

# Support a Robust U.S. Pledge for the Global Fund

Please join Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Michael McCaul (R-TX) in the call for a robust and increased multi-year pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria in the seventh replenishment. [Please sign onto the letter through Quill.](#)

**\*\*Deadline COB Friday February 11\*\***

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in asking the Biden Administration to make a robust and increased pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria at its 2022 Replenishment this fall.

The Global Fund has saved more than 44 million lives since its inception in 2002, cutting deaths from these three diseases in half in countries where the Global Fund has invested. As we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, bold investments in this lifesaving work are more crucial than ever to get back on track toward eliminating these infectious diseases while mitigating COVID-19's disruptions to the fight against them.

The United States will be hosting the Replenishment Conference in the fall. As the Global Fund's largest donor, a robust pledge from the United States will rally other donors and project U.S. leadership abroad. By law, U.S. contributions are capped at one-third the total contributions from all donors, and the 2019 U.S. pledge to the Sixth Replenishment encouraged numerous donors to increase their pledges to unprecedented levels.

The Global Fund has enjoyed strong bipartisan support in Congress for two decades. As we continue to navigate uncharted territory in global health, it is more important than ever to safeguard progress against infectious disease, both to protect U.S. health security and economic interests at home and abroad and to bolster U.S. diplomatic and humanitarian leadership. We hope that you will join us in urging the Administration to make a bold pledge. To sign on, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Maria Calderon (Rep. Lee) at [maria.calderon@mail.house.gov](mailto:maria.calderon@mail.house.gov) or Chris Farrar (Ranking Member McCaul) at [chris.farrar@mail.house.gov](mailto:chris.farrar@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your recent announcement that the United States will host the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) in 2022. We are writing in support of a robust and increased three-year U.S. pledge for this replenishment.

The Global Fund partnership has saved over 44 million lives since 2002, but widespread service disruptions and exhausted health care systems due to the COVID-19 pandemic have reversed crucial progress against AIDS, TB and malaria for the first time since the Global Fund was established. Comparing 2020 to 2019, HIV prevention services declined by 11%, one million fewer people were treated for TB, and malaria testing dropped by 4%. That is why the Global Fund must maintain focus on combatting AIDS, TB and malaria and addressing the backsliding caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. A U.S. contribution to the Global Fund should be separate and additive to COVID-19 response efforts, and should not come at the expense of other crucial U.S. investments in global development and humanitarian response.

Since its inception, the Global Fund has enjoyed broad bipartisan support in Congress. This support has been maintained because the Global Fund has consistently demonstrated concrete progress in fighting infectious disease and saving lives. Since 2002, the number of deaths caused by AIDS, TB and malaria each year has been reduced by nearly one-half in countries where the Global Fund invests. The Global Fund is distinctive for its emphasis on country ownership, as well as its inclusive partnerships with the private sector, faith-based organizations and civil society.

With an increased U.S. pledge, the Global Fund can build on investments in the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria and continue to strengthen global health systems, which have shown themselves to be crucial to pandemic response. A January 2021 [study](#) published in the *Lancet* determined that over a third of Global Fund investments already promote pandemic preparedness and [health security](#).

As the host of the Seventh Replenishment and the largest donor to the Global Fund, an increased United States pledge will be catalytic with other donors. The United States by law cannot contribute more than 33% of total Global Fund financing. At the Sixth Replenishment in 2019, the increased United States pledge encouraged numerous donors to increase their support, including Canada, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and the European Commission.

A robust U.S. pledge is an investment in economic growth at home, supporting healthier workers and expanding trade opportunities that directly benefit the American people. The Global Fund projects that for every \$1 invested, it will generate \$19 in economic returns and health gains, contributing to direct economic benefits for the U.S. The administration must continue to conduct rigorous oversight of all U.S. contributions to ensure every dollar is maximizing impact.

We are proud that the United States is the leading contributor to the Global Fund, an active member of the Board, and partner on the ground in countries around the world. In addition to reflecting our values and leadership, U.S. contributions to the Global Fund are an investment in countries that are critical to U.S. security and are growing markets for U.S. trade.

We must not let COVID-19 allow us to lose momentum in the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria. An increased United States investment in the Global Fund represents a major opportunity to safeguard progress against these epidemics, build a foundation for stronger and more resilient health systems, and rally support from other donors.

We urge the Administration to make bold and increased pledge for the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,