

December 6, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your leadership on global health, including the United States' prominent role on the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially appreciate the announcement the U.S. will host the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). We write to urge you to make a bold U.S. pledge for Replenishment and work to rally global partners around increased support for the Global Fund.

We represent global companies that are strongly supportive of efforts to end the epidemics of AIDS, TB and malaria and are deeply concerned about COVID-19 and the need to prepare better for future pandemics. The Global Fund brings major strengths in each of these areas. In countries where it has invested since its founding in 2002, the Global Fund partnership has saved over 44 million lives, and reduced AIDS, TB and malaria mortality rates by nearly one-half. It has enjoyed broad bipartisan support because of such documented progress in fighting disease and saving lives.

Championing the Global Fund's Replenishment will capitalize on its ability to help countries address HIV, TB and malaria while strengthening health systems so they are better able to detect and respond to emerging disease threats. The Global Fund has long term relationships with local government and civil society partners in 120 countries, and a track record of strengthening health systems, the health care workforce, supply chains and more.

Moreover, U.S. investments in the Global Fund have been spurring other donors to match U.S. commitments roughly two to one, because by law, the United States cannot exceed 33% of regular Global Fund financing. An increased U.S. commitment for the Sixth Replenishment in 2019 facilitated similar increases of at least 15% from France, the United Kingdom, Germany, the European Commission, Canada and Italy – and a new high of \$1 billion in private sector pledges. And the Global Fund incentivizes implementing countries to contribute more to health programs by holding back a portion of grants unless they do.

COVID-19 has damaged the AIDS, TB and malaria responses. The Global Fund reports that in 2020 (before U.S. emergency funding) progress against the three diseases went backwards because of the new pandemic. Compared to 2019, HIV prevention services reached 11% fewer people and HIV tests declined by 22%. About one million fewer people with TB were treated. Strides toward countries eliminating malaria stalled due to COVID-19. We must not let COVID-19 – and inevitable future pandemics – disrupt momentum in the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria.

Hosting the 2022 Replenishment is a tremendous step. Along with hosting, an increased pledge to the Global Fund offers a major opportunity to drive forward toward ending AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics and build a foundation for improved pandemic preparedness and response. A bold U.S.

pledge for Global Fund replenishment will project U.S. values and renewed global leadership and make us all safer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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