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## How to champion the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

For two decades, Congress has come together in a bipartisan way to support the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Global Fund has helped save 65 million lives. World leaders will make new pledges to the Global Fund this year. The U.S. should recommit to its longstanding 1:2 matching contribution.

The Global Fund is a turn-key investment with a proven record. As the U.S. foreign aid system faces unprecedented strain, the Global Fund is even more important. By law, the U.S. government can only contribute one third of the Global Fund's total resources. This means that every \$1 dollar of U.S. support helps spur \$2 from other donors.

Unfortunately, the administration is trying to change this "match" in its budget proposal. We've been down this path before: in President Trump's first term, he also tried to change the U.S. match. But Republicans and Democrats in Congress wisely pushed back. Congress saw then what is still true now: U.S. funding for the Global Fund saves countless lives, and the match *triples the impact*.

The last time the U.S. re-upped its 1:2 matching commitment, it unlocked *billions* of dollars of increased funding from others. With the U.S. match on the table, Canada, Germany, France, Japan, Korea, and more all increased their own funding. The Global Fund now has a plan to save 23 million lives in the next three years. Congress can help make it a reality by backing the 1:2 match, bringing other donors back to the table. Below are three key ways Congress can support the Global Fund and the U.S.' 1:2 match.

## Will you write personally to key committee leaders?

As Congress negotiates its spending bills for Fiscal Year 2026, they'll be setting the precedent for the future. This is the first spending bill after the administration's dismantling of U.S. aid, and the first year of the Global Fund's next plan to save millions more lives.

The appropriations subcommittees on State and Foreign Operations (SFOPs) will write these bills (led by Chairman Lindsey Graham in the Senate, and Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart in the House). Both Republican subcommittee chairs are longstanding supporters of the Global Fund, recognizing its profound impact in the world, strong value for money, and time-tested model. Their Democrat counterparts, Ranking Members Rep. Lois Frankel and Sen. Chris Coons, are also longstanding Global Fund supporters.

**Show congressional leaders you support them on Global Fund:** Will you write personally to your respective subcommittee leadership, to thank them for their leadership, and let them know you support the Global Fund and the power of the U.S. match to unlock \$2 from other donors with every \$1 from the U.S. government?

The RESULTS staff can provide sample letter language. Contact Crickett Nicovich at <a href="mailto:cnicovich@results.org">cnicovich@results.org</a>.

After writing to committee leadership, also speak to them personally to thank them and ask their support for the Global Fund.

## Will you engage other donor countries around the world?

Members of Parliament and government ministers around the world are deciding how much their countries will contribute to the Global Fund. The U.S. match has always helped unlock major investments from other governments. Congress' outreach this year can help spur more increased contributions from other countries.

**Encourage other donors to step up:** Do you have a relationship with a member of Parliament or policymaker in another country (a "sister city" or a place you've traveled or somewhere you have strong ties)? Would you write to them about the Global Fund, and ask them to prioritize it with their own government and fulfill the U.S. match?

RESULTS staff can provide the latest political context in other countries, funding requests, contact information, and sample letter language for outreach. Contact Crickett Nicovich at cnicovich@results.org.

## Will you show your support publicly?

**Build U.S. political will:** Will you use your platform as a champion to support the Global Fund? Here are some ideas. What other ideas do you have?

- Give a speech on the floor of Congress.
- Work with RESULTS to plan an in-district event or town hall featuring the Global Fund.
- Ask that the Global Fund be a focus for a congressional caucus to which you belong.
- Invite a colleague from the other party to join you in one of these actions.