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Her Excellency Takaichi Sanae
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Takaichi,

We, communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society globally and across Africa and Asia-Pacific express our warmest congratulations on your appointment as Prime Minister of Japan and the launch of the new cabinet of Japan.

Under the leadership of former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Japan's introduction of infectious diseases at the G8 Kyushu-Okinawa Summit in 2000 paved the way for the establishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) in 2002 and demonstrates the influence and leadership that Japan has in global health and the commitment that Japan has towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The Global Fund has been evaluated for its effectiveness, transparency, accountability and efficiency by successive Japanese Prime Ministers – including Prime Minister Shinzo Abe; and has demonstrated its support through bold and ambitious pledges in past replenishments and through policy developments through Japan's seat on the Global Fund Board.

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 Japan which enables our collective fight against HIV, TB and malaria towards ending the three diseases by 2030 with US\$5.24 billion to date through the pledges of previous Prime Ministers of Japan which makes Japan the fifth largest donor of the Global Fund.

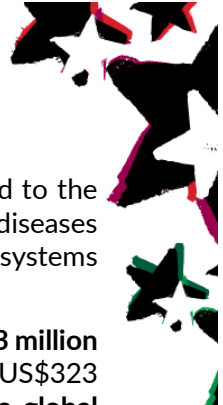
The Global Fund is the world's largest multilateral financing institution of global health grants in low- and middle-income countries. The effectiveness of the Global Fund is rooted in its investments in procurement and supply chains, robust health and community systems, and a focus on promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality. This ensures that key, marginalized, and vulnerable populations affected by HIV, TB and malaria maintain access to prevention, testing and life-saving treatment.

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 – making the world a safer and contributing towards a more prosperous future for all.

However, 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 place the poorest and most marginalised people at greater risk of deadly infectious diseases. In addition, the withdrawal of major donors has caused disruptions to humanitarian services and healthcare creating future uncertainty towards the shared commitment towards ending the three diseases as epidemics.

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





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 and achieving UHC – including building resilient, equitable, quality, and inclusive community health systems centred on human rights and holistic care – is continued and protected.

For the Eighth Replenishment, the Global Fund calls 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, Japan pledged US\$1.08 billion. Thus, we, communities living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, TB and malaria and civil society urge Japan to:

- Cement your commitment to global health, to save lives for a healthier and more equitable world building on Japan's Seventh Replenishment ambition, **for a minimum pledge of US\$1.08 billion**; and
- Use Japan's diplomatic leverage to rally strategic stakeholders of the Global Fund partnership to secure a successful Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund.

The investments in 2027-2029, funded through the Eighth Replenishment, are critical to reverse the course of HIV, TB and malaria, or we will not achieve UHC. 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,
we need a fully resourced Global Fund #MoreNowThanEver!**

In solidarity and with deepest appreciation,

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