



Advocating for Grandmothers, Vulnerable Children and Youth in Africa
Soutien aux grands-mères, enfants et jeunes vulnérables en Afrique

Ottawa, September 21, 2022 - The Grandmothers Advocacy Network (GRAN) applauds and thanks the Government of Canada for its pledge of \$1.21 billion to the Global Fund to Fight HIV, TB and Malaria. In addition, Canada is committing \$100 million to the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on programs to fight HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. The announcement was made by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the 7th Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund, held in New York City this week.

The Global Fund requires a replenishment of at least \$US18 billion for the next three years to get the world back on track to end AIDS, TB and malaria, saving 20 million lives, reducing the death toll from these three diseases, and preventing more than 450 million infections. More than \$US14.25 billion has been raised so far.

The Global Fund is a worldwide partnership of government and private sector donors as well as civil society supporters and implementing partners. The goal is to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and to ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. Since its inception in 2002, health programs supported by the Global Fund partnership have saved 50 million lives.

GRAN members across the country have been working with a coalition of civil society organizations over many months to encourage Canada to make an ambitious pledge that would represent our fair share of the worldwide investment needed. We thank the many parliamentarians and civil society organizations who have encouraged the Government to make this pledge.

“We are delighted that Prime Minister Trudeau brought real leadership to the 7th Replenishment Conference with his announcement of an ambitious pledge. This investment will help save millions of lives around the world,” said Cathy Thompson, Co-Chair of GRAN's Health Equity campaign team. “It will make a huge difference in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria.”

GRAN is a non-partisan network of volunteers working together across Canada to influence policy change and stimulate effective action in Canada and internationally. We advocate to promote and protect the human rights of grandmothers, children and youth of sub-Saharan Africa, as well as those of vulnerable and marginalized women in communities of the Global South. Our vision is a world where the human rights of older women, children, youth, and gender-diverse persons are recognized and protected so that they can achieve their full potential.

Background:

Global Fund Investment Case: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/fight-for-what-counts/>

Global Fund Results Report: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/results/>

Government of Canada announcement: <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2022/09/canada-announces-a-121-billion-contribution-to-fight-hiv-aids-tuberculosis-and-malaria-and-additional-support-to-mitigate-the-impact-of-covid-19.html>

Global Fund Replenishment press release: <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/2022/2022-09-21-global-fund-partners-pledge-support-to-end-deadly-diseases-prevent-future-pandemics/>