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The Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi South Block New Delhi – 110011 Republic of India

Your Excellency,

As #OneWorldOneFight,

we need a fully resourced Global Fund #MoreNowThanEver!

India has been a long-standing partner, donor and implementing partner of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). India joined as a donor in 2006 and has contributed US\$93.5 million to date.

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 India which enables our collective fight against HIV, TB and malaria towards ending the three diseases by 2030 and its leadership in global health.

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>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. By the end of 2024, the Global Fund partnership had put 25.6 million people on HIV antiretroviral treatment, treated 7.4 million people for TB and distributed 162 million insecticide-treated mosquito nets to fight malaria. 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. Indian corporations are critical suppliers of quality and affordable health products, including pharmaceuticals, mosquito nets, and diagnostic tests, for programmes funded by the Global Fund around the world. The Global Fund has engaged with the Indian private sector and business leaders, including Tata Trusts, to build support to complement the government's leadership and take on a key role in expanding programmes through additional funding and innovation.

Additionally, the Global Fund is also doing important work to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) which is a huge global threat, as well as a significant public health crisis in India. The investments of the Global Fund into screening, early diagnosis, treatment, prevention, care and support contribute towards reducing resistance to medicines for HIV, TB and malaria and complement investments into health and community systems strengthening efforts to track and diagnose new pathogens and disease variants.

However, the past few years have been difficult for countless communities affected by climate change, conflict, and attacks on human rights, gender equality and civic space, which resulted in unprecedented challenges and deepened inequities across the globe. Invariably, these challenges have put the poorest and most marginalised people at greater risk of deadly infectious diseases. More now than ever, investments in the three diseases

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



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. 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.

Global health is among India's top international cooperation priorities and has shown unprecedented leadership in fighting TB and other infectious diseases; as well as plays a leading role on prioritising global health issues in the G20 and BRICS. Demonstrating its leadership in global health, the Government of India hosted the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Preparatory Meeting in February 2019. Through the engagement of communities and civil society in preparation for the Sixth Replenishment Preparatory Meeting, the creation of the India Working Group for Health Advocacy (IWG) was created which brough together communities and civil society to influence national health policy and budgetary processes to advocate for inclusive and sustainable health financing and relevant policies and processes.

For the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund, India's pledge of US\$25 million demonstrated its commitment towards ending AIDS, TB and malaria, strengthening health and community systems, and enhancing resilience and preparedness for future pandemics. Therefore, we, communities and civil society living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria call on India to:

- Build on your ambition during the Global Fund Seventh Replenishment for more sustainable health and
 community systems in countries and ensure that all people enjoy their basic human rights and gender
 equality for a pledge of at least US\$100 million in a challenging context for global health which will
 cement your commitment to global health, save lives and build a healthier, more equitable world; and
- Rally together with all stakeholders of the Global Fund partnership, using your diplomatic leverage to secure a successful 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. Funding is falling short at the moment of greatest potential. Without urgent action to close the critical funding gaps in HIV, TB and malaria programmes and strengthen health and community systems, low-income countries could face devastating setbacks and death tolls could spiral. Sustained investment is crucial to avoid a detrimental resurgence of HIV, TB and malaria and to stop the three diseases as public health threats.

Your commitment towards achieving the SDGs, global health security and solidarity, 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 crucial for us as #OneWorldOneFight #MoreNowThanEver!

In solidarity from XXX organisational signatories² globally.

² Please see Annex: Signatories in Support



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