



## Notes from Call – September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

- Agenda items:**
- Update and look ahead from Peter Sands, ED of the Global Fund
  - Update on advocacy in the Netherlands
  - UNGA/HLM related and other announcements

### Peter Sands – ED of the Global Fund

The purpose of inviting Peter Sands was to get some high-level reflections on the lead-up to Replenishment in these last weeks before Lyon. Peter began his comments by thanking GF advocates whose advocacy and activities and sustained work since before the Get Back on Track report in July of 2018 has made a real difference.

In discussion with advocates on the call, Sands discussed with real optimism about where we are in terms of our goals at Replenishment with most of the G7 having pledged, and increased their pledges with on-going, positive work in the two remaining to pledge, the US and France. Sands shared the deep level of engagement and activity by President Macron and his government during these months preparing for the Pledging Conference and highlighted that if meeting with French officials at any time in the coming weeks, to acknowledge this important, deep and sustained level of commitment by French officials. He noted that getting over the line to the \$US14 billion target will require many of the remaining donors to increase their pledges and is optimistic about the Private Sector meeting the 1 billion challenge pledge. Some asked about France having not yet pledged and Sands reiterated what French advocates have previously said on GFAN calls that the pledge is not expected until Lyon and work by CS advocates in France is very much focused on that moment.

Sands iterated that all the GF's work at UNGA and the UHC HLM is laser focused on bi-lateral conversations and events that situate the GF in the broader UHC and Global Action Plan work. They intend to focus a lot of their messaging around collaborations and partnerships as well as the broader SDG agenda during the week in New York.

On being asked about whether there has been a shift around our thinking re domestic investment and whether we are really seeing more contributions from countries, especially for key populations, Sands suggested that while there absolutely is some shifting and embracing of social contracting, it's not a universal shift and there is still, a mixed picture with some

countries really focused on what needs doing in terms of true UHC and others who are not quite there yet. Sands also iterated that we cannot at all be complacent: we all still very much have to work hard to get enough investment in health so that we can reach those most marginalized, stigmatized and criminalized and a number of advocacy themes related to key populations will remain super critical after October 10<sup>th</sup> as there is no quick fix in terms of fiscal mobilization for the universal health for all that we advocate for.

Sands was asked what particular challenges there have been during this campaigning towards the Lyon Pledging conference and he provided some reflections about making the time to review and think through the process as we've had to be very creative in how we message the Global Fund as fundamental notions of global solidarity are not universally held at the moment. Perhaps his chief reflection seemed to be that much of what we do is incremental and long-term: it takes a lot to get new PS in particular "over the line" in 18 months and so replenishment preparations need to be sustained and begun earlier. He closed his remarks on being hopeful about the opportunities for the Fund in the coming years: 2020 being the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the G8 in Okinawa where the idea of the Fund was first conceived and 2022 is the 7<sup>th</sup> replenishment and the Fund's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He hoped that together we would find ways to develop new champions to take the message of the Fund even further to grow support and its impact.

## **Update on Netherlands**

Civil society colleagues shared that at the moment, while they have been looking for a 20% increase, the pledge looks to be a maintenance from the 5<sup>th</sup> Replenishment at either EUR 156 million or 166 million (the first being their initial pledge, the second including a top-up made in the interim). CS in the Netherlands feels it is best to not put an increased amount of pressure on the NL government ahead of Lyon but instead, work for post-replenishment with further pressure (perhaps for another top-up) would be underway as budget considerations take place in November.

Colleagues raised concerns again about the importance of key populations and the need for a strategy to push for increased investments around key population needs and GFAN noted that the more successful we are, the more funding available for key populations and the GFS once again noted that funding for key populations remains a key priority for them and has been in fact one of the most resonant messages with donors in discussing their pledges.

## Announcements:

### UNGA/HLM Week

GFAN Meeting at UNGA – Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 – 4:00 – Last Mile to Lyon RSVP [here](#):

GFAN Africa meeting with Ministers of Health from African countries on domestic resource mobilization – more to come soon

### French advocacy

To help support French colleagues, its really important to support the two efforts underway:

- 1) CS letter to Macron – French NGO’s need your support to get France to increase its Global Fund contribution by at least 25% as part of hosting the replenishment: Sign [here](#) before the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at 5 pm GMT
- 2) Solidarité Sida’s major mobilization campaign – sign on before Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> by sending to Gautier ([gcentlivre@solidarite-sida.org](mailto:gcentlivre@solidarite-sida.org)) and Sacnicté ([scaballero@solidarite-sida.org](mailto:scaballero@solidarite-sida.org)) the logo of your NGO

You can find out more about this campaign at [www.treatment4all.org](http://www.treatment4all.org)

