

ACTION SHEET

Ask Your Representative to Take Action on the Global Fund

After two years of the COVID-19 pandemic and disastrous healthcare disruptions, we need to invest in our global health infrastructure and be ready for future pandemics. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund) has been on the front lines combatting pandemics since 2002 and was the first to respond in low- and middle-income countries to COVID-19. Later this year the U.S. will host the Global Fund replenishment conference. We must ensure U.S. leadership and a robust replenishment conference. A strong Global Fund will help us end AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, fight COVID-19 at the community level and prepare us to respond better to future pandemics. Ask your Representative to take action by signing on to the bipartisan Lee/McCaul letter to the Administration calling for a bold Global Fund pledge.

The Global Fund has a proven, 20-year track record of effectively working with over 120 countries to address pandemics. Since its inception, the Global Fund partnership has saved 44 million lives. In its 2021 report, the Global Fund celebrated a 46% reduction of overall deaths due to AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (in countries with which it partners) since it began its work two decades ago.

That progress in positively affecting not only three deadly diseases, but also health systems, has positioned the Global Fund to save even more lives. Through their COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM), the Global Fund is now the primary channel of grant support to low- and middle-income countries for COVID-19 tests, treatments, personal protective equipment (PPE), and critical elements of health system strengthening.

If the U.S. makes a bold pledge to the Global Fund later this year at the replenishment conference, other countries will likely follow suit. Now is the time to act.

Take Action Now: Please ask your representative to sign on to the bipartisan [letter to President Biden](#), led by Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Michael McCaul (R-TX) calling for bold U.S. pledge leadership at the Global Fund replenishment later this year.

Sample Call or Email Message in EPIC Format

Consider organizing a group letter writing activity by inviting RESULTS group members and people in your Action Network to write to your members of Congress about why U.S. leadership on the Global Fund matters to each of you. Write and share your messages with each other, then either hand-deliver the messages to a local office or have advocates submit their personalized letter via our online action on the website:

<https://results.org/volunteers/action-center/>.

See the sample meeting agenda on the next page to guide you in enrolling others into action.

Subject: U.S. Leadership During Global Fund Replenishment

Engage: I'm excited that the U.S. is hosting the Seventh Replenishment Conference for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria later this year. This will be an opportunity to regain momentum on the three diseases and improve pandemic preparedness.

State Problem: We need U.S. leadership now because the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects on every aspect of global health, with tuberculosis services being disproportionately affected. According to the World Health Organization, TB case detection has plummeted due to pandemic-related disruptions in services and for the first time in more than a decade, tuberculosis mortality has increased.

Inform: The Global Fund has a proven track record of effectively working with over 120 countries to address pandemics. For 20 years, the Global Fund partnership has saved 44 million lives, and recently the Global Fund has been on the front lines of the COVID-19 response as the primary channel of grant support to low- and middle-income countries for COVID-19 tests, treatments, personal protective equipment (PPE), and critical elements of health system strengthening.

Call to Action: Will the representative please you please sign on to the bipartisan Lee/McCaul Global Fund letter to the President calling for a bold pledge to the Global Fund? If you have any questions, please contact Maria Calderon (Rep. Lee) at maria.calderon@mail.house.gov or Chris Farrar (Rep. McCaul) at chris.farrar@mail.house.gov. They will have instructions on how the letter can be signed via Quill, the link to which is also included in a PDF I can send (see below).

Letter: <https://results.org/wp-content/uploads/House-Replenishment-Pledge-Letter.pdf>

Message-Writing Workshop Agenda

Below is a sample agenda and script for putting people in your community into action. When people take action, they get inspired. Adapt the 60-minute agenda below to suit your group. If you need assistance with an online platform, like Zoom, for your meetings, contact Lisa Marchal at lmarchal@results.org.

I. Setting the Stage – 15 Minutes

2 min: Welcome and acknowledge people for being there.

“There are a lot of ways you could be spending your time, and I want to thank all of you for joining us and learning more about how YOU can play a role in the movement to end poverty. Let’s share a bit about why we’re here.”

3 min: State the purpose of the meeting.

“Our purpose today is to inspire you all about the difference you can make, working with others, to create the political will to end hunger, poverty, and inequity. In the next few minutes, we’ll . . .

- *Learn a bit about RESULTS, the group organizing this.*
- *Learn about an issue of poverty.*
- *Take powerful action on the issue.*
- *And, finally, see who is interested in continuing to make a difference with RESULTS.”*

10 min: Center the room and do introductions.

“Let’s see who’s here and get in touch with why we are here. Please give us your name and tell us briefly why acting on the issue of poverty is important to you.”

“Thank you all for sharing what is important to you. We have a lot in common.”

II. The Basics of RESULTS – 10 Minutes

RESULTS is movement of passionate, committed, everyday people. Together we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. As volunteers, we receive training, support, and inspiration to become skilled advocates. In time, we learn to effectively advise policy makers, guiding them toward decisions that will improve access to health, education, and economic opportunity. Together we realize the incredible power we possess to use our voices to change the world. “

1. Share our values (<https://results.org/our-anti-oppression-values/>) via the share-screen function on Zoom.
3. Share an example of success: *“During the pandemic, we helped secure \$11 billion in international development funding in the March 2021 COVID relief package, which included \$3.5 billion for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. We also helped secure \$4 billion for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance in late 2020.*

4. Share a local example of our role in creating change (perhaps a way in which you moved a legislator to take action).
5. A few more details if you have time. Tailor these to reflect what your group does:
 - *“RESULTS partners meet twice per month to plan and take action.”*
 - *“During one of our meetings, we connect to a national webinar to learn about an issue, learn to speak powerfully, and take action to influence Congress.”* Give an example.
 - *“We also develop plans for influencing our decision makers through face-to-face meetings, the media, and other community actions.”*

III. Issues and Action Component - 30 Minutes

1. Introduce the issue of the Global Fund with a story or video. You can share your screen on Zoom.

Videos about the Global Fund:

- “The Global Fund at 20”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmGphVytzk4>
 - “We Can’t Go Backwards”:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGSRvMZMKXE>
 - “We Will Keep Fighting Until Our Last Breath”:
<https://www.theglobalfight.org/new-film-we-will-keep-fighting-until-our-last-breath/>
2. Read the February Action Sheet together, including the sample message.
 3. Show people how to find the email address of the foreign policy aide for your legislators or office addresses by using our Legislator Lookup tool: <https://results.org/volunteers/legislator-lookup/>
 4. Write, and then ask writers to read their message out loud for feedback and encouragement.
 5. Make a plan for sending in your messages and debrief.

IV. Invitation to Attend the Next Meeting & Closing – 5 Minutes

“Lastly, we are planning to have future meetings like this one to guide people in becoming powerful advocates. We’ll also be meeting with our members of Congress and generating media. Who is interested in joining us again to take action?”

Say thank you, capture contact information: name, phone, email, address. Add them to your Action Network list in your Group Roadmap and stay in touch with them. Contact Sarah Leone at sleone@results.org for tips on how to best engage your Action Network, as she can advise on getting Action Network members into the national database and/or starting to receive regular actions from your group on a regular basis.

Action Network Managers Action

Here's a sample message you can send to your Action Network:

Dear (Name):

I'm writing as a member of the RESULTS network to ask my Representative to support the Global Fund. After two COVID-19 pandemic years and disastrous healthcare disruptions, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) must receive robust U.S. support. A strong Global Fund will help us end AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, fight COVID-19 at the community level and prepare us to respond better to future pandemics.

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