

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS welcomes outstanding support for the Fourth Replenishment for the Global Fund

GENEVA, 3 December 2013—The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) welcomes US\$ 12 billion commitment by international partners to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) at its Fourth Replenishment meeting in Washington DC and fully supports the new funding model.

Opened by President Barack Obama of the United States, the meeting was also an opportunity for world leaders and partners to review progress and look to the future.

The new commitments represent a sharp increase compared to pledges made at the previous replenishment conference of US\$ 9.2 billion. Shared responsibility by countries has also grown. Domestic spending on HIV has increased, accounting for approximately of 53% of global HIV resources in 2012. The total global resources available for HIV in 2012 were estimated at US\$ 18.9 billion.

“These pledges are a demonstration of global solidarity and trust to move towards ending the three diseases,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “Support for the Global Fund comes at a crucial point—in many parts of the world we are entering into a ‘make or break’ point in progressing towards our goals.”

New HIV infections among adults and children were reduced by 33% since 2001. In addition, new HIV infections among children have decreased by 52%. AIDS-related deaths decreased by 29% since 2005. More than 9.7 million people in low- and middle-income countries are now accessing HIV treatment, an increase of nearly 20% in just one year.

Resource mobilization efforts will continue throughout 2014 – 2016.

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Global Fund Fourth Replenishment: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/replenishment/fourth/>

UNAIDS Smart Investments report:

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/documents/2013/name,88803,en.asp>

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