

## Global Week of Action 7 to 11 March

Please note that across the world, between 7-11 of March, civil society is coming together to celebrate The Global Week of Action. It is co-organised by the Civil Society for Malaria Elimination (CS4ME), Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN), GFAN Africa, and GFAN Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP), and follows the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign carried out with partners during the Sixth Replenishment in 2019.

The <u>Investment Case for the Seventh Replenishment</u> was released at the Preparatory Meeting. The full Investment Case is available in English, and the Executive Summary in Dutch, English, Spanish and French.

The Seventh Replenishment Investment Case calls for us to #MeetTheTarget of at least \$18 billion to:

- Help the world #GetBackOnTrack to end AIDS, TB and malaria as epidemics, and save 20 million lives between 2024 and 2026.
- Reduce the death toll across the three diseases to 950,000 in 2026, down from 25 million in 2020.
- Avert more than 450 million infections through reducing the incidence rate by 58% across the three diseases by 2026.

However, the minimum target of US\$ 18 billion is not enough! The GFAN report Fully Fund the Global Fund: Get Back on Track to End AIDS, TB and Malaria in a COVID World calls for \$ 28.5 billion to close the gaps and get back on track for the period 2023–2025. Following the launch of the Investment Case, GFAN and partners released a statement in reaction which call for all donors to close the resource gap and support the Global Fund with at least \$24 billion to fight the three diseases for the Seventh Replenishment, \$ 6 billion above the minimum funding need expressed in the Investment Case.

The fact is, says GFAN, we need more investments, more collaboration, more commitment and more political will

if we are to achieve our goals ending the three diseases as epidemics by 2030 to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets. The campaign <u>In Extraordinary Times... The Power of More</u> developed by Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific (GFAN AP) centres the voices and interests of communities and civil society in the Global Fund partnership, as we push for a fully resourced Global Fund alongside all stakeholders to #FightForWhatCounts as #TheBeatContinues.

The upcoming Global Week of Action is a singular opportunity for communities and civil society partners to show our united support for the Global Fund which has saved 44 million lives and demonstrate that we are truly #BetterTogether with the #PowerOfMore.

Communities and civil society partners are reaching out to the Embassies and High Commissions of donor countries of the Global Fund to thank them for their contributions to the Global Fund so far – which has saved over 44 million lives — and to call on them for increased pledges to the Global Fund Seventh Replenishment target of at least \$18 billion to save 20 million lives.

This Global Week of Action is hoping to mobilise communities and civil society collectively to:

- Create momentum around the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund at the national, regional, and global levels through gathering communities and civil society to come together collectively through action.
- Raise awareness through the diplomatic channels of donor embassies of the Global Fund for the Seventh Replenishment using key messages of the Investment Case presented at the Preparatory Meeting.
- Build and/or strengthen partnerships nationally, including with donor embassies.

The website presents an interactive map and flags: readers can click on the map icons or the flags to find out more about efforts of colleagues in different countries during the Global Week of Action.

In addition, several resources and materials are available for communities and civil society partners for the Seventh Replenishment of the Global Fund. These are: guides and toolkits; a sticker pack for social communication; graphics; reports and documents; videos; and statements and press releases. There is a very detailed guide with suggested activities and examples. You can download any or all of them <a href="here.">here.</a>

Participants are invited to share their activities with GFAN who will compile and showcase them through the website after the event, as was done for the #LoveMoreGiveMore campaign.

Read More