three diseases by 2030 — saving lives, strengthening health systems, bolstering pandemic preparedness and expanding Universal Health Coverage.

The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral financing institution of global health grants in low- and middle-income countries. According to the [Global Fund Results Report 2025](#)¹, 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, through strengthened procurement and supply chains, health and community systems, promotion and protection of human rights and gender equality, ensured that key, marginalised and vulnerable populations of HIV, TB and malaria have continuity of prevention and testing services and life-saving treatment. Additionally, Global Fund investments in HIV, TB and malaria responses have freed up essential resources and capacities in health care systems to address other diseases, averting 2.9 billion hospitalization days and 5.5 billion outpatient visits, which has generated US\$103 billion in cost savings as of 2023. In many countries, life expectancy is also significantly improved, saving millions more lives, promoting human growth, and advancing economic productivity and broader socioeconomic development.

However, the past few years have been difficult for countless communities facing unprecedented challenges and deepened inequities across the globe. Invariably, these challenges have put the poorest and most marginalized people at greater risk of deadly infectious diseases. More now than ever, investments in the three

¹ The full report is available at <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/results/>

diseases must continue, to stop new infections, prevent new deaths, and save lives in the face of emerging threats and colliding crises.

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.

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 and it calls for an investment of **US\$18 billion** to **save 23 million lives; avert 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.

Kuwait's pledge of US\$9.5 million during the Seventh Replenishment in 2022 contributed towards the US\$15.7 billion secured for the allocation period 2023-2025 to #FightForWhatCounts through the combined support and efforts of governments, the private sector, foundations, communities and civil society.

Therefore, we, communities and civil society living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria call on Kuwait to:

- Reaffirm your longstanding commitment to global health partnership and security with **a strong and increased pledge to the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment** to build a healthier, more equitable world during this challenging context for global health;
- Rally together with all stakeholders of the Global Fund partnership to advocate for increased pledges for the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund to raise **at least US\$18 billion**.

This is because we know that US\$18 billion is the absolute minimum for us to effectively reverse the trajectories for HIV, TB and malaria, but it is not enough to meet our 2030 targets. Your commitment towards achieving the SDGs, building sustainable and resilient systems for health, preparing for future pandemics to ensure healthy lives and promoting well-being for all will ensure a successfully resourced Global Fund which is more crucial for us as #OneWorldOneFight #MoreNowThanEver!

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