

CIVIL SOCIETY OPEN LETTER TO CHANCELLOR OLAF SCHOLZ

GERMANY GLOBAL HEALTH CHAMPION

Germany has been a strong supporter of the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund)** since its founding 20 years ago. Over that period, the Global Fund has saved 44 million lives, and Germany has contributed more than € 3.9 billion, making it its fourth largest donor. In 2019, for the Sixth Replenishment, Germany pledged € 1 billion, and later an additional € 290 million to fund the COVID-19 Response Mechanism of the Global Fund, which ensured that resources would be supplemented and where necessary redeployed to continue to deliver high-quality HIV, tuberculosis and malaria programs despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Germany plays a pivotal role in shaping Global Fund policies, through its seat on the Global Fund's Board and role on its Strategy Committee, in particular with regard to the building of resilient and sustainable systems for health, and improving health outcomes for women and girls. Within several weeks of the attack on Ukraine by Russia, the Global Fund Board was able to review and approve a plan to ensure that services for HIV and tuberculosis could continue to operate in the country and could follow Ukrainians fleeing the war.

Global health advocates know Germany as a leading voice in global health and development, initiating important conversations and action on global health security, health systems strengthening and antimicrobial resistance. Germany has endorsed the need to reduce inequalities in accessing health care and overcoming human rights and gender-related barriers in a number of forums where affected communities and civil society are key partners, including the Global Fund.

The Global Fund has grown over the past 20 years into the largest multilateral funder of health, thanks to its unique partnership approach, its comprehensive engagement of communities most affected by the three diseases, and its country-led funding model. It is responsive, adaptable, highly effective, and has a long record of deploying disease-fighting interventions at scale. Its inclusive governance, commitment to human rights, support for evidence-based interventions, local ownership and decades of experience engaging and working with the most marginalized and excluded communities have reinvigorated the responses to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, and fostered pandemic preparedness and response.

The Global Fund operates in 3-years funding cycles. In 2019, it raised a record US\$ 14 billion for its Sixth Replenishment. In 2022, with the world still dealing with COVID-19, the Global Fund estimated in its Investment Case that at least US\$ 18 billion would be needed to recover the

ground lost during the pandemic to accelerate and put us back on track towards the elimination of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics by 2030. To meet this financial target, a minimum 30% increase is needed of all Global Fund donors. The United States, as host of the Seventh Replenishment Pledging Conference, has indicated its willingness to pledge US\$ 6 billion, but in order to be made available this funding must be matched two to one by other donors.

As the host of the upcoming G7 Summit, Germany is in a unique position to influence the outcomes of the Seventh Replenishment. The Elmau Summit will come at a pivotal moment ahead of the Pledging Conference, scheduled for September. The members of the G7 have accounted for over 80% of the Global Fund’s resources to date, and a show of leadership from the G7 Presidency during the summit will be instrumental for the Replenishment to hit its target.

The Global Fund has a pivotal role to play in not only ending HIV, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics, but also in the response against COVID-19 and the preparation for future pandemics. The Global Fund already invests over US\$ 1 billion every year in building resilient systems for health, and these investments have already made their mark. Experience from years of HIV genetic sequencing in several countries in southern Africa was key to raise the alarm on the rise of the Omicron variant. Across countries benefiting from Global Fund grants, HIV, tuberculosis and malaria health workers pivoted in 2020 to respond to COVID-19, and supported health systems to better resist the influx of patients, and detect upcoming waves early. Investing in health systems that ensure equitable access to quality prevention and care is our best insurance policy against novel pandemics, and will be the key to ending the world’s most lethal infectious diseases.

We, the undersigned global health advocates, ask the German government:

- **to increase by 30% the pledge it made at the Sixth Replenishment Conference in Lyon, to bring it to € 1.3 billion in 2022.** This is not an unreasonable ask – given Germany’s contribution to the COVID-19 Response Mechanism, it does not represent an increase from its total contribution over 2020-2022; and
- **to create momentum among G7 members by using the summit as a platform to announce its pledge,** and uphold the group’s commitment to building a more equitable world.

Signed by 161 civil society and community organizations from across the world:

Action against AIDS Germany
 Action Medeor Deutsches Medikamenten-Hilfswerk
 Action Santé Mondiale / Global Health Advocates
 Advocacy Network Africa (AdNetA)
 Advocates of Hope for Community (AHFCO)

AFEDEC Association des Femmes Engagées pour le Développement du Cameroun
 Africa Japan Forum
 Agos Canada Nord Kivu
 Agos Gabon
 Aide Internationale pour le Développement Durable (AIDD)

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AIDES	Civil Society For Malaria Elimination (CS4ME)
AIDS Action Europe	Civil Society on Malaria Control, Immunization and Nutrition (ACOMIN)
Aids Foundation of South Africa	Club des Amis Damien "CAD"
Aids Healthcare Foundation (AHF)	Coalition of Women living with HIV and AIDS
AIDS-Fondet (Danish AIDS Foundation)	Coalition PLUS
Aidsfonds	Community Working Group on Health (CWGH) – Zimbabwe
Alliance for Public Health	Consolation East Africa
Alliance for Sustainable Development Organization (ASDO)	Deutsche Aidshilfe
Armée des Jeunes Contre le Paludisme en RDC	Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)
Ashar Alo Society	Dorcas orphanage Centre Tiko
ASOS (Action Socio-sanitaire Organisation Secours)	EANNASO
Association Act For Welfare	ECOM – Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity
Association d'Aide à l'Education de l'Enfant Handicapé (AAEEH)	Equipop
Association des Jeunes Juristes du Niger (AJJN)	Eswatini Coalition on TB
Association des Victorieux de la Tuberculose Ultra-Resistante (AVTUR – RDC)	Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS
Association For Promotion Sustainable Development	Evangelisch – Methodistische Kirche, Weltmission
Association Jiguiya Yeleen	Female Plus
Association Nationale de Soutien aux Seropositifs et Makades du Sida (ANSS Burundi)	FLOWER
Association Nigérienne des Scouts de l'Environnement (ANSEN)	Foaster Foundation For Healthcare Uganda
Association of Positive Youths Living with HIV/AIDS Enugu State Nigeria	Focus for the Future Generation
BlackPride Communications and Projects	Forum for the Promotion of Gender Equity and Moral Values
Bloyta Projects	Friends Frangipani Inc-PNG
BONELA (The Botswana Network on Ethics, Law & HIV/AIDS)	Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
BUKO Pharma-Kampagne	Frontline AIDS
Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health (CanWaCH)	GFAN
CEHRDF Germany	Ghana Coalition of NGOs in Health
Center for Media Advocacy for Mother and Child (CAMAC)	Global Citizen
Center for Popular Education and Human Rights Ghana (CEPEHRG)	Global Fund Advocates Network Asia-Pacific
Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum – CEHRDF	Global Health Italian Network
Centre for Popular Education and Human Rights, Ghana	Good Health Community Programmes
Centre International de Formation en Droits Humains et Développement Durable (CIFDH/DD)	Health 4 Men Ghana
	Health GAP
	HERO Network
	Hi Voices
	Hope and Trust
	Hope for Future Generations
	Ilias Centre
	Impact Essentials, Ghana
	Impact Santé Afrique
	International Youth Council-Yemen (IYCY)
	Jeunesse Congolaises Vers la Voie du Savoir
	Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO)

Kenya Orphans Support Organization	Southern African Miners Association (SAMA)
Kenya Treatment Access Movement- KETAM	Spiritia Foundation
Kibauni CBO	Spouses of CARICOM Leaders Action Network
Kindernothilfe e.V.	Stop TB Canada
Lady Mermaid Empowerment Centre	Stop TB Partnership-Kenya
Lean On Me	Stop TB RDC
LHL International	Stop Tuberculose Bouake
Life Vs Addiction	STOPAIDS
Machakos County Youth Assembly	Swaziland Migrant Mineworkers Association (SWAMMIWA)
Malawi Network of People living with HIV and AIDS (MANET+)	Tanzania AIDS Forum
Millennial Womxn in Policy	Tanzania Network of Women Living with HIV and AIDS
Most At Risk Populations' Society in Uganda (MARPS IN Uganda)	Tanzania Socio-Economic Health and Environmental Development (TASHED)
Mothers Initiatives Africa	Tanzania TB Community Network
NAP + Ghana	TB Women Kenya
NAPWA-SA	TBpeople Global
National Empowerment of Positive Women United	The Botswana Network on Ethics Law and HIV AIDS(BONELA)
Networking Community of Southern Africa	The Reformed Drug and Substance Abuse Initiative, Nigeria
NGO Failatoul Hairan, Niger	Tim Africa Aid Ghana
Non-State Actors for Health and Development, Ghana	Tumaini Letu Nshamba
OHF Initiative	Ukrainian Network of People who Use Drugs (PUD.UA/VOLNA)
ONG-EDHN	Ukrainian Network of Women who Use Drugs (UNWUD)
Organismo Andino de Salud – Convenio Hipólito Unanue	United to Beat Malaria, UN Foundation
Pan African Positive Women's Coalition-Zimbabwe	Vision makers
Positive Alliance Foundation	WACI Health
Positive Women	West African Institute of Public Health (WAIPH)
Positive Young Women Voices	Women & Life Foundation – WLF
Princess of Africa Foundation	Women Together Educultural Center Kenya
Public Health International Consulting Center (PHICC)	Women with Dignity
RENAPSAJ	Women4GlobalFund
Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME)	World Vision International
Réseau des associations congolaises des jeunes	Wote Youth Development Projects
Results Canada	WOWI/OFIF (Women Organization for Worldwide Islam)
RESULTS UK	YAPBEC
Rural New Life Development Kenya	Young Women Rise
Rwanda NGOs Forum on HIV/AIDS and Health Promotion	Youth Africa Alliance Solidarity
Salud por Derecho	Youth Support Foundation
SIDAF(Sustainable Impact for Development in Africa)	Zengele
	Zéro Pauvre Afrique (ZPA)
	Zimbabwe Community Competence Trust