

Stepping Up the Fight to Save 16 Million Lives

*Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY) and Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) / Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID) and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), committee leads on foreign affairs, are each working to introduce Global Fund resolutions. **When introduced, we urge you to co-sponsor the Global Fund resolutions.***

Just twenty years ago, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria were wreaking havoc on populations across the globe, killing millions in a worldwide crisis that disproportionately affected people in poor countries and communities. But the world came together to change the future. Countries pooled their resources and created the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. **Now almost two decades later, that international partnership has helped save 27 million lives.**

The progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria has been nothing short of remarkable, **but key challenges remain.** Tuberculosis is now the leading infectious killer, and health systems still miss 40 percent of cases each year. Progress on malaria has stalled, and gains are at risk due to resistance to insecticides to stop mosquitoes and drugs to treat the disease. Deaths from HIV/AIDS have been cut in half since their peak in 2004, but poverty, stigma, and gender disparity still fuel the disease, with nearly one thousand adolescent girls and young women becoming infected with HIV every day. Over 3 million lives are still lost every year to the combined effects of these diseases. It's clear that more must be done and that without increased action, our progress to date is at risk. **Renewed global commitment, including U.S. Congressional leadership, is critical for driving down these diseases of poverty.**

The Global Fund's 6th Replenishment

The Global Fund now has a plan to support countries to save 16 million lives in the next three years (2020-22). A \$14 billion investment is the minimum needed to get back on track toward ending the epidemics. And there is no simple "maintenance" option; without this new investment, these diseases will claim more lives.

With a commitment of \$14 billion from donor governments over the next three years, the Global Fund will support countries to:

- Save 16 million lives
- Cut the death toll from AIDS, TB, and malaria in half
- Stop 234 million infections or cases of HIV, TB, and malaria
- Unlock an additional \$46 billion in funding from lower-income countries fighting these epidemics

Donors to the Global Fund will gather in October for a funding replenishment conference hosted by the government of France. As the Global Fund's biggest donor, U.S. leadership is essential to the

*By **pooling funding and leveraging its purchasing power**, the Global Fund has saved hundreds of millions of dollars on medicine and other health supplies. Contributions from donor countries are matched by implementing countries, which have increased their own funding commitments by 41 percent in the current grant cycle. **And for every \$1 the U.S. provides to the Global Fund, we have leveraged \$2 from other donors to fight these diseases of poverty.***

Global Fund reaching its funding goal. **This leadership must continue, with the U.S. coming to the table with at least \$4.68 billion toward the \$14 billion minimum target.**

U.S. Leadership is Critical

U.S. leadership has been instrumental in the Global Fund’s success, and the success of the Global Fund is key to achieving our global health and diplomacy goals. The U.S. is also the biggest donor to the Global Fund. By law, the United States cannot provide more than one-third of the Global Fund’s total budget, which requires other donors to commit resources. At the last pledging conference in 2016, other donors responded by significantly increasing their contributions. To date, both Japan and the UK announced increases to their pledges for the upcoming 6th replenishment.

In 2017, in countries where the Global Fund invests:

- 17.5 million people were on antiretroviral therapy for HIV
- 5 million people were tested and treated for TB
- 197 million mosquito nets were distributed
- **And 27 million lives have been saved to date by the Global Fund**

The Global Fund has an impressive record of achieving impact and enjoys strong bipartisan support in Congress. But without final Fiscal Year 2020 spending bills passed into law by the October pledging conference, other donors could sense a flagging of U.S. support. To demonstrate that the U.S. is in fact stepping up the fight, House and Senate resolutions with support of both Democrats and Republicans will be introduced stating that it is the sense of Congress to:

- Commend the work of the Global Fund for their contributions in ending the epidemics of AIDS, TB, and malaria;
- Urge donor and developing countries to step up the fight and increase their commitments to the Global Fund;
- Affirm the support of the United States for the goal of securing a minimum of \$14 billion.

The goals of the resolutions are to sustain momentum (particularly in the absence of a final FY20 number) and send additional positive signals to other donors of the unwavering U.S. congressional support to fight these diseases of poverty. **We urge all Members of Congress to support the U.S. commitment to step up the fight to save 16 million more lives by cosponsoring these resolutions.**

Senate Follow up for RESULTS’ FY20 Request

This spring, RESULTS urged both House and Senate members to weigh-in to the leadership of the congressional committees that make funding decisions in the international affairs account. The House of Representatives included RESULTS’ request of \$1.56 billion for the Global Fund in their Fiscal Year 2020 spending bill, but the Senate has not yet marked up their spending bill. **We now urge the Senate to meet the House’s ambition on the Global Fund and include the full \$1.56 billion for FY20 and to include strong language indicating this is the first installment of the U.S.’s commitment in any final spending bill.** We ask that Senate offices follow up on FY20 funding requests with the State and Foreign Operations subcommittee of Appropriations Chair Lindsay Graham (R-SC) and Ranking Member Patrick Leahy (D-VT).

Fiscal Year	FY17	FY18	FY19	RESULTS’ FY20 Request	President’s FY20 Request	House FY20	Senate FY20
Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.35 billion	\$1.56 billion	\$958 million	\$1.56 billion	TBD

**Highest historical funding for the Global Fund was in FY14 for \$1.65 billion.*