

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ms L. Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

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Concerns: Global Fund Replenishment 2017-2019

Dear Minister Ploumen,

We, representatives of Africa Civil Society Organizations, are greatly inspired by The Netherlands, which has been a proven leader in the fight against HIV. The Netherlands and its investments in sexual and reproductive health rights and HIV, has greatly contributed in investing strongly to advance the efforts to end AIDS. Last week, thousands of activists, policymakers and researchers gathered for the 21st International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa. In Durban, we acknowledged the huge progress made in the AIDS response since the 2000 AIDS conference in Durban.

However, Durban 2016 was also a sobering moment, which underscored the fact that a lot remains to be done to end AIDS as public health threat. New data shows increased rates of infections in many countries – especially affecting young women and girls and key populations. Additionally, a [report by the Kaiser Family Foundation and UNAIDS](#) issued ahead AIDS2016 shows that donor government funding to support HIV efforts in low- and middle-income countries fell for the first time in five years in 2015.

For us, civil society organizations in several African countries, the Global Fund is a beacon of hope, as it offers one of the best and effective approaches in the fight against AIDS. Since its inception in 2002, the Global Fund has helped save 17 million lives and prevented the spread of the three epidemics. With its work to support women and girls and key populations, it has proven to be one of the most successful funding mechanisms in the history of global health.

The Global Fund has set a goal for raising US\$13 billion to be invested during the three-year period that begins in 2017. However, it appears that there is no guarantee that the Global Fund will achieve this minimum required level of funding to allow it to continue its work in the next three years. This is of extreme concern to us, because one thing is clear: the time to invest vigorously is now, so as to stem new infections in HIV and advance treatment to hit the global target of putting 30 million people on treatment by 2020. If we do not invest now, we will pay more later, as diseases will resurge.

As civil society representatives from Africa we regard the Dutch government as one of our strongest supporters and allies in the fight against diseases on our continent and beyond. As a longtime supporter of our efforts and of the Global Fund, we call

on you to demonstrate your leadership and increase your contribution to the Global Fund.

At a time when the world seems to be retreating inward and the funding landscape is becoming increasingly insecure we look to the leadership of the Dutch government in global health.

Kind regards

Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)	Australia
Pacific Friends of the Global Fund	Australia
Botswana Network on Ethics, Law & HIV/AIDS (BONELA)	Botswana
Silence Kills Support Group	Botswana
ALAK KOGHO/Association Burkina Developpement	Burkina Faso
ASAFF	Burkina Faso
Association Avo/sida	Burkina Faso
Association Kasabati	Burkina Faso
Centre Rakieta	Burkina Faso
Initiative Privée et Communautaire de lutte contre le VIH/Sida au Burkina Faso (IPC/BF)	Burkina Faso
Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME)	Burkina Faso
Responsabilité Espoir Vie Solidarité (REVS+)	Burkina Faso
ABS	Burundi
Association Nationale de Soutien aux Seropositifs et malades du sida(ANSS)	Burundi
Forum des Anciens Combattants pour la Lutte contre le VIH/SIDA, l'Amélioration de la Santé et de l'Education (FACOSASE)	Burundi
Alliance Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
ASAPSU	Côte d'Ivoire
Centre Solidarite Action Sociale	Côte d'Ivoire
Change Life	Côte d'Ivoire
Collectif des Organisations de Lutte contre la Tuberculose et les Maladies Respiratoires en Cote d'Ivoire (COLTMR-CI)	Côte d'Ivoire
Conseil des ONG de Lutte Contre le Sida en Côte d'Ivoire (COSCI)	Côte d'Ivoire
Ivorian Network of People Living With HIV/AIDS (RIP+)	Côte d'Ivoire
Médecins du Monde France	Côte d'Ivoire
ONG Centre Solidarite Action Sociale Korhogo	Côte d'Ivoire
Plateforme Contre les Trois Pandémies VIH, Tuberculose, Paludisme	Côte d'Ivoire
Reseau Ralsik	Côte d'Ivoire
ACS/AMO-CONGO	Democratic Republic of Congo

Amani plus	Democratic Republic of Congo
AIDS-Fondet	Denmark
ACTION Global Health Advocacy Partnership	Global
RENASEG ARPEGEC	Guinea
BHESP	Kenya
Girl Child Network - Kenya	Kenya
Health NGOs Network (HENNET)	Kenya
KANCO	Kenya
Kenya NGO Alliance Against Malaria	Kenya
Kenya Treatment Access Movement-KETAM	Kenya
Kydesa Rainbow Community	Kenya
Men Against AIDS Organization	Kenya
Smile Africa Development Organization	Kenya
Stop TB Partnership Kenya	Kenya
Victory Post Test Group	Kenya
WAFA	Kenya
Women Fight AIDS in Kenya (WOFAK)	Kenya
ONG Réseau MAD'AIDS	Madagascar
Centre for the Development of People (CEDEP)	Malawi
Prevention Information et Lutte contre le Sida (PILS)	Mauritius
Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS)	Morocco
AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA)	Namibia
Positive Vibes Trust	Namibia
Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+)	Netherlands
ONG "Arc-En-Ciel"	Niger
Organisation Nigerienne Pour l'Inclusion des Personnes en Situation de Handicap	Niger
Réseau Nigérien des Personnes Vivant avec le VIH (RENIP+)	Niger
3rd Sector Support Africa	Nigeria
Treasureland Health Builders Initiative	Nigeria
RAVANE OI	Reunion Island
African Council of AIDS Service Organizations (AfriCASO)	Senegal
Alliance Nationale Contre le SIDA (ANCS)	Senegal
And soppeku	Senegal
Réseau National des Populations Clés (RENAPOC)	Senegal
Santé Espoir Vie Senegal	Senegal
Coalition Plus Afrique	Senegal
AIDS Accountability International	South Africa
Positive Heroes	South Africa
WACI Health	South Africa
Community Health Education Services & Advocacy (CHESA)	Tanzania
Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organizations (EANNASO)	Tanzania
Tanzania AIDS Forum	Tanzania

Tanzania Network of Women living with HIV and AIDS	Tanzania
ZANPUD	Tanzania
Groupe Chrétien Contre le Sida au Togo	Togo
ONG Espoir Vie-Togo	Togo
Tunisian Association of Positive Prevention ATP+	Tunisia
Action for Community Development	Uganda
AIDS Information Centre-Uganda	Uganda
Bthesda Project Uganda	Uganda
Community Efforts for Child Empowerment (CECE)	Uganda
Lungujja Community Health Caring Organisation	Uganda
Mbale Area Federation of communities.	Uganda
National Community of Women Living with HIV in Uganda (NACWOLA)	Uganda
Peer to Peer uganda (PEERU)	Uganda
Uganda Network of AIDS Service Organisation (UNASO)	Uganda
Uganda Network on Law, Ethics and HIV (UGANET)	Uganda
Uganda Youth Alliance for Family Planning and Adolescents Health (UYAFPAH)	Uganda
Coalition for Health Promotion and Social Development (HEPS Uganda)	Uganda
Lungujja Community Health Caring Organisation (LUCOHECO)	Uganda
The Positive Men's Union (POMU)	Uganda
Coalition of Zambian Women Living with HIV (COZWHA+)	Zambia
Africaid Zvandiri	Zimbabwe
SAfAIDS	Zimbabwe
Youth Engage	Zimbabwe