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WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE
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Welcome to the Global Fund Observer Newsletter. Over 1,000 people signed up for the Newsletter within 24 hours of its being announced on December 18, with many more since. One third of the Newsletter subscribers have also signed up to participate in the GFO Discussion Forum.

This issue contains some background information about the Global Fund that enthusiasts can digest during the holiday season. Starting with Issue 2 we will follow a more standard format, with News, Analysis, and Commentary. Issue 2 will be sent out in the first week of January; Issue 3 will be sent out a week or two later, before the Global Fund Board meeting that takes place January 29-31; and Issue 4 will be sent out shortly after the board meeting, reporting on what happened.

Please tell others about GFO. Feel free to forward this email to others, or to post it at a web site, so long as you give credit as specified at the bottom. And if you have suggestions for how GFO could be improved, don't hesitate to let us know.

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DOCUMENTS ON THE GLOBAL FUND
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Over the past eighteen months, Aidspan has written a number of papers about the Global Fund, and has collected all the others it could find. A full list of those that are believed to be in the public domain is provided below. Some of these are not available anywhere else on the Web. Each can be read at or downloaded from the Aidspan web site, at www.aidspan.org/globalfund. The files are available in three main formats: Microsoft Word (".doc"), Adobe Acrobat (".pdf"), and Web format (".htm"). GFO subscribers who do not have easy access to the web can ask Aidspan, at no charge, to email them copies of a few such files. To do so, send an email to documents@aidspan.org. In the Subject line of the email, write "Send " plus the name of one document (e.g. "Send gfo45.pdf"). Send a separate email for each document required.

A few highlights are as follows:

- Document 45 contains a story, from yesterday's New York Times, on the Global Fund grant to Haiti. This is the first significant newspaper story that has appeared on "the Global Fund in action" rather than on "the Global Fund as an organization with potential." The story also highlights that this treatment-oriented grant goes almost entirely to NGOs in Haiti, with the full support of the government of Haiti.
- Document 42 contains full details on how to contact, on average, three to four members at each of 109 Country Coordination Mechanisms (CCMs). (This document is a considerable improvement over the previous version - but it still doesn't go far enough. Aidspan urges the Fund to publish at its web site the name, affiliation and full contact details for EVERY member of every CCM. Doing so would make it much easier for people in each country to evaluate the extent to which their CCM is

indeed operating in accord with the Global Fund principle that CCMs should be public-private partnerships; and doing so would also be in keeping with the Board's agreement in October to "operate under a principle of maximum transparency and openness.")

- Document 40 provides a detailed report of what happened at the most recent Global Fund board meeting. The document is very diplomatically worded, but it's still possible to see where things got a little heated (though there's nothing wrong with the occasional bit of heat). For readers who have precise questions on where the Fund currently stands regarding various issues, this document is the best source of information. If you don't need this level of detail, there is a summary in Document 39. Or you can wait for Aidsplan's own summary, to come in Issue 2 of the GFO Newsletter in early January. (If, after reading these documents, you have views on the topics that were and were not discussed, please raise them in the GFO Discussion Forum well before the January Board meeting. It's likely that many Board members will follow the Forum. Who knows - maybe they will participate themselves.)
- Document 38 contains some articulate and candid comments by Richard Feachem, Executive Director of the Fund, regarding challenges that the Fund faces. Again, this is a long document, and some highlights will be excerpted in Issue 2 of the GFO Newsletter.
- Document 34 describes in a very useful way the experiences that some NGOs have had with their national CCMs, and makes suggestions for improvement of the process.

If you have comments on any of these documents, we encourage you to express them in the GFO Discussion Forum.

The full list of documents available at www.aidsplan.org/globalfund, starting with the most recent, is as follows:

- Document no. 45
- Title - New York Times on Global Fund grant to Haiti
- Author - David Gonzalez
- Date - 22 Dec. 2002
- Description - New York Times story on the Global Fund grant to Haiti, a grant which is significant because, with the support of the government, it goes almost entirely to NGOs.
- Files - gfo45.htm, gfo45.pdf, gfo45.doc

- Document no. 44
- Title - Chronology of all contributions to the 'Break-The-Silence' listserv regarding the Global Fund
- Author - Various
- Date - Last updated 22 Dec. 2002
- Description - Chronology of all contributions (unedited) regarding the Global Fund that were posted to the 'Break-The-Silence' listserv during the period October 2001 through December 2002. [Note: Large document -- 514 pages, 2.5 MB]
- File - gfo44.doc

- Document no. 43
- Title - New York Times lead editorial on the Global Fund
- Author - New York Times
- Date - 16 Dec 2002
- Description - Strong editorial on the need for increased funding of the Global Fund
- Files - gfo43.htm, gfo43.pdf, gfo43.doc

- Document no. 42
- Title - CCM contact details
- Author - Global Fund Secretariat
- Date - 2 Dec 2002
- Description - Excel spreadsheet from the Global Fund web site containing complete contact details for 362 members of CCMs in 109 countries
- File - gfo42.xls

- Document no. 41
- Title - "Press Releases by the Global Fund Regarding Signings of Grant Agreements"
- Author - Global Fund Secretariat
- Date - 2 Dec, 22 Nov
- Description - 6-page document with copies of press releases by the Global Fund regarding signings of Grant Agreements with Ghana, Tanzania and Haiti.
- Files - gfo41.htm, gfo41.pdf, gfo41.doc

- Document no. 40
- Title - Report of the October 2002 Global Fund Board Meeting
- Author - Global Fund Secretariat
- Date - 1 Dec 2002
- Description - 53-page official report on the Global Fund's third board meeting, in October 2002. [Note: Large document.]
- Files - gfo40.htm, gfo40.pdf, gfo40.doc

- Document no. 39
- Title - "Brief Summary of Decisions Taken at the October 2002 Meeting of the Global Fund"
- Author - Christoph Benn
- Date - 21 Nov 2002
- Description - 3-page report by the NGO-North representative on the board of the Global Fund.
- Files - gfo39.htm, gfo39.pdf, gfo39.doc

- Document no. 38
- Title - Media Conference Call Regarding the Global Fund
- Author - Richard Feachem, Jeff Sachs, Paul Davis
- Date - 19 Nov 2002
- Description - 10-page transcript of a media conference call about the Global Fund, organized by RESULTS and Health GAP (Global Access Project).
- Files - gfo38.htm, gfo38.pdf, gfo38.doc

- Document no. 37
- Title - Global Fund Financial Prospectus
- Author - Global Fund Secretariat
- Date - Nov 2002
- Description - 11-page report by the Global Fund Secretariat evaluating the Fund's financial needs during the next few years. (This is an updated version of a report first shared with the Board in October.)
- Files - gfo37.pdf, gfo37.doc

- Document no. 36
 - Title - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria: Background and Current Issues
 - Author - Raymond Copson, Tiaji Salaam
 - Date - 21 Oct. 2002
 - Description - 6-page report by the US Congressional Research Service providing a useful overview of the Global Fund's history and methods, and of the challenges it faces.
 - File - gfo36.pdf
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- Document no. 35
 - Title - "Filling the Funding Gap to Save Lives: A Proposal for an 'Equitable Contributions Framework' for the Global Fund"
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspan)
 - Date - 9 Oct 2002
 - Description - 6-page report commissioned and published by the Global AIDS Alliance, analyzing the "Financial Prospectus" that the Global Fund's board was about to discuss.
 - Files - gfo35.pdf, gfo35.doc
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- Document no. 34
 - Title - "NGO Participation in the Global Fund"
 - Author - Kieran Daly
 - Date - Oct 2002
 - Description - 6-page report by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance assessing the participation of HIV NGOs in six country-level processes of the Global Fund.
 - File - gfo34.pdf
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- Document no. 33
 - Title - "Global Fund Responsiveness to Faith-Based Organizations"
 - Author - Christian Connections for International Health
 - Date - Sept 2002?
 - Description - 9-page report based on a survey of faith-based organizations to assess their inclusion within the CCM process. Includes responses from 173 FBOs.
 - Files - gfo33.htm, gfo33.pdf, gfo33.doc
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- Document no. 32
 - Title - Media coverage regarding the Global Fund at the International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, July 2002
 - Author - Various
 - Date - 8-14 July 2002
 - Description - 11 pages of media coverage from major US newspapers regarding the Global Fund, arising during the International AIDS Conference in Barcelona.
 - File - gfo32.doc
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- Document no. 31
 - Title - Articles on the Global Fund written for the conference newspaper at the International AIDS Conference, Barcelona, July 2002
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspan)
 - Date - 8 to 12 July 2002

- Description - 10-page paper containing three articles on evolving views of the Global Fund in the course of the Barcelona AIDS conference, plus the transcript of an interview with Richard Feachem, the new Executive Director of the Fund.
 - File - gfo31.doc
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- Document no. 30
 - Title - Press conference transcript at Barcelona
 - Author - Various
 - Date - 9 July 2002
 - Description - 13-page transcript of a press conference at Barcelona on financing needs for HIV/AIDS, involving Peter Piot of UNAIDS, Richard Feachem of the Global Fund, Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, and Stephen Lewis, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on AIDS.
 - File - gfo30.doc
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- Document no. 29
 - Title - "Call for Proposals" for Round 2
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 2 July 2002
 - Description - 3-page document in which the Global Fund provided an overview of what was involved in applying for grants in Round 2, for which the deadline was 27 Sept 2002 and grants will be announced in January 2003. [Note: Also available in 5 other languages at www.globalfundatm.org/proposals.html]
 - Files - gfo29.htm, gfo29.pdf, gfo29.doc
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- Document no. 28
 - Title - "Guidelines for Proposals" for Round 2
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 2 July 2002
 - Description - 24-page document in which the Global Fund provided detailed instructions on how to apply for grants in Round 2, for which the deadline was 27 Sept 2002 and grants will be announced in January 2003. [Note: large document. Also available in 5 other languages at www.globalfundatm.org/proposals.html]
 - Files - gfo28.htm, gfo28.pdf, gfo28.doc
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- Document no. 27
 - Title - "Proposal Form" for Round 2
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 2 July 2002
 - Description - 30-page form that had to be completed when applying for Global Fund grants in Round 2, for which the deadline was 27 Sept 2002 and grants will be announced in January 2003. [Note: large document. Also available in 5 other languages at www.globalfundatm.org/proposals.html]
 - File - gfo27.doc
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- Document no. 26
 - Title - "Q&A on the progress of the Global Fund, July 2002"
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - July 2002
 - Description - 12-page FAQ on and by the Global Fund (adding to and updating the one done in Feb 2002).

- Files - gfo26.htm, gfo26.pdf, gfo26.doc

- Document no. 25
- Title - Memo on the Global Fund
- Author - David Gootnick
- Date - 7 June 2002
- Description - 4-page untitled report on the Global Fund by the U.S. GAO (General Accounting Office)
- File - gfo25.pdf

- Document no. 24
- Title - "How South Africa fared in the first round of grants from the Global Fund"
- Author - Alison Hickey
- Date - 28 June 2002
- Description - 18-page analysis by IDASA (Institute for Democracy in South Africa)
- File - gfo24.doc

- Document no. 23
- Title - "Global Fund Update for NGOs and Civil Society"
- Author - David Garmaise
- Date - June 2002
- Description - 18-page paper by ICASO (International Council of AIDS Services Organizations).
- File - gfo23.pdf

- Document no. 22
- Title - "The Global Fund: Challenges and Opportunities - A Report of the Committee on Resource Mobilization and Coordination of CSIS"
- Author - Todd Summers
- Date - June 2002
- Description - 23-page report by CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies) on fundraising possibilities for the Global Fund. (Update to the Dec. 2001 CSIS paper.)
- File - gfo22.pdf

- Document no. 21
- Title - "Global Fund makes historic first round of payments"
- Author - The Lancet
- Date - 4 May 2002
- Description - 3-page article in The Lancet. Provides useful overview of the Fund and current issues it faces.
- File - gfo21.doc

- Document no. 20
- Title - "Challenges and Opportunities"
- Author - Christoph Benn
- Date - May 2002
- Description - 16-slide Powerpoint overview of the Global Fund by Christoph Benn, board member representing North NGOs.
- File - gfo20.ppt

- Document no. 19
 - Title - Country totals of Round 1 grants
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspan)
 - Date - 28 April 2002
 - Description - 2-page analysis of dollar totals of Round 1 grants by country.
 - File - gfo19.doc
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- Document no. 18
 - Title - Category totals of Round 1 grants
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspan)
 - Date - 28 April 2002
 - Description - 1-page analysis of dollar totals of Round 1 grants by disease, etc.
 - File - gfo18.doc
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- Document no. 17
 - Title - List of grants approved in Round 1
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 25 April 2002
 - Description - 7-page list by Global Fund providing one-sentence description and dollar value of each approved grant in Round 1.
 - File - gfo17.doc
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- Document no. 16
 - Title - Press release on grants approved in Round 1
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 25 April 2002
 - Description - 4-page press release by Global Fund on Round 1 grants
 - File - gfo16.doc
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- Document no. 15
 - Title - "The Global Fund: Which Countries Owe How Much?"
 - Author - Tim France, Gorik Ooms, Bernard Rivers
 - Date - 21 April 2002
 - Description - 6-page paper analyzing donations thus far to the Global Fund, and proposing an "Equitable Contributions Framework" for determining how much money should be provided by each donor country. Distributed on 21 April 2002 to 20,000 AIDS professionals, government officials, journalists and activists around the world.
 - Files - gfo15.htm, gfo15.pdf, gfo15.doc
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- Document no. 14
 - Title - "How Much will it Cost to Address the AIDS Pandemic in FY 2003?"
 - Author - Heather Nolen
 - Date - 20 Feb. 2002
 - Description - 2-page paper by The AIDS and Health Care Working Group of the Advocacy Network for Africa.
 - File - gfo14.doc

- Document no. 13
 - Title - "GAVI, the first steps: lessons for the Global Fund"
 - Author - Ruairí Brugha, Mary Starling, Gill Walt
 - Date - 2 Feb. 2002
 - Description - 4-page study in The Lancet on lessons for the Global Fund from grant-making experience in four African countries by The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization.
 - File - gfo13.pdf
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- Document no. 12
 - Title - "Debate provides cautious optimism for global health"
 - Author - The Lancet
 - Date - 2 Feb. 2002
 - Description - 1-page editorial in The Lancet on prospects for The Global Fund.
 - File - gfo12.pdf
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- Document no. 11
 - Title - Minutes of the January 2002 Global Fund Board Meeting
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - February 2002
 - Description - 5-page official report on the Global Fund's first board meeting, in January 2002.
 - File - gfo11.pdf
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- Document no. 10
 - Title - "The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria: Update and Next Steps"
 - Author - ICASO
 - Date - February 2002
 - Description - 12-page paper by ICASO (International Council of AIDS Services Organizations).
 - File - gfo10.pdf
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- Document no. 9
 - Title - "Initial Questions on the Global Fund, February 2002"
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - February 2002
 - Description - 8-page FAQ on and by the Global Fund.
 - Files - gfo9.htm, gfo9.pdf, gfo9.doc
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- Document no. 8
 - Title - "The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria -- Successes and Challenges"
 - Author - Todd Summers et al
 - Date - February 2002
 - Description - 7-page paper by the Task Force on HIV/AIDS of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).
 - File - gfo8.pdf
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- Document no. 7
 - Title - "Terms of Reference of the Technical Review Panel"
 - Author - Global Fund Secretariat
 - Date - 31 Jan. 2002

- Description - 11-page paper in which the Global Fund explains how the Technical Review Panel (TRP) will evaluate proposals received by the Fund.
 - Files - gfo7.htm, gfo7.pdf, gfo7.doc
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- Document no. 6
 - Title - "Risk and Opportunity Factors for the Global Fund During its First Year of Operation"
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspace)
 - Date - 8 Dec. 2001
 - Description - 12-page paper sent to members of the Global Fund's Transitional Working Group, and others. Anticipates what problems might arise with the Global Fund during 2002, and then seeks ways of preventing those problems from arising, or overcoming them if they do arise.
 - File - gfo6.doc
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- Document no. 5
 - Title - "The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria Resource Mobilization Strategy"
 - Author - Todd Summers, Jennifer Cooke, Stephen Morrison
 - Date - Dec. 2001
 - Description - 6-page report by CSIS (Center for Strategic and International Studies) on fundraising possibilities for the Global Fund. (Updated in June 2002 -- see above.)
 - File - gfo5.pdf
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- Document no. 4
 - Title - "Raising and Spending Major Sums of Money to Combat Global AIDS: Some Factors to Consider"
 - Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspace)
 - Date - 14 Nov. 2001
 - Description - 27-page paper commissioned by a UN agency, and released with permission of the agency. The paper discusses how much money is needed to tackle global AIDS, and the role that the Global Fund (plus various sources of non-government funding) can play in addressing this need.
 - File - gfo4.doc
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- Document no. 3
 - Title - "A global health fund: a leap of faith?"
 - Author - Ruairi Brugha, Gill Walt
 - Date - 21 July 2001
 - Description - 3-page early evaluation by BMJ of prospects for the Global Fund.
 - File - gfo3.pdf
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- Document no. 2
 - Title - "Mission now possible for AIDS fund"
 - Author - Peter Hale et al
 - Date - 19 July 2001
 - Description - 2-page early evaluation by Nature of prospects for the Global Fund.
 - File - gfo2.pdf
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- Document no. 1
 - Title - "The Global AIDS and Health Fund: Suggestions on How to Maximize Private Sector Funds Raised"

- Author - Bernard Rivers (Aidspan)
- Date - 19 July 2001
- Description - 7-page paper.
- Files - gfo1.htm, gfo1.doc

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