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**The Global Fund: An Extraordinary Investment**

**Dear Editor,**

This fall the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will be holding its replenishment conference in France. <you country> needs to do its part and increase <”investments in health” or “its contribution to the Global Fund”> by at least 20%.

Few investments have had the impact that the Global Fund has in saving lives, preventing infections and creating resilient health systems. We are at a critical moment where the minimum will not be enough to prevent us sliding back.

Global contributions of at least US$18 billion are needed to fund programming to get the world back on track to end the epidemics. With every US$ 100 million invested in Global Fund-supported programs we can:

* Save 114,000 lives through Global Fund supported programs,
* Avert 1.7 million new infections or cases across the three diseases,
* Provide antiretroviral therapy for 190,000 people,
* Prevent 20,000 mothers from transmitting HIV to their babies,
* Provide TB treatment and care for 133,000 people, and;
* Distribute 5.3 million mosquito nets to protect families from malaria.

To get back on track we must step up the fight.