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UK and Indonesia renew call in support of the Global Fund to end HIV, TB & Malaria as global health threats

JAKARTA, Nov 11 - The United Kingdom (UK) and Indonesia reaffirmed their commitment to ending HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria as global health threats during a high-level convening on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) hosted by the British Embassy Jakarta (BEJ) today, in collaboration with Spiritia Foundation and Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP).

The event which brought together more than 50 representatives from government ministries, international health organisations, diplomatic missions, private sector, communities, and civil society highlighted the groundbreaking progress against the three diseases in the region and emphasised the importance of multilateral partnerships to save lives, strengthen health systems, and enhance global health security. The Global Fund Eighth Replenishment, which is co-hosted by South Africa and the UK, will hold its Pledging Summit on 21 November 2025 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Speaking virtually, **Lady Roslyn Morauta, Chair of the Global Fund Board**, highlighted that the Eighth Replenishment comes at a critical time for global health resilience and solidarity, saying, “HIV, TB and malaria epidemics remain a serious threat to global health security and demand bold, coordinated action from donors, national governments, communities, civil society, and technical partners. The Global Fund partnership has long been the driving force behind collaborative, innovative, and impactful responses, investing in both proven and emerging tools and synergies to combat the three diseases. To secure a healthier and safer future for all people everywhere, we must recommit, reinvest, and stop at nothing to end these deadly diseases for good!”

The UK is a founding member, long-standing partner and the third-largest public donor to the Global Fund, having contributed significantly to the fight against the three diseases at every Replenishment to date. The UK has been a strong supporter of private sector engagement with the Global Fund and matched up to £100 million for private sector investments during the Sixth Replenishment. In 2022, to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on essential health programmes, the UK contributed an additional £60 million to the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism which reinforced vulnerable systems for health in low- and middle-income countries and upheld continuity of treatment and care.

British Ambassador to Indonesia Dominic Jermey, said:

“The Global Fund stands as a powerful example how collaboration and multilateralism can transform lives. Over the past two decades, it has saved more than 70 million lives and made extraordinary progress against three of the world’s deadliest infectious diseases. Yet today, as conflict, climate change, and humanitarian crises threaten global health systems, partnerships like the Global Fund matter more than ever. The United Kingdom is proud to have contributed £5.6 billion to the Global Fund to date and, as co-host of the Eighth Replenishment, to be leading

efforts to promote global health equity and ensure no one is left behind. We remain committed to working closely with Indonesia and all our partners to make the Eighth Replenishment a success – and to help build a future where access to healthcare is universal and equitable.”

“Indonesia’s partnership with the Global Fund goes beyond financing – it is a relationship built on trust, shared purpose, and the spirit of *Gotong Royong*, working together for the common good,” said **Prof. Dr. Dante Saksono Harbuwono**, Vice Minister of Health, Indonesia. “Since 2003, the Global Fund has helped Indonesia strengthen its health system and accelerate progress against HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. Together, we have expanded diagnostics, increased prevention and treatment coverage, and mobilised more than US\$1.6 billion. In 2022, Indonesia took another step forward by pledging US\$12.5 million to the Global Fund, from both the government and the private sector, reflecting our belief that shared responsibility must be put into practice. As we move toward the Eighth Replenishment, Indonesia reaffirms its commitment to collective action and continues to engage partners to ensure a successful replenishment.”

Through the Global Fund, Indonesia has been the recipient of four Debt2Health swaps in 2007, 2010, 2021 and 2024, which has resulted in nearly US\$201 million in health investments and US\$272 million in debt cancellation. Debt2Health is a unique financing mechanism launched by the Global Fund that allows countries to transform debt into investments in national health priorities. These converted funds support disease control efforts, enhance health system infrastructure, and promote local production of medicines. These initiatives are also designed to improve diagnostic capabilities, build more resilient health and community systems, and ultimately will play a crucial role in Indonesia's shift from international to domestic funding for health and ensure long-term sustainability of Global Fund investments.

Global Fund-supported HIV, TB and malaria control efforts in Indonesia are implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Health, development agencies, civil society, and communities. To date, the Global Fund has disbursed US\$1.67 billion to fight infectious diseases and promote resilient and sustainable health and community systems in Indonesia. In 2024, Global Fund-supported health responses in Indonesia ensured treatment for 845,627 people with active TB, 621,257 cases of malaria, and 231,247 people in need of HIV antiretroviral therapy.

“Investments in health must empower and meaningfully engage affected and vulnerable communities to be truly effective, inclusive and sustainable. Communities are frontliners in the fight against infectious diseases and bring invaluable expertise to the design and delivery of health responses, providing ownership, oversight and accountability,” said **Ani Herna Sari, Chairperson at Rekat Peduli Foundation**. “We also cannot ignore that even today, invisible barriers such as stigma, discrimination, and marginalisation continue to prevent the most vulnerable from accessing their right to health. Communities must be empowered to break out of this cycle of injustice and supported towards greater civic participation and self-determination. That is why we need full support for a Global Fund which supports community leadership at all levels!”

The Global Fund requires US\$18 billion to sustain health programming during the 2027–2029 grant cycle, which would save up to 23 million lives, avert up to 400 million new infections, and enhance global health security. Global Fund investments support strengthened health and

community systems, equitable and inclusive access to health, climate and pandemic resilience, as well as the adoption of new technologies to tackle drug resistance, insecticide resistance, and other growing threats.

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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; 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. For more information, please visit www.gfanasiapacific.org.

Spiritia Foundation aims to provide quality support and care and upholds human rights for people living with HIV in Indonesia. Spiritia Foundation works with partners at local and national levels, by placing people living with HIV at the centre in developing effective responses to the epidemic. It is a Principal Recipient of the Global Fund, managing US\$80 million from 2016–2023 on programmes related to HIV and TB/HIV. For more information, please visit www.spiritia.or.id.