***Immediate Action needed to get back on track to end the three epidemics****New report from GFAN details critical need for increased funding to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria*

In a report released today, the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN) called for significant increases in international funding to meet the 2030 targets set by the Sustainable Development Goals to end HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

(Someone from your organization) said, “this is an historical opportunity, the world risks losing control of all three epidemics. Uncontrolled and worsened epidemics will cost countless lives, undermine economic and human development, and threaten the health security for all people on the planet.”

As the leading multilateral organization that invests in the partnership of donor and implementing countries in ending the 3 epidemics, funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in its Sixth Replenishment needs to increase by more than 20% to ensure a fund of between $16.8 and $18 billion for 2020 and 2022.

Peter van Rooijen, Executive Director of International Civil Society Support (ICSS) stressed the importance of the call for increased funding, “we analyzed existing data about current spending and what is needed under the Global Plans to fight the 3 diseases and our conclusion is that we are significantly off-track and this means new, unnecessary infections by all 3 diseases and a slower than necessary pace to reaching key and vulnerable communities.”

GFAN Speaker and Executive Director for Lean on Me Foundation, Maurine Murenga, argued that we can get back on track “as communities that are impacted, we are demanding more funding: we cannot reach key and vulnerable populations if we continue with flat-lined resources. If we hope to meet the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals and achieve universal health coverage, build resilient and sustainable systems to achieve health for all we need ambitious pledges to the Global Fund in 2019 alongside increases from other sources of funding.”

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