

### Hope in the fight to end deadly duo of TB and HIV

Hot on the heels of the recent announcement in Australia of the 'end of AIDS' (covered in [last month's Fact & Action Sheet](#)), in late July the eyes of the world were on Durban for AIDS 2016: the world's largest health- and development-related conference. For the first time a two-day pre-conference event took place called TB 2016, devoted entirely to forging stronger connections between prevention, testing and treatment for *TB and HIV together*.

This is significant because TB causes 1 in 3 deaths of people living with HIV.

We can't hope to 'end AIDS' globally without bringing an end to TB, but it has been a neglected 'side issue' for too long. With some excellent TB-related speakers at both conferences, and the launch of the African TB Caucus to consolidate political action for TB on that continent, momentum is finally building to [deal jointly with the 'deadly duo' of TB and HIV!](#)



The Deadly Duo of TB and HIV take to the streets, joining the Treatment Action Campaign's rally at AIDS 2016 in Durban, South Africa.  
Credit: Leila Stennett

### Will the Global Fund's \$13 billion target be met?

For its fifth replenishment (2017-19), the Global Fund is seeking to mobilise US\$13 billion dollars from investors, which will be further boosted by increases in domestic finance and cost-cutting advances in implementation.

Who has pledged so far? (All figures in US dollars)

- 16 Dec 2015 - private sector, charities and foundations including:
  - (RED), Bono and Bobby Shriver's initiative to fight AIDS in Africa through the Global Fund: \$15m
  - British philanthropic organisation, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation: \$10m
  - UK charity Comic Relief: \$12m
- 3 March - European Union: \$523m (up 27% on last pledge)
- 11 April - New Zealand: \$729 000 (first pledge since 2008-10)
- 20 April - Portugal: \$56 000
- 21 April - United Methodist Church: \$20m
- 3 May - Luxembourg: \$9m (up 8%)
- 9 May - Canada: \$599m (up 20%)
- 20 May - Japan: \$800m (up 46% on last pledge, if calculated in yen)
- 15 June - Belgium: \$21m (the same as their previous contribution)
- 26 June - France: \$1.2b (the same as previous pledge)
- 27 June - Italy: \$145m (up 30% on last pledge)



Canadian PM Justin Trudeau announcing Canada's pledge, with Loyce Maturu and Mark Dybul.  
Credit: Global Fund.

The US is expected to pledge up to \$1.35 billion annually, and can pledge up to one third of the total, meaning the more other countries pledge, the more the US can give. Pledges are also expected from China, India, Germany, the Nordic countries, the Netherlands and from several high-net worth individuals. One of the potentially unfortunate fall outs from Brexit could be a negatively impacted UK pledge, which will be 'one to watch'.

The Global Fund notes of its investors, "Every contribution matters. Every partner able to contribute funding must be encouraged to take part in the progress underway and share in the excitement of collective action. Some can achieve greater impact by leveraging matching funds. Others can spur increased commitment, with knock-on benefits in the social and economic health of affected communities."

A \$300m Australian commitment may seem comparatively small, but has the potential to unlock more investment from other donors like the US, and is of increased importance given the uncertainty around the UK pledge.

### What would a strong and fair Australian pledge achieve?

RESULTS and other civil-society organisations in Australia have been calling on our government to pledge **AU\$300 million** to the Global Fund for 2017-19. While this would be an increase on our previous two pledges - which were \$200 million each - it maintains Australia's investment at a 1.7% share of the Global Fund's total ask.

The Global Fund has calculated what every contribution of US\$100 million can achieve for global health and, based on these figures, a \$300 million Australian investment would:

- Save up to 180 000 lives
- Avert up to 6.9 million new infections across the three diseases
- Support partners in domestic health investments of US\$900 million and
- Spur US\$6.6 billion in long-term economic gains.



Antiretroviral Treatment for HIV

A full replenishment of \$13 billion would allow the Global Fund to support country-designed and -run programmes that, in the next three years, will:

- Save up to 8 million lives, meaning 30-32 million lives saved cumulatively by 2020
- Avert up to 300 million new infections from these three diseases
- Make substantial contributions towards building resilient and sustainable health systems
- Support partner countries' own investment of US\$41 billion toward the three diseases
- Support stronger responses for women and girls, key populations and human rights, and
- Lead to broad economic gains of up to US\$290 billion in the coming years (based on partner-country estimates): this figure captures the value of better health, more productive societies and potential contributions of people who gain access to lifesaving treatment.

Estimates of returns for each dollar invested are significant: 17:1 for HIV, 27:1 for TB, and 28 to 40:1 for malaria.

### **Take action: Write a Letter to the Editor.**

This action is in addition to the many advocates around the country meeting with parliamentarians to obtain signatures on our Letter of Support for the Global Fund (*don't forget to send your signed letters to RESULTS ASAP!*) and writing opinion pieces for newspapers around the country. This action is our final effort to shine a light on the need to secure a strong and fair Australian pledge before the replenishment takes place on September 16.

Some pointers:

- Write now, write at your meeting, write at replenishment time, and write after the replenishment!
- Write in response to published opinion pieces written by your RESULTS peers, any articles about the Global Fund replenishment, and anything in the paper at all – get creative to find a link to the issue.
- Use the Laser Talk below as a starting point if you're stuck.
- If your MP or Senator has taken any positive action during this campaign, thank them in your letter.
- Check to see if you're published and tell us – media will be given to the Foreign Affairs Minister!
- Get help: [how-to guide](#), [newspaper contacts](#), and [published letters](#), and join our supported [writing team](#).

Laser Talk:

The **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria** has saved **17 million** lives since 2002. Yet, around **3 million** people still die from these diseases annually and millions more lack access to testing and treatment. On **September 16, 2016**, the Global Fund will hold its replenishment conference in Montreal, Canada, and is seeking **US \$13 billion** for the period 2017-2019 to save another 8 million lives. I call on Australia to make a strong and fair pledge of **AU\$300 million**.

Don't forget to tell us about your success or challenges – email [info@results.org.au](mailto:info@results.org.au) or call 1300 713 037