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Ambassador Frans Makken
Block B, Keystone Park
95 Riverside Drive
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Dear Ambassador Frans Makken

RE: A Successful 6th Replenishment of the Global Fund is Critical to Defeat HIV, TB and Malaria

We, the Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN – Africa) are grateful for your government’s support and generous contributions to the Global Fund since its inception. We note with utmost gratitude, that since 2001 until the 5th replenishment, the Netherlands has contributed **significantly** towards the global goals to end the epidemics of HIV, TB and Malaria.

As of the end of 2017, health programs supported by the Global Fund partnership had saved 27 million lives. This clearly makes the Global Fund one of the smartest investments.

This year, as the international community gathers in France in October, for the 6th replenishment of the Global Fund; and as we thank you for your unwavering support to the Global Fund, we urge the Netherlands to significantly increase its contribution to the 6th replenishment, and we ask you to convey this call to your Minister in The Hague.

This is as we urge African governments to increase their domestic allocation of resources for health, for sustainable financing.

According to the [6th Replenishment Investment Case 2019](#) of the Global Fund, the partnership aims to raise at least US\$14 billion, which will help save 16 million lives, cut the mortality rate from HIV, TB and malaria by half, and build stronger health systems by 2023. A successful 6th replenishment will enable the Global Fund to continue leading the fight against HIV, TB and malaria, catalyzing domestic resource mobilization and accelerating progress toward universal health coverage. A US\$14 billion investment represents the minimum required to achieve the Global Fund strategy goals for 2017-2022 and to get back on track toward ending the epidemics.

It is worth mentioning that, according to [current data](#), **the world is not on target to end the three epidemics** and will not meet 2030 targets without significant increases in funding:

- HIV is the leading global cause of early death among women aged between 15–49 and causes over 5% of disability among adults ages 15–49. A total of 37.6 million people now live with HIV, and 1.8 million become newly infected every year.
- TB is the world’s most lethal infectious disease, with over 10 million new cases each year, an estimated 1.8 million deaths annually, over a quarter of the world’s population carrying latent TB infection, and many more at risk for infection and illness.

- Malaria infected an estimated 216 million people in 2016, killing 445,000 people, including 285,000 children under the age of five. Malaria remains a major killer of children, taking the life of a child every two minutes.

Your resources will contribute to a successful refill of the Global Fund resource basket and highly impact the sustainable control of HIV, TB and malaria as epidemics, contribute to SDG3 towards the health and wellbeing of all.

*GFAN Africa advocates for **health for all** by recruiting, connecting and mobilizing advocates to communicate the urgent need for a fully funded Global Fund to maximize impact and save lives. We lead civil society and community efforts on Global Fund advocacy and domestic resource mobilization advocacy.*

Yours Faithfully,

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