

THE WORLD RALLIES TO “END IT. FOR GOOD.” - CANADA BRINGS LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO MONTREAL TO PLEDGE ALMOST US\$13 BILLION TO THE GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS AND MALARIA

Canadian civil society congratulates Canada for uniting world leaders in the fight against three of the world’s most devastating diseases

MONTREAL 17 September 2016 – Today, in a show of commitment to global health and development, world leaders pledged a total of *US\$12.9 billion* to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria during its Fifth Replenishment Conference, hosted by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Montreal, Quebec from September 16-17.

“Driven by Canada’s leadership, the world has seized this critical moment in the fight to end AIDS, TB and malaria,” said Robin Montgomery, Executive Director of the Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD).

“The new funding will not only allow the Global Fund to continue its important work, but also reaffirms the international community’s commitment to meeting the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, while supporting the right to health for the world’s most vulnerable people.”

Months of extraordinary efforts by the global community came to fruition at the Replenishment Conference, which brought together affected communities, civil society, donor and recipient governments, the private sector, and private foundations to rally support and commitments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals target to end AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria as epidemics by 2030.

The Government of Canada set a high bar in May, when it pledged CAD\$785 million to The Global Fund over the 2017-2019 period, a 20% increase over its previous replenishment commitment.

“Despite the positive outcome of this Fifth Replenishment Conference, the global resource gap remains significant if we are to reach our collective targets,” said Robin Montgomery. *“We call on the Trudeau government to continue its leadership on the global stage to end the three diseases.”*

Since its inception in 2002, The Global Fund has saved 20 million lives through innovative partnerships and programming and has played a crucial role in the treatment and prevention of these three diseases. The nearly US\$13 billion pledge will create unique opportunities for millions of the world’s most vulnerable, especially women and girls and empower young people as leaders for social change. It will:

- Save up to 8 million lives, for a total of 30-32 million lives saved by 2020
- Build on the results achieved and prevent the resurgence of the diseases
- Avert 300 million new infections
- Support partners in domestic investment of US\$41 billion toward the three diseases
- Deliver US\$290 billion in economic gains

On behalf of:

Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights
Amref Health Africa - Canada
Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)
Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (CAN-MNCH)
Canadian Positive People Network (CPPN)
Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH)
CARE Canada
Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte contre le sida (COCQ-SIDA)
Dignitas International
Grandmothers Advocacy Network
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