

Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP

The Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

RE: UK pledge to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

We would like to acknowledge the historic leadership of successive UK Governments in the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. We welcome the UK pledge of £1 billion amongst difficult domestic financial pressures. However, we also regret such a clear departure from previous commitments and other governments.

At the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (The Global Fund) seventh replenishment conference in September, nations around the world stepped up to regain the ground lost because of COVID-19, and meet the 2030 targets of ending these diseases as epidemics. The U.S., Canada, South Africa, Germany, Japan and Ireland all answered The Global Fund's call and increased their pledges by 30%. The UK took the opposite approach and has made a cut from its previous pledge of almost 30%, forfeiting its long-held leadership role in international development.

We must express alarm over the UK reducing its pledge to the Global Fund from its 2019 contribution as it has serious consequences for millions around the world. Compared to pledging the requested increase, this risks a potential 1.54 million lives and a possible 34.5 million new transmissions across the three diseases. In real terms, it means over 2 million people not accessing antiretroviral therapy for HIV, 104 million fewer bed nets distributed to protect children and families from malaria, and 1.3 million fewer people accessing treatment and care for tuberculosis.

We know that HIV, tuberculosis and malaria disproportionately harm women and girls; for example in 2021 an adolescent girl or young woman newly contracted HIV every 2 minutes. A reduced pledge is out of step with the UK's commitment to delivering equality and opportunity for women and girls.

With the UK's pledge the total amount raised in the 7th replenishment has increased to US\$15.669 billion as of today. This is an impressive achievement but Global Fund partners must find ways to meet the minimum target of US\$18 billion from the Global Fund's Investment Case by implementing the Global Fund's new strategy fully. We urge you to change course and stand with the global community with a bolder pledge to ensure we can save lives, strengthen health systems, and unlock the full potential of millions of people worldwide. With your help, we can achieve a healthier, safer and more prosperous world for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by the 81 civil society and community organisations listed below:

1. Aberystwyth University, United Kingdom
2. Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA), Kenya
3. Africa Japan Forum, Japan
4. AIDS-Fondet (The Danish AIDS Foundation), Denmark
5. All Ceylon Young Men's Muslim Association, Sri Lanka
6. Amref Health Africa UK, United Kingdom
7. Ashar Alo Society, Bangladesh
8. Association Camerounaise pour l'épanouissement et l'autonomisation des personnes vulnérables (ASCEAUPEV+), Cameroun
9. ATHENA Network, Nigeria
10. AVAC, United States
11. Botswana Network of AIDS Service Organizations, Botswana
12. Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC), Jamaica
13. CHISA, Malawi
14. Christian Action for Development & Support (CADS), South Sudan
15. Christian Fellowship and Care Foundation, Nigeria
16. Coalition of Women Living with HIV and AIDS, Malawi
17. Community Delegation to the Stop TB Partnership Board, Kenya
18. CRS, Nigeria
19. Disability Peoples Forum Uganda, Uganda
20. Diversity and Solidarity Trust Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
21. Dopasi Foundation and Stop TB Partnership, Pakistan, Pakistan
22. Eastern Africa National Network of AIDS and Health Services Organization (EANNASO), Tanzania
23. ECOM, Estonia
24. Eswatini Coalition on TB, Eswatini
25. European African Treatment Advocates Network (EATANCIC), United Kingdom
26. FALCOH Foundation, Cameroon
27. Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, United States
28. Frontline AIDS, United Kingdom
29. Fundacion Salud por Derecho, España
30. GFAN AP, Singapore
31. Global Coalition of TB Advocates, India
32. Global Fund Advocates Network, Global
33. Global Network of Sex Work Projects, Scotland, United Kingdom
34. Good Health Community Programmes, Kenya
35. Harm Reduction International, United Kingdom
36. Health GAP, Global

37. HFHGB, United Kingdom
38. HIV I-Base, United Kingdom
39. HIV Legal Network, Canada
40. Hope for Future Generations, Ghana
41. Human & Natural Resource Development Foundation, Sri Lanka
42. Impact Santé Afrique & CS4ME, Cameroon
43. India Working Group for Health Advocacy, India
44. Lankaplus Organization, Sri Lanka
45. LHL International Tuberculosis Foundation, Norway
46. Life Vs Addiction, Nepal
47. Lunia Centre for Youths, Zimbabwe
48. MANET+, Malawi
49. National AIDS Trust, United Kingdom
50. Network of TB Champions Kenya, Kenya
51. Organization of Environment and Children Rights Preservation, Sri Lanka
52. Positive East, United Kingdom
53. Positive Hopes Alliance, Sri Lanka
54. Positively UK, United Kingdom
55. Princess of Africa Foundation, South Africa
56. Pulse Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
57. Red Ribbon Living Well CIC, United Kingdom
58. Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME), Burkina Faso
59. Results Canada, Canada
60. Sahir House, Great Britain
61. Salamander Trust, United Kingdom
62. Senderos Asociación Mutual, Colombia
63. Southern African Miners Association (SAMA), South Africa
64. Sri Sathyaguna Foundation, Sri Lanka
65. Sri Lanka International Development Organization, Sri Lanka
66. STOPAIDS, United Kingdom
67. Students for Global Health, United Kingdom
68. SWLSTG Mental Health NHS Trust, United Kingdom
69. Tanzania AIDS Forum and AIDS, Tanzania
70. Tanzania Health Promotion Support, Tanzania
71. Terrence Higgins Trust, United Kingdom
72. The Food Chain, United Kingdom
73. The Reformed Drug and Substance Abuse Initiative (REDSAI), Nigeria
74. Uganda Virus Research Institute, Uganda
75. UK Community Advisory Board (UK-CAB), United Kingdom
76. Venasa Transgender Network, Sri Lanka
77. Vision makers, Kenya
78. Women Together Edu- Cultural Center, Kenya, Kenya
79. Women4GlobalFund (W4GF), South Africa & Zimbabwe
80. Youth Engage, Zimbabwe
81. Zimbabwe Community Competence Trust, Zimbabwe