

December 10, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your announcement that the United States will host the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment. This replenishment offers a historic opportunity to bring the world together to regain momentum against the AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria epidemics and secure stronger pandemic preparedness and response against future disease threats.

We are writing to urge you to include at least \$2.5 billion for the Global Fund in your fiscal year 2023 budget proposal. The Global Fund will release its investment case for replenishment early in the new year, but it is already clear that significant additional resources are essential.

Increased investment is needed to get back on track in fighting AIDS, TB and malaria. Before COVID-19, steady advances were being achieved against each of these epidemics, but COVID-19 disrupted services across the world and reversed progress. At the same time, there are new opportunities to accelerate progress against these and future diseases by utilizing information technology, health technology breakthroughs and service delivery innovations—innovations the Global Fund has a record of deploying at scale. Significant additional resources—well beyond those committed in the last replenishment cycle—are necessary to recapture the pace of progress, take advantage of innovation and end AIDS, TB and malaria as public health threats by 2030.

In addition, expanded investment in the Global Fund is essential if the world is to achieve effective pandemic preparedness and response. You have made it a priority of your administration to ensure that the world is better prepared to address future pandemics. The Global Fund is a critical tool in those efforts, having demonstrated its ability to act swiftly and effectively against new disease threats during COVID-19, where it has served as a lifeline to national COVID-19 responses.

The organization is uniquely positioned to build on its capabilities and advance pandemic preparedness and response that is founded in stronger health systems, human rights-based programming, multistakeholder engagement and country ownership. Investment in the Global Fund is an investment in global health equity, reaching people in low- and middle-income countries with essential services, prioritizing gender equality and focusing on key and marginalized populations. The Global Fund has co-financing requirements for all implementing countries and these will extend to pandemic preparedness and response investments as well.

Mr. President, your fiscal year 2023 budget proposal will send a clear signal to the world about America's commitment to seize this moment and advance progress against pandemics of today and tomorrow. Other donors will be watching your budget proposal closely. Because by law the U.S. cannot provide more than 33% of Global Fund resources, our support to the Global Fund has consistently leveraged increased commitments from other donors. Investment in the Global Fund secures the burden sharing our country seeks. Any less than \$2.5 billion could put the success of the replenishment and response to the three diseases at risk.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the terrible cost of underinvestment in the readiness and response to global infectious disease. Significant new investments in pandemic preparedness and response are needed now—far beyond the modest down payment for this work we propose be channeled through Global Fund replenishment. Increased funding for the Global Fund must not come at the expense of support for GAVI or America's highly effective bilateral global health programs, including PEPFAR, the President's Malaria Initiative or TB programming through USAID. These programs play an integral role in helping countries address COVID-19 and they work in synergy with the Global Fund. And expanded U.S. and global efforts are needed immediately to make COVID-19 vaccines widely available globally.

As civil society, we have worked to support Congress to maintain strong bipartisan support for the Global Fund over the last two decades, including boosting annual appropriations despite proposed cuts by the previous administration. With a global network of partners, we have also helped bring other donors to the table to match U.S. resources, including in the successful replenishment in 2019. If we can count on your leadership for a bold \$2.5 billion in your upcoming budget proposal, we are eager to work alongside you in generating the bipartisan support in Congress and support from donors globally to ensure a historic, successful replenishment.

Bold American leadership is indispensable at this pivotal moment. We urge you to demonstrate America's commitment in your forthcoming budget proposal by allocating \$2.5 billion for the Global Fund along with increases in other areas of global health.

Thank you for your longstanding leadership in global health.

Sincerely,

2030 Collaborative
AIDS Healthcare Foundation
Aidsfonds
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
AVAC
Breathe Pennsylvania
CARE

Children's AIDS Fund International
CORE Group
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
The Episcopal Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Fast Track Cities Institute
Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
Fund for Global Health
Global Citizen
Global Health Council
Global Network of Black People Working in HIV
HealthGAP
HIV Medicine Association
Housing Works
Human Rights Campaign
International AIDS Vaccine Initiative
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care
International Partnership for Microbicides
John Snow, Inc. (JSI)
Last Mile Health
Malaria No More
Management Sciences for Health
Nothing But Nets
ONE Campaign
Pathfinder
Population Action International
Pandemic Action Network
Partners in Health
RESULTS
Right to Health Action
Stop TB USA
Treatment Action Group, USA
What to Expect Project
Women in Global Health
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