

# Support FY26 Funding for PEPFAR and Global Fund

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Dear Colleague,

Please join us in requesting strong funding for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and support for the full 1/3 contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) ahead of its replenishment. The crucial and timely bipartisan support of these programs as PEPFAR and the Global Fund work towards the necessary acceleration of HIV prevention and treatment to reach the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

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Dear Chairman Diaz-Balart and Ranking Member Frankel,

Thank you for your leadership on the House Committee on Appropriations and its Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Agencies. As you begin to prepare your bill for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), we respectfully request strong funding for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and support for the full 1/3 contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) ahead of its replenishment. The crucial and timely bipartisan support of these programs as PEPFAR and the Global Fund work towards the necessary acceleration of HIV prevention and treatment to reach the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030.

U.S. leadership through PEPFAR and other bilateral investments both through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), along with multilateral

investments in the Global Fund, have been transformative in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and the results are astounding. The 2024 Global AIDS Report says that thanks to comprehensive prevention efforts the rate of transmission of HIV/AIDS is at the lowest it has been since the late 1980s with approximately 1.3 million people acquiring HIV last year. That's a 75 percent reduction in transmission. The number of annual deaths dropped to just 630,000 people dying from AIDS-related deaths. The number of lives saved by PEPFAR alone equals well over 25 million.

This work has been done because of the incredible bipartisan support of Congress. As of September 30, 2024, PEPFAR supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for nearly 20.6 million people. Through PEPFAR support, 7 million orphans, vulnerable children and their caregivers accessed critical care and support services, and since its inception twenty years ago, more than 7 million new infections have been averted in children. The bold vision of the PEPFAR program paired with enduring, consistent bipartisan Congressional support is responsible for saving 25 million lives.

The Global Fund's investments have saved over 65 million lives since its inception in 2002. In 2023 alone, the Global Fund supported 25 million people on life-saving antiretroviral therapy for HIV, treated 7.1 million people for TB and distributed 227 million mosquito nets to protect families from malaria. Between 2010 and 2023, these investments reduced the number of new HIV infections among adolescent women and young girls by 69% within the 13 priority countries where the HIV burden is highest.

One in three people living with HIV die of tuberculosis—the leading cause of death for people living with HIV. In 2023, the Global Fund provided antiretroviral therapy for 335,000 TB patients living with HIV. Progress on the TB epidemic hinges on finding the over three million people “missed” by health systems each year. By deploying advanced diagnostics and prioritizing finding those missing populations, the Global fund has increased TB coverage 70% in 2023, up from 45% in 2010.

This year, international donors will look to the U.S. for leadership during the Global Fund's replenishment campaign. U.S. law has limited contributions to 33% of the Global Fund's budget. As a result, every \$1 contributed by the U.S. has been matched by \$2 from other donors—firmly establishing U.S. leadership while ensuring that we do not fight these deadly diseases alone. For its 8th Replenishment, the Global Fund is seeking \$18 billion over three years from donors globally; a \$2 billion contribution in FY26 is consistent with the U.S. historically providing one third of Global Fund resources. Fully funded, the Global Fund could save 23 million lives and avert 400 million new infections during the next funding period.

Despite significant progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, the work is not over. 9.2 million people – nearly a quarter of those living with HIV – are still not able to access the antiretroviral therapy they need to survive and thrive. Only roughly half of HIV-positive children currently access treatment, which is especially disturbing because half of them will die before their second birthday if they remain untreated.

And while deaths continue to decrease, the number of newly infected people each year has remained essentially stagnant.

PEPFAR and the Global Fund are leading global efforts to not only improve HIV care, but also enable countries to improve the overall health of their citizens by creating a lasting infrastructure and local community capacity that positions partner countries to respond to a range of health challenges and threats. Providing robust support for PEPFAR and Global Fund bolsters the United States' standing and cooperative relationship with the world, increases our ability to strengthen health systems to mitigate disease outbreaks, and also drives progress in combatting tuberculosis and malaria.

These successes are only possible because of the longstanding bipartisan congressional and presidential support for the programs. The responsive, data-driven efforts of PEPFAR and the Global Fund are saving lives – but they require sufficient funding to continue to do so. With your leadership, we could get back on track to end HIV as a public health threat around the world, and we look forward to working with your committee to achieve these goals. Thank you for considering our request and for your ongoing bipartisan commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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