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POLICY BRIEF

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The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is the world’s largest public health financier. Founded in 2002, the Fund operates as a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases. This partnership raises and invests nearly $4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in countries and communities most in need. To date, the Fund has disbursed more than $28 billion and its programs have saved over 17 million lives.

The Global Fund undertakes a “replenishment” effort once every three years to secure funding pledges from donors, allowing for forward planning in the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. In 2016, the Global Fund will organize its Fifth Voluntary Replenishment Conference to raise funds for programmatic work between 2017-2019.

Since its inception, the Global Fund has demonstrated incredible success. Currently, the Fund provides more than 20 percent of global funding for HIV/AIDS, more than 50 percent of international financing for malaria, and more than 70 percent of international funding for tuberculosis. As of September 2015, Global Fund-financed programs had: provided antiretroviral therapy to 8.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS; reached 3.1 million HIV-positive mothers with services to prevent transmission to their children; detected and treated 13.2 million tuberculosis cases; distributed more than 548 million insecticide-treated bed nets; and treated 470 million cases of malaria.

Financing

Global Fund financing comes primarily from the public sector, with approximately 95 percent of total funding coming from donor governments and
the remaining 5 percent coming from the private sector, private foundations and innovative financing initiatives. These business, social enterprise, and philanthropic contributions to the Global Fund take the form of financial donations, as well as pro bono services, core competency partnerships and support for advocacy and governance. Still, the bulk of Global Fund financing comes from donor government contributions; a total of 56 donor governments have pledged over $42 billion to the Global Fund to date.

Replenishment

Replenishment, a campaign of voluntary pledges and contributions to the Global Fund, occurs in three-year cycles to allow for efficient allocation of resources and programmatic planning. At the beginning of each period, the Board assesses the total amount of funding available based on the pledges and contributions received. This figure then serves as the basis for allocation of funds to implementing countries over the course of the three-year cycle. However, it is important to note that the Global Fund continues its resource mobilization efforts to secure additional pledges throughout the period, and pledges continue to be received from some donor governments as well as from other contributors over the course of the three years.

The Fourth Replenishment Conference, hosted by the U.S. government in December 2013, secured pledges of $12 billion to fund programs between 2014-2016. Additional public donor pledges since the Fourth Replenishment amount to $308 million, and $100 million has been raised in additional private sector resources. As a result, the total money pledged for the replenishment cycle is $12.418 billion.

The Fifth Replenishment period will span 2017-2019, and planning for the replenishment effort has been underway for some time. The government of Japan hosted the Global Fund’s Replenishment Preparatory Meeting in Tokyo in December 2015. This meeting provided Global Fund partners (governments, civil society, the private sector, etc.) an opportunity to discuss the status of the Global Fund’s response to HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, along with global funding needs. It also served to galvanize international support of continued, robust funding of the Global Fund in order to achieve the shared goal of ending AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. The Global Fund’s Fifth Replenishment Conference, where donor governments and private sector contributors offer pledges, will be held in the late summer/early fall of 2016.

The Global Fund is seeking to raise $13 billion for the Fifth Replenishment, which would enable the organization to: save up to 8 million lives, leading to 30-32 million lives saved by 2020; avert up to 300 million new infections across the three diseases; make substantial contributions toward building resilient and sustainable systems for health; support a total of $41 billion of partners’ own domestic investments; support strengthened responses for women and girls, key populations and human rights; and lead to broad economic gains of up to $290 billion over the coming decades. For every $100 million raised, Global Fund-supported programs will be able to: save 60,000 lives; avert 2.3 million infections; support partners in domestic investment of $300 million toward the three diseases; and spur $2.2 billion in long-term economic gains.

Key Messages for the Fifth Replenishment

- **Impact** - Smart, effective health investments through the Global Fund have saved 17 million lives, expanding opportunity and achieving greater social justice for families and communities worldwide.

- **Innovate** - Scientific advances, innovative ideas and private sector savvy are unlocking improvements in disease prevention, treatment and care - from faster delivery of essential medicines to more effective methods to reach the people most in need.

- **Accelerate** - So many more lives are at risk that we must seize the momentum, embrace ambition and move faster to end HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics.