

Communities Delegation

to the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

While governments count their money, communities count their dead.

Communiqué from the Communities Delegation of People Living with HIV,
Affected by Tuberculosis and Malaria to the Global Fund Board

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The Communities Delegation of People Living with HIV, affected by Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Communities Delegation) is proud to be a part of the Global Fund's unique partnership model that invests billions to save lives. We cherish it because it also gives voice and visibility to our vulnerable, marginalised and criminalised populations, particularly in hostile political, social and cultural environments.

Our delegation would like to express our profound sorrow with the outcome of the Global Fund 7th replenishment process. Our target for this resource mobilisation cycle was *at least* \$18 billion, and to date, we have only been able to secure approximately \$14.25 billion. **We feel ashamed that we have failed our communities whose lives depend on these resources.**

The Global Fund partnership approved by consensus a comprehensive investment case of at least \$18 billion to achieve our bold and ambitious new strategy to save an additional 20 million lives in the next three years. Today, some of our partners have shown a lack of commitment toward a process that we all began together.

Our individual efforts are vital for the success of the entire partnership. Collectively we agreed to reach at least US\$ 18 billion, but **only some donors have fulfilled the expectation** to increase their contributions by 30%.

As the Global Fund Board, we should not **take our failure to meet the current replenishment targets lightly**. This will severely impact **our communities' lives, hopes, needs and dreams**.

We acknowledge the tremendous effort and express our deepest gratitude to the United States government, which once again pledged one-third of the amount needed for the rest of the donors to provide the other two-thirds. Our delegation also commends the governments that have risen to the challenge to increase their pledges by 30% and for their substantial contribution. We also appreciate the financial contribution from the implementing countries.

Having missed the target, the Communities Delegation has no doubt that in the next three years, it will take much more than US\$18 billion to get us closer to reaching the global AIDS, TB and Malaria strategic goals to end these epidemics as threats to public health, development and human rights.

If we do not significantly improve the outcome of this pledging conference, it will have a catastrophic impact on people's lives. While we recognise new global competing priorities, including health emergencies, the mission to defeat AIDS, TB and malaria as significant public health threats is far from accomplished.

We, the Communities, make an urgent **appeal to the entire partnership and international community to find solutions to close this dangerous financial gap** in the coming weeks before the allocation letters are sent to the countries.

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