



THE FAITH-BASED COALITION FOR  
**THE GLOBAL FUND**  
to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, Chairwoman Lee, Ranking Member Rogers, Senator Leahy, Senator Shelby, Senator Coons, and Senator Graham:

As leaders of faith across our nation, we want to thank you for being forward-thinking leaders of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) unswerving in supporting the work of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. We ask that you please include in the enacted Fiscal Year 2023 funding package that which both the House and Senate bills call for: \$2 billion for the Global Fund, as a remarkable, proven lifesaver.

That \$2 billion would save an added 2.3 million lives, stave off 51 million new infections or cases; provide 3.1 million people with antiretroviral therapy for HIV, test 37 million people for TB, and distribute anti-malaria nets to 153 million people.

We support this funding to save lives through prevention and treatment, as our faith calls us to heal the sick, wherever they may be.

Those House and Senate bills helped challenge and induce other major donors to join the United States in courageous pledge increases of nearly 30% in Japan, Canada, Germany and the European Commission among others. These partners have stepped up alongside the leadership of the United States because in

its twenty years, the Global Fund partnership (including faith-based implementers) has saved over 50 million lives and reduced the overall death rates from HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria by more than half in countries where it awards grants. In fact, HIV/AIDS-related deaths were driven down by 70%. The Global Fund's impact has been nothing short of miraculous.

In 2021 alone, the Global Fund made possible 70.8 million HIV tests; antiretroviral HIV treatment for 23.3 million, allowing 670,000 mothers to shield their babies from transmission; TB treatment for 5.3 million; distribution of 133.2 million mosquito bed nets; and treatment for 148 million with malaria.

By virtue of its investment in prevention and treatment for infectious diseases, the Global Fund empowers millions of adolescent girls and young women in low- and middle-income countries, allowing them to flourish. In 13 Global Fund priority countries, HIV incidence has dropped by 56% among young women aged 15 to 24 since 2010.

To defeat AIDS, TB and malaria, and also help prepare societies worldwide for the emergence of new devastating diseases, the Global Fund is the world's [largest](#) multisectoral investor in health systems. *Concretely* this comprises: diagnostic testing, surveillance and specific efforts to train, equip and sustain local, purpose-driven caregivers--a moral imperative. A 2021 [study](#) found that one-third of its investments strengthen health security—so that hundreds of millions live freer from fear in dignity.

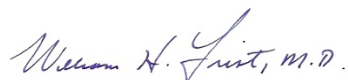
Supported generously and wisely by the United States, the Global Fund's agile COVID-19 Response Mechanism diminished the disruption of vital AIDS, TB and malaria programs; reinforced supply chains; and provided for frontline caregivers' safety and capacity. Further, the Global Fund surged emergency funding into Ukraine after Russia's invasion to sustain HIV and TB services of longstanding local partners.

This September, at the Global Fund's seventh replenishment conference hosted by the U.S., countries of the North and South, foundations, and private sector entities raised a record [\\$14.25 billion](#) to be disbursed over three years. U.S. leadership spurred the aforementioned major powers to match its commitment at the conference. For the first year of the three, a \$2 billion allotment for the Global Fund in the final FY23 spending package provides the proven lever to inspire others' shared stewardship.

We support your noble leadership to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics, prepare nations and communities buffeted by emerging panedemics, and extend access to related care to the world's most vulnerable communities. Staunchly backing the Global Fund's proven work to save lives is not only an economic or security concern, it is first and foremost a moral issue.

As you conclude your business before the Christmas holiday, we ask that you prayerfully consider the costs to lives, societies and economies that the Global Fund can avert.

Sincerely,



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