

To: Global Fund supporters around the world
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Re: Urgent Call for Action regarding Global Fund financing

Dear Global Fund supporter,

As things currently stand, there is a real possibility that the *Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria* will not raise enough money to enable it to launch any new grant rounds in 2006 or 2007.

Donor governments will hold a Replenishment Meeting in London on 5-6 September 2005 to raise the Global Fund's stated needs of \$2.9 billion in 2006 (plus a further \$0.7 billion to meet the anticipated 2005 funding gap), and \$4.2 billion in 2007, for a total of \$7.8 billion. Obtaining this money will mean that people can be hired and trained, health and social systems can be strengthened, and medications and equipment can be purchased. The need for scaling up the response has never been greater.

According to our understanding of current donor intentions, there will be enough money pledged to cover the renewal of ongoing two-year grants that have proven to be successful, but there will not be enough money pledged to enable the Fund to deliver on its plan to launch one new round in 2006 and two in 2007. Indeed, the total number of new rounds over those two years may be one or even zero.

Insufficient funding for the Global Fund will also undermine efforts to attain the Millennium Development Goal of halting and reversing the spread of HIV and other communicable diseases by 2015. Likewise, if the Global Fund does not have enough resources, implementing the G8's recent promise to achieve universal access to HIV treatment by 2010 will be impossible.

Donor countries are making their decisions right now as they prepare for the Replenishment Meeting.

We need your urgent help in advocating for adequate funding to meet the Global Fund's needs. Specifically, we ask you to:

- Arrange for your organization to sign the attached "Urgent International Appeal for Full Funding of the Global Fund." To do so, simply send an email to GlobalFundAppeal@aidspan.org saying that your organization wishes to sign the Appeal. Specify your organization's name and country. Try to do this today. The final date for submitting names is 20 August. (Note: We will separately be asking CCM Chairs and other notables to sign the Appeal in their own names. Suggestions for names will be welcome.)
- Urgently write to relevant government ministers in donor countries requesting that adequate money be pledged to the Global Fund at the Replenishment Meeting. (For further action suggestions, see the Advocacy Alert mentioned below.)
- Forward this letter and the attached Appeal to your contacts.

A special web page at www.aidspan.org/globalfund/appeal shows (a) the attached Appeal, in English, French, Spanish and Russian; (b) this letter, in the same languages; (c) a regularly-updated list of which organizations and notable individuals have signed the Appeal; (d) names and addresses to use when writing to donor government leaders; (e) a list of key messages (in the four languages) that you can draw upon when writing to donor governments; and (f) a link to the ICASO/Aidspan "Advocacy Alert: Global Fund Financing", in the four languages, with further suggestions for action.

We urge your organization, and others you are in contact with, to sign the Appeal and, if possible, to write to donor governments. There is very little time available, and it is crucial that the Global Fund receive adequate funding to enable it to launch new rounds in 2006 and 2007.

Queries arising from this Call for Action should be sent to GlobalFundAppeal@aidspan.org.

Sincerely,

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