

CALL ON THE UK GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB AND MALARIA

THIS MONTH,
PLEASE ARRANGE
TO MEET YOUR MP,
ASKING FOR THEIR
SUPPORT FOR THE
GLOBAL FUND.

Tuberculosis (TB) is an ancient disease that still afflicts humanity, killing 1.5 million people each year. It is detectable, preventable and treatable, but this requires resources. Many low and middle-income countries' programmes to end TB are supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, an international organisation that aims to maximise the world's efforts to eradicate the three diseases. In the last 20 years, the Global Fund has saved more than 44 million lives. This year, the Global Fund needs US \$18 billion over the next 3 years from international donors to save 20 million more lives. The UK has long supported the Global Fund, providing £1.4 billion at its last replenishment in 2019, and historically is the third largest donor. The UK should now commit a further £1.8 billion at a pledging conference in the USA this autumn.

- HIV, TB and malaria are killer epidemics that must be ended by 2030.
- Over the past 20 years, the Global Fund has saved 44 million lives.
- The UK has strongly supported the Global Fund in the past and this must continue.
- Now, the Global Fund is seeking \$18 billion from donors to continue its vital work.

What is the Global Fund?

Set up in 2002, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria is an international organisation which aims to meet the target of the Sustainable Development Goals to end the three epidemics by 2030. Over the past 20 years, the Global Fund has saved 44 million lives and reduced the combined death rate from HIV, TB and malaria by more than half in the countries in which it works.

The Global Fund and efforts to end TB

TB is a deadly airborne disease that kills 1.5 million people each year, more than HIV and malaria combined and second only to COVID-19. It can be treated, yet many low- and middle-income countries lack the resources to tackle it without additional support. Find out more about tuberculosis [here](#).

The Global Fund provides over 77% of the international funding for efforts to end TB, and the investments in TB programming also support countries' efforts to develop sustainable health systems.



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Msoni Timothy, a former patient treated for Multi-Drug Resistant TB (left) and Elvis Saitoti, Clinical Officer (right) at Shompole health centre, Kenya, a Global Fund implementation site. Read more about [experiences of TB in Kenya](#) in our blog.



Supporting countries' efforts to improve health

The Global Fund isn't just a sticking plaster! It actively supports the efforts of countries to strengthen their health services and build capacity to diagnose and treat TB, AIDS and malaria. It ensures that civil society organisations are included as countries develop funding proposals that meet the specific needs of communities, include their perspectives, and reach the most marginalised and vulnerable groups.

You can read many stories about how the Global Fund supports the efforts of countries around the world to develop their health systems and end the epidemics [here](#).

Why must the UK support the Global Fund, and why now?

This year, the Global Fund needs US \$18 billion from international donors to continue its work for the period 2023-25 to save 20 million more lives - this is an increase of just under 30% from last time. Since the last replenishment, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Global Fund needs more resources to get back on track in the fight against the three diseases. Given the UK provided £1.4 billion at the last replenishment in 2019, an uplift commensurate with the increased needs would put our contribution to this replenishment at £1.8 billion.

As a result of the [cuts](#) to the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) budget last year, this is a big ask. But with COVID-19 setting back the world's efforts to end TB by [an estimated 12 years](#), the need is greater than ever, and all donors around the world are being asked to step up.

TAKE ACTION!



This month:



- 1 Please arrange to meet with your MP, either face-to-face or virtually, to explain why the UK should invest in the Global Fund, asking them to write to the Foreign Secretary asking her to make a substantial financial pledge to the Global Fund.** Political pressure will be needed to persuade the Government to commit £1.8 billion at a pledging conference in the USA this autumn.



- 2 If you wrote to the media or took action locally on World TB Day (24 March), please tell your MP about it.** Evidence of local support for ending TB will be highly persuasive!

Read our guides to [visiting your MP](#) and [writing to your MP](#). You can find out how to contact your MP [here](#).

Let us know that you've taken this month's action by emailing:

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