



Talking Points

Top-line messages on the GF Replenishment

The Global Fund has a history of doing extraordinary work: few investments have had the impact that the Global Fund has in saving lives, preventing infections and creating strong and resilient health systems. The Global Fund's Investment Case outlines the absolute minimum level of investment needed to address HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria over the next 3 years when in fact, we are at a critical moment where the minimum may not be enough to prevent us from sliding back.

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In the era of Universal Health Coverage, the Global Fund saves lives through strengthening health systems

- The Investment Case for the 6th Replenishment details how the Global Fund, the largest multilateral donor in building strong and resilient health systems, has the potential for at least \$4 billion invested in health systems strengthening between 2020 and 2022

The Global Fund is a critical and smart investment – we must close the gap

- If we do not increase investments now, we risk losing the gains we have made in combatting the epidemics and open the door to a resurgence of the 3 diseases.
- We have and must continue to innovate, to find optimal use for finite resources and yet, we are simply not investing enough in the fight against the three diseases – we must get back on track

The Global Fund will be key to Get Back on Track in our efforts to fight the three diseases

- Troubling signs indicate that the world's response to the 3 epidemics has lost momentum putting at risk the progress made during the past decade, with tragic costs to people's lives, economies, health security and sustainable development
- International development assistance for health from the world's wealthiest countries is stagnating: this means the impacts of not investing enough in the 3 diseases are felt everywhere but most especially where external aid has been withdrawn or is "transitioning" out
- Adolescent and young women remain at high risk for all 3 diseases just as the world's largest ever generation of young people come of age in low and middle income countries

- Key populations for each of the epidemics continue to be neglected by health systems and confronted by deep social, legal and economic disparities that contribute to poor health
- Community-led and community-based programs are severely under-resourced even though communities are crucial actors in promoting and supporting health
- Drug resistance threatens gains in all three disease areas and access to medicines is challenging

The Global Fund has an extraordinary and exemplary record on delivering impact. Investment in the Global Fund supports evidence and rights-based services and creates space for communities and key populations at the decision-making tables in countries implementing grants and within the Global Fund governance architecture itself.

GFAN's Top-line messages on the Global Fund's Investment Case:

GFAN welcomes the Global Fund's Investment Case to "Step up the Fight". The Investment Case rightly argues that the world is off track to reach the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal targets for AIDS, TB and malaria.

GFAN affirms the necessity of fully funding, at a minimum, the US\$14 billion target.

The Investment Case is a plan for mobilizing resources that clearly states how we are off-track to meeting the Global Plans for each of the 3 diseases and for expressing the urgent need to mobilize at least 15% more in the Sixth Replenishment than in the Fifth.

With US\$14 billion, the Global Fund projects that, alongside projected targets for domestic resource mobilization and stable funding from all other sources, it can:

- help avert 234 million infections,
- cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria in half and save 16 million lives,

- build stronger health systems, reinforcing the trajectory toward universal health coverage, and,
- help the world get back on track to end these diseases.

The Global Fund has calculated that every dollar invested results in US\$19 in health gains and economic returns – a return on investment of 1:19.

GFAN's Response to the Investment Case

GFAN is concerned that the Fund's replenishment target of "at least US\$14 billion" will however not be enough to get us, back on track: in fact the Investment Case is quite clear that the investment is a minimum and that more investments are critically needed

A US \$14 billion replenishment would get us to country level investments that are very close to the same financial level of support as the current period covered by the 5th Replenishment (2017-2019)

GFAN is concerned that the 6th Replenishment Investment Case is a balance between what is needed and what is considered feasible to ask donors for:

- The GF has estimated the full need for the 3 diseases, according to the Global Plans, in this period (2020-2022) is US\$101 billion.
- The Investment Case leaves a gap of US\$17.8 billion needed in the Global Plans unfunded
- The Investment Case assumes that domestic resources will be increased by 48%

The Investment Case relies heavily on a number of factors:

- it assumes that all other investments in HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria will remain constant through the period

- it assumes that domestic resources for HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria (as co-financing commitments that are included with most GF grants) will increase by 48%

The Investment Case ask of US\$14 billion also assumes that it is “okay” to have a significant gap between what is invested versus what is asked for in the Global Plans – this is a nearly 18 billion dollar gap in just 3 years (2020-2022).

The Investment Case does NOT put us on track to meet the SDG targets within this period (2020-2022) meaning the gap between what is needed and what is done remains and it is literally the difference between life and death for hundreds of thousands of people.

The Investment Case acknowledges the need to Step up the Fight and Get Back on Track but it does not make the case for governments to close the gap and this is why GFAN is focused very specifically on the “at least” part of the Global Fund’s Investment Case with our Get Back on Track report and campaign calling for a minimum US\$18 billion investment to close the gap set out in the Investment Case.

Resources:

- You can find all of GFAN’s tools for the 6th replenishment [here](#)
- [Global Fund Results Report](#) – for quick numbers and statistics to back up your messages
- [Global Fund Investment Case](#) (note it has good sections on each of the 3 diseases to show where work is needed)
- [GFAN’s Get Back on Track Report](#) – for more details on areas that we need to get back on track on
- [GFAN’s Advocacy Brief and Response to the GF Investment Case](#)
- Many other resources can be found in GFAN’s blogs [here](#) and our resources section [here](#)