**The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**

**LASER TALK**

**Engage:** I’m excited that the U.S. is hosting the 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:** We must learn from what works. The Global Fund has a proven track record of effectively working with over 120 countries to address pandemics. Since 2002 the Global Fund partnership has saved 44 million lives. And the Global Fund has been on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. 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.

**Call to Action:** Will you please sign on to the bipartisan letter to President Biden calling for a bold pledge to end AIDS, TB, and malaria and stop future pandemics?

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