

## PRESS STATEMENT

### UNAIDS commits its support to the Global Fund and calls for solidarity

*A fully-funded Global Fund is essential to help countries reach their AIDS response targets by 2015*

**Geneva, 24 January 2012**—In the ten years since the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) was established, the organization has made a profound difference in saving millions of lives around the world. It has created momentum and helped countries achieve results.

- In the past decade, the Global Fund has approved more than US\$ 22.6 billion in grants to 150 countries.
- Global Fund grants are helping countries provide 3.3 million people access to HIV treatment.
- The Global Fund has ensured that more than one million pregnant women living with HIV have had access to antiretroviral drugs to prevent the transmission of HIV to their children.

UNAIDS is confident, that in the Global Fund's transition phase, its transformation plan will help deliver further results. UNAIDS will continue to work in partnership with countries and with the Global Fund to reduce risks and ensure high-impact programmes continue on the ground.

The remarkable progress achieved in the AIDS response must be sustained and accelerated. UNAIDS urges the international community to urgently explore innovative sources of funding to bridge the gap in global resources for AIDS. It also calls on countries to revise and reprioritize AIDS investments as well as national AIDS strategies.

In 2011, UN member states pledged to invest between US\$ 22-24 billion per year by 2015 for the global AIDS response. Last year, US\$ 15 billion was available, however international funding has fallen from US\$ 8.7 billion in 2009 to US\$ 7.6 billion in 2010.

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