

PRESS STATEMENT

UNAIDS thanks all donors for pledging full funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has raised US\$ 14 billion for the three diseases for a three-year period (2020–2022)

GENEVA, 11 October 2019—UNAIDS is hugely encouraged by the firm commitment that donors have shown to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund). At its Sixth Replenishment Conference, held in Lyon, France, on 9 and 10 October 2019, the Global Fund raised US\$ 14.02 billion, the highest amount ever for the partnership, which is working to end the three diseases.

“I truly commend all countries and partners that have stepped up to the mark and committed to investing in the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,” said Gunilla Carlsson, UNAIDS Executive Director, a.i. “These investments are a critical lifeline for millions of people around the world. Going forward, putting people at the centre will be critical for making the money work most effectively.”

UNAIDS congratulates the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, for his personal engagement and his call on countries to increase their pledges to honour the proposed 15% increase above the last replenishment. Most donors matched or surpassed the 15% increase and many new donors attended and pledged for the first time.

UNAIDS will continue to work closely with the Global Fund providing strategic information, technical expertise and capacity-building to countries in sourcing and implementing Global Fund grants. UNAIDS advocates for a people-centred, human rights-based approach to ending AIDS and fully supports the active engagement of civil society and community-based organizations in reaching the most marginalized people and people being left behind. In 2018, there were 37.9 million people living with HIV, 15 million of whom are still in urgent need of access to life-saving antiretroviral therapy.

The pledges to the Global Fund will boost the response to HIV. UNAIDS will continue to advocate for increased investment to meet the full resource needs of the AIDS response to end AIDS by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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