



House Subcommittee Approves Funding for the Global Fund

Thanks to the leadership of Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY), on June 30, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs approved \$825 million for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. If approved by the full House and Senate, this funding — along with the \$300 million requested by President Barack Obama in the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies budget — would provide a total of \$1.125 billion to the Global Fund for fiscal year 2011, the single largest contribution to the Global Fund to date. Friends is deeply appreciative to the subcommittee and, in particular, to Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Ranking Member Kay Granger (R-TX) as well as Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) for their strong vote of confidence in the Global Fund's work during these very challenging economic times. To read the full press release, [click here](#).

Global Fund Board Chair Visits Washington, D.C.

In an effort to highlight the Global Fund's high-impact results, as well as future needs to expand upon these successes, Friends of the Global Fight recently hosted Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Minister of Health of Ethiopia and Chairman of the Board of the Global Fund, in Washington, D.C. Minister Tedros met with a number of key officials in the Administration and Congress to share firsthand health success in Ethiopia resulting from Global Fund financing.

Ethiopia has proved to be a strong example of country leadership and ownership. Through the support of the U.S. government and the Global Fund, Ethiopia has seen a 50% decline in AIDS mortality in its capital, Addis Abba. In addition, the impact of malaria has decreased by 60% in children under five countrywide. Because of these achievements, and successes in strengthening its overall health systems, Ethiopia was named in the first round of Global Health Initiative (GHI) Plus countries — partner governments that will receive additional resources and serve as teaching grounds for new global health strategies.

G8 Comments on Global Fund Replenishment

On June 26, world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the Global Fund at the 2010 G8 Summit in Muskoka, Ontario, Canada. In the final communiqué, leaders encouraged donors' robust support of the Global Fund during its upcoming pledge meeting in order to strive for universal access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care. To read the full final communiqué, [click here](#).

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The Global Fund Releases Latest Numbers

Earlier In early June, the Global Fund announced its latest prevention and treatment numbers. Global Fund-financed programs have made strong progress, reflected in the number of people who've been affected by the Global Fund's work. Since 2002, Global Fund financing has:

- o provided 2.8 million people with antiretroviral treatment;
- o detected and treated 7 million new tuberculosis cases;
- o distributed 122 million insecticide-treated nets; and
- o treated 930,000 HIV-positive pregnant women to prevent their babies from being born with HIV.

These numbers are translating into positive changes on the ground. Thanks to Global Fund financing, 97% of infants in Namibia — one of the countries most affected by AIDS in Southern Africa — are now born HIV-negative. Also because of Global Fund support, Rwanda has scaled up malaria prevention and treatment such that in-patient malaria cases declined by 56% in 2007, freeing up the country's capacity to treat other illnesses.

The U.S. is the largest donor to the Global Fund, and every dollar committed by the U.S. leverages \$2 more from donors worldwide. This year is an important replenishment year for the Global Fund; the organization is calling upon its donors to pledge three-year funding commitments toward providing prevention, care and treatment services in more than 140 countries in need. Funding this year is particularly critical, as it will determine our ability to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015 — which include ending mother-to-child transmission of HIV and eliminating malaria as a public health problem in endemic countries. To read the Global Fund's full press release, [click here](#).

Michel Kazatchkine Speaks at the Women Deliver Conference

On June 7, Global Fund Executive Director Michel Kazatchkine spoke at the Women Deliver conference, which brings together leaders from around the world to discuss maternal health and take action against maternal deaths. During the panel "Integration: Is It the Holy Grail?" Dr. Kazatchkine talked candidly about the Global Fund's efforts to promote integrated approaches toward fighting HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, as well as previously underfunded causes such as maternal and reproductive health. He also addressed the importance of distributing funding and support for maternal and children's health.

To watch the full discussion at Women Deliver, [click here](#).

(PRODUCT)^{RED} Generates \$150 Million for the Global Fund

The Global Fund's largest private sector contributor, (PRODUCT)^{RED}, passed a funding milestone this month: It has now raised \$150 million to support Global Fund HIV/ AIDS programs in Rwanda, Lesotho, Swaziland, Ghana, Zambia and South Africa.

Specific Global Fund-supported programs that have benefited from (RED) include those in Rwanda and Lesotho. With (RED) funding, these countries have served more than 70,000 people with HIV/AIDS — including tens of thousands of HIV-positive pregnant women — as well as invested in prevention among at-risk populations. In addition, with (RED) support, the Global Fund is able to fuel community- and individual-based HIV/AIDS efforts in African countries such as South Africa and Swaziland.

"(RED) money has impacted millions of people living with HIV and AIDS in Africa, saving lives and bringing hope to those living with the disease," said Dr. Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund. "(RED) is a great example of what can be achieved through effective public-private partnerships. The concept has been an enormous success, engaging the private sector in raising awareness and a sustainable flow of funds to help reduce the devastating impact of the pandemic."