

Chancellor
Dr. Angela Merkel
Bundeskanzleramt
Willy-Brandt-Straße 1
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G7 Summit 2015: For the End of Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria by 2030

Dear Chancellor Merkel,

We are a coalition of **X** organisations from all continents of the globe, who work on a daily basis to improve the lives of individuals affected and threatened by HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. We work on the ground in affected countries and regions, we run projects and programs with partner organizations, and we advocate for the global community to make an appropriate contribution to the fight against these three poverty related diseases.

We very much welcome your announcement that neglected and poverty related diseases will be a key topic on the agenda of the 2015 G7 Summit. We further welcome your acknowledgement that the unfulfilled Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) must continue to be pursued after 2015. Alongside the reduction of child and maternal mortality, tackling the global HIV epidemic and other devastating diseases must remain a central aim in the future development agenda. At the same time, the MDGs must be further developed in an appropriate and ambitious manner.

Thanks to the efforts of a great number of actors, combined with scientific advances and political will, today it is undisputable that the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria can be achieved by 2030. The UN Open Working Group Draft for the Post-2015 Agenda includes this aim within its proposed set of goals. We must not forget, however, that efforts must be strengthened in a number of key areas: mobilizing additional resources in order to secure universal access to prevention and treatment programs, as well as ensuring a greater investment in research and development of affordable, effective medicines and preventative measures. It is of utmost importance to eliminate all forms of stigmatization and discrimination, particularly for marginalized populations. Many countries will continue to require additional support to sustainably strengthening their health systems and expanding their health workforces to an adequate level.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) plays a central role in defeating these three diseases. In order for this to occur however, the Global Fund's financial needs must be adequately met. In particular, the world's economically wealthiest countries have an obligation to contribute to the GFATM commensurate with their economic strength.

By bringing an end to these catastrophic epidemics, millions of individuals will be prevented from suffering. Millions of individuals will be able to live productive lives, to care for their families and communities, and to engage in society. Indeed, sustainable development, the eradication of extreme poverty, and a decent life for all can only be achieved once AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria have been defeated.

The G7 presidency in *the* year of development, 2015, places a particularly large responsibility on Germany's shoulders. We appeal to you, Chancellor Merkel, to ensure that the world's seven most economically powerful nations commit to the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria by 2030, and commit to make the contributions necessary to achieve this target.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Organisation, Country of Organisation

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