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**The Global Fund: An Extraordinary Investment**

This October the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will be holding its replenishment conference in Lyon, France. This is an opportunity for <your country> to show its commitment to <”health or “global health”> . 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. We are at a critical moment where the minimum will not be enough to prevent us from sliding back.

<you country> needs to do its part and increase <”investments in health” or “its contribution to the Global Fund”> by at least 20%.

What does investment in the Global Fund mean? If the Fund reaches its replenishment goals, it projects that 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.

However, the US$14 billion proposed in the Fund’s investment case, while it is an important target to reach, it is simply **NOT ENOUGH** for the scaled-up response that is needed and that all partners of the Global Fund should seek to raise more than the minimum US$14 billion for the Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment.

In its Get Back on Track [report](http://www.globalfundadvocatesnetwork.org/campaign/get-back-on-track/), the Global Fund Advocates Network – over 650 advocates from 90 countries worldwide – made the case that at least US$18 billion is needed to fund programming to get the world back on track to end the epidemics, even this US$18 billion is modest considering the significant resource gap identified by the Global Fund and its technical partners.

Loyce Maturu, is an advocate in Zimbabwe for young people living with HIV. She has been very gracious to share her story with people around the world and her message stresses the importance of the Global Fund, "I will not remain silent, I want to share my story, so that people can have an understanding of how it is like living with HIV. If it was not for the Global Fund I would not be here today.”

With increased investments we can do more and have a real impact on the lives of people around the world. For each US $100 million invested, Global Fund-supported programs can:

* Save 114,000 lives through programs supported by the Global Fund, and;
* Avert 1.7 million new infections or cases across the three diseases, and;
* Spur domestic investment of US$300 million toward the three diseases, and;
* Create US$1.8 billion in economic returns through health gains, and;
* Provide antiretroviral therapy for 190,000 people, and;
* Provide medicine for 20,000 mothers to prevent transmitting HIV to their babies, and;
* Provide TB treatment and care for 133,000 people, and;
* Provide 6,900 people with treatment for multidrug-resistant TB, and;
* Distribute 5.3 million mosquito nets to protect children and families from malaria, and;
* Provide indoor residual spraying for 565,000 households to protect children and families from malaria.

Loyce says it very clearly,  “The Global Fund has helped save 27 million lives and to continue this work we need a scaled up response to end the epidemics; If we do not step up the fight now, we risk losing the gains we have made in combatting the epidemics. To get back on track we need a scaled-up response to end the epidemics.”

Its time for <your country> to step up the fight and invest to get back on track to ending the worlds most deadly infectious diseases. We can reach the 2030 goals: but we need to invest to get there.