

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS calls for a fully funded Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

GENEVA, 14 January 2019—As the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) launches its sixth replenishment for its next three-year funding cycle, UNAIDS is urging donors to fully fund the Global Fund.

The Global Fund launched the summary of its Sixth Replenishment Investment Case in Paris, France, calling for US\$ 14 billion to help save 16 million lives through programmes for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. The Global Fund estimates that this will cut the mortality rate for the three diseases in half. Funding will also go to building stronger health systems.

“In July 2018, UNAIDS sounded the alarm—resources available for AIDS are not matching agreed political commitments and there is an annual shortfall of US\$ 5 billion,” said Michel Sidibé, Executive Director of UNAIDS. “I welcome the Global Fund’s call to raise at least US\$ 14 billion for AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria for the next three years and call on donors and domestic partners to dig even deeper to ensure that the global investment target of US\$ 26.2 billion for the AIDS response is met by 2020, as it is a public health imperative. I am confident that the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, and partners will ensure that the Global Fund is fully funded and will keep the bar high to ensure that additional funds are raised.”

Investing in the Global Fund is vital. To date, the Global Fund estimates that it has ensured access to HIV treatment for 17.5 million people living with HIV, keeping them alive and well. Funds also support access to HIV services for key and marginalized populations, HIV prevention, programmes for adolescents and programmes for young women and girls, HIV/tuberculosis integration and coinfections.

UNAIDS will continue to strengthen the long-established partnership with the Global Fund to maximize the impact of the investments, accelerate inclusive people-centred responses and end AIDS as public health threat. Joint work takes place across diverse sectors, enhancing human capital and strengthening systems to deliver sustainable results, save lives and leave no one behind.

The full Global Fund Sixth Replenishment Investment Case will be presented and discussed by global health leaders at the Preparatory Meeting of the Global Fund Sixth Replenishment, hosted by the Government of India in New Delhi on 8 February 2019.

UNAIDS estimates that US\$ 26.2 billion will be required for the AIDS response in 2020. In 2017, US\$ 21.3 billion was available for the AIDS response in low- and middle-income countries. UNAIDS urges a scale-up in donor and domestic resources for HIV to fill the gap and end the

HIV, tuberculosis and malaria epidemics by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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