

# TB Key Populations and the Global Fund's 6<sup>th</sup> Replenishment

Why Key Populations Need a Fully Funded Global Fund and Why the Global Fund Needs Fully Engaged TB Communities

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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## Funding Shortfall:

Global strategies and sustainable development targets have diverged from the realities faced in countries where flat or declining funding from international donors and domestic resources is undermining attempts to control and end the epidemics.

Data now shows that the world will not meet the targets set to eliminate TB and funding must be substantially increased – from both international and domestic sources to achieve the ambitious Global TB targets. In 2017, there was a US\$2.3 billion shortfall in resources for TB. International donor funding must double from current levels to effectively support low-income countries as well as some middle-income countries to curb their TB epidemics. A significant increase for the Global Fund overall is needed and GFAN's ask for the 6th Replenishment of the Global Fund is for between US\$16.8 and 18 billion.

Failure to reach this level of funding will have dramatic consequences in terms of achieving global goals and, the impact will be felt disproportionately by key populations. If evidence-based support for key populations is prioritized, it will ensure these communities will not be left behind.

The Global Fund, WHO, Stop TB Partnership, and USAID have effective strategies in place and a determination to embrace the needs of key populations—but without increased support, these groups will fall further behind and gains in addressing the epidemics will be reversed.

If the total \$13 billion annual funding goal were achieved, experts calculate that each year:

**> 1.5 million**  
Lives will be saved

**7 million**  
people will not become ill from TB

an anticipated  
**\$1.2 trillion**  
in economic RETURN ON INVESTMENT

## Key Messages:

GFAN recently published a report: [Get Back on Track to End the Epidemics](#) shows that the response to the three diseases is in jeopardy and we will be off-track to meet the SDGs and the Global Fund strategy.

1. Increased resources and a focus on programming addressing human rights and key and vulnerable populations is required to ensure goals are met and lives are saved.
2. The epidemiological data indicate that investment in key populations is critical to ending the epidemics. The Global Fund invests in rights- and evidence-based interventions for key and vulnerable populations and plays a unique role ensuring these groups are not left behind.
3. Key populations hold the key to success in ending HIV, TB, and malaria and meeting SDG goals.
4. The Global Fund plays a catalytic role in improving national responses by amplifying the voices of key and vulnerable populations and putting them at the heart of its work.

## Key Populations:

Each year, approximately 10.4 million people develop active TB disease. About 4 million (40%) of them go undetected or unreported. Many of the “missing 4 million” are among key, vulnerable or underserved populations. These key populations include prisoners, mineworkers, people living with HIV (PLHIV), healthcare workers, children, displaced people, migrants, ethnic minorities, indigenous populations, the urban poor, the elderly, and people who use drugs. Key Populations are confronted by social, legal and economic disparities that contribute to neglect by health systems and result in poor health outcomes.



Photo: TB Patient sharing the damage done to his lungs. Photographer Vincent Becker, Copyright: The Global Fund/Vincent Becker.

## The Importance of a Fully Funded Global Fund:

A successful Global Fund replenishment in 2019 is needed to begin to close the gaps for key and vulnerable populations and expand access to high-quality, evidence-based programming that will get us back on track to end the epidemics.

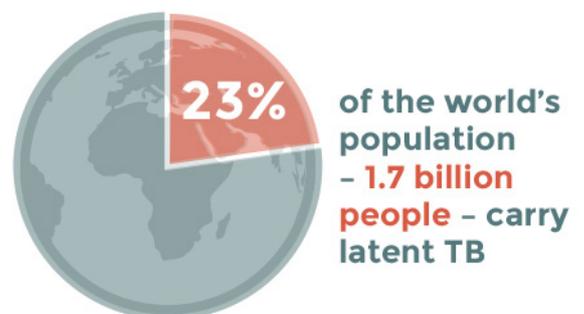
Agencies and networks led by key and vulnerable populations or those working in human rights and gender have acknowledged the vital role played by the Global Fund in supporting their work. While improvements are always possible, the Global Fund has proven to be responsive and adaptive to new challenges.

Countries have made funding requests for programs targeting key populations but have not been funded due to lack of resources. The Global Fund has deemed many of these requests technically sound and worthy of investment, but because of limited resources over \$US22 million worth of programming targeting key populations is [currently going unfunded](#).

If countries express a willingness to implement and scale up technically sound key population focused interventions, then funding to do so must be made available.

**“This is TB’s moment. The hard work of people affected by TB, and those who advocate for them, have galvanized political will and has resulted in an historic UN High-Level Meeting. It is now critical that everyone works together to hold countries accountable for the commitments they make.”**

***Dr. Eric Goosby – UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy on Tuberculosis***



## Key Demands from TB Advocates

In advance of the UN High Level Meeting on TB being held on September 26, 2018, which will be the first such global event to call attention to the disease, advocates and stakeholders from around the world established the following five key demands leading up to the meeting.

1. Reach all people by closing the gaps on TB diagnosis, treatment, and prevention
2. Transform the TB response to be equitable, rights-based, and people-centered
3. Accelerate development of essential new tools to end TB
4. Invest the funds necessary to end TB
5. Commit to decisive and accountable global leadership, including regular UN reporting and review



The full report is available online at:

[www.globalfundadvocatesnetwork.org/tb-key-populations-and-the-global-funds-sixth-replenishment/](http://www.globalfundadvocatesnetwork.org/tb-key-populations-and-the-global-funds-sixth-replenishment/)