

MAKE SURE YOUR MP KNOWS ABOUT THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TB AND MALARIA

THIS MONTH,
TAKE ACTION TO
RAISE SUPPORT
FOR THE
GLOBAL FUND

Tuberculosis (TB) is an ancient disease that still afflicts humanity, killing 1.5 million people in 2020 alone. It is detectable, preventable and treatable, but this requires resources. Many low- and middle-income countries' programmes to end TB, HIV and malaria are supported by the Global Fund, which has saved more than 44 million lives in the last 20 years, and now has a plan to save 20 million more lives. The UK has long supported the Global Fund, and this must continue, with a big financial commitment needed for the period 2023-25 - not least because the COVID-19 pandemic has massively set back efforts to end the HIV, TB and malaria epidemics.

- There is a plan to end the TB, HIV, and malaria epidemics, but to achieve it will take resources and political will.
- Your MP's support is needed to help encourage the UK Government to invest in the Global Fund.
- If you've already raised this with your MP, thank you. Consider taking other actions to demonstrate and raise public support for the Global Fund, such as using local or social media.
- If you haven't met your MP, there's still time to arrange a meeting or chivvy their office if you're waiting for a response.

What is the Global Fund?

Set up in 2002, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria is an international organisation which, working with partners across the world, 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 now has a plan to save 20 million more lives in the next three years.

Why is this important now?

The Global Fund needs to raise new funds every three years from international donors. All donors, including the UK, must increase their investment in the Global Fund from previous levels because of setbacks in the fight against the three diseases caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Global Fund's 7th replenishment conference will happen in the US in autumn, and donors like the UK will need to step up to help raise a total of \$18 billion. You can read a lot more detail about the Global Fund's Investment case, and why \$18 billion is the minimum needed to end the epidemics, given the impact of COVID-19, [here](#).



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"My mother and I, both of us are healthy now. Today, I have a huge amount of courage and strength in my mind,"
- Asad, a husband, son, chef and TB survivor. [Read more here](#) about Asad's story, and how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted TB diagnostics and treatment in Bangladesh.



How can I get my MP to support the Global Fund?

Arguments that might work well with MPs:

- The Global Fund is one of the most effective ways to end the epidemics, build health systems, and overcome the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. It is internationally respected for its transparency and community-led programming, and offers a tried and tested way to deliver value for money.
- It's vital that the UK increases its support for the Global Fund to help end the epidemics by 2030. The UK's share needs to be around £1.8 billion. You can read more about the financial ask in our [April action sheet](#).
- The Treasury has projected that from 2024, due to improvements in the UK's public finances, we will be returning to 0.7% of Gross National Income allocated as Official Development Assistance (ODA). This is an increase of over **£5bn per year** and coincides with the current Global Fund replenishment period 2023-25.
- The UK should pledge in a way that maximises others' contributions. Under US law, America cannot contribute more than 30% of the Global Fund's resources, and for every \$2 the international community donates, the US has historically provided \$1. We expect a strong pledge from the US as host, but strong pledges from other donors, including the UK, will be essential in unlocking its full value.
- The Global Fund is an important way to achieve some of the Government's own stated priorities, such as supporting **women and girls**, and supporting people affected by the war in **Ukraine**. The Global Fund is also one of the world's largest providers of COVID-19 support, providing tests, diagnostic equipment and PPE to over 130 different countries.
- It doesn't matter if your MP isn't fully in agreement with your arguments - they still have an obligation to raise their constituents' concerns with the Foreign Secretary.

TAKE ACTION! This month:



1 If you haven't met with your MP yet, try to arrange to meet with them, either face-to-face or virtually, to explain why the UK should invest £1.8 billion in the Global Fund during its 7th replenishment. Ask that they write to the Foreign Secretary or the Chancellor, asking them to make a substantial financial pledge to the Global Fund.



2 If you're not able to meet your MP, please consider writing to them. In your letter or email, ask your MP to write to the Foreign Secretary or the Chancellor in favour of financially supporting the Global Fund. You could also use this **e-action**, which you can also personalise. The e-action is great to share with friends and family, and on social media too!



3 Write to your local media or online media about the Global Fund, or share information on your social networks. See our recent [World TB Day guide](#) for ideas and the [Global Fund site](#).

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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