



6TH REPLENISHMENT OF THE GLOBAL FUND GFAN AFRICA'S ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



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Introduction

The 6th replenishment of the Global Fund was such a big highlight for GFAN Africa and so many other colleagues we admire and respect. In our region, we saw unprecedented political mobilization by communities and civil society in support of the replenishment. In Francophone Africa region, we witnessed communities and civil society step into Global Fund advocacy in a manner not seen before. As a region, we brought voices, fun and color. A coordinated Africa regional social and political mobilization for the 6th replenishment included organising for common messaging across the region as well as offering technical support to civil society in letter writing; donor country embassy visits; editorials; organizing meetings with technocrats; and organizing regional days of action among many other activities. Francophone and Anglophone Africa spoke in one voice. We mobilized, we held meetings, we spoke at key events, we wrote letters and statements, and some lived on social media. It was colorful and we had fun.

We salute all civil society and community advocates who stepped up and made it possible for GFAN Africa to organize and engage so strongly on the 6th replenishment. Their commitment,

leadership and resourcefulness made all the difference. The splendid work is our joint accomplishment and most pointedly the triumph of communities in need of HIV, TB, and malaria services.

With utmost appreciation, we acknowledge our collaboration with GFAN Asia Pacific. The 'love more give more' and 'heroes give more' campaigns were brilliant and such great highlights of the 6th replenishment. Similarly, much appreciation to GFAN global secretariat and membership. Many colleagues supported and collaborated on our advocacy efforts. 'Get back on track' report was a useful advocacy tool with great messaging.

We are grateful to the Global Fund secretariat for the great leadership, support and guidance not only in executing #StepUpTheFight but also in amplifying civil society efforts including regional efforts- this contributed to our collective success.

Looking forward to another fun and colorful year in Global Fund advocacy as well as domestic resource mobilization advocacy.

Rosemary Mburu

GFAN Africa Secretariat



27 AFRICAN COUNTRIES

In total, we mobilized communities and civil society in 27 African countries. We saw unprecedented political mobilization by community and civil society in support of the replenishment. In Francophone Africa region, we witnessed how community and civil society stepped into Global Fund advocacy in a manner not seen before. Countries included: Mali, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Eswatini, Ghana, Nigeria, Benin, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Congo, Togo, Niger, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Gabon, Guinea and Central Africa Republic.



14 HEADS OF STATE

Letters to 14 African heads of state. We asked them to contribute to the replenishment, attend the replenishment conference in Lyon and allocate additional domestic resources for health. We reached out to: Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Nigeria, Eswatini, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Guinea, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ghana.



6 DONOR COUNTRIES

Days of Action targeting donor governments with priority for Canada, Netherlands, Finland, France, Japan, and USA. Letter writing, visits to embassies and social media outreach, urging them to #stepupthefight. Messages included thanking countries for unwavering support to the Global Fund, and urged them to increase and make early pledges to the 6th replenishment.



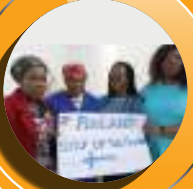
4 FRENCH EMBASSY EVENTS

Together with the Global Fund secretariat and embassies of France in Cameroon, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Ghana organized events hosted by the four embassies to drumbeat for the 6th replenishment. The events brought together civil society organizations, communities, Government representatives, donors and private sector for conversations on investing in the Global Fund, the cost of inaction, and why we must step up the fight and getting back on track to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and attain SDG 3 on health and wellbeing for all.



20 KEY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

These included Africa Leadership Meeting on Investing in Health, UHC HLM, World Economic Forum, the World Health Assembly in Geneva, the TICAD Ministerial Meeting in Addis Ababa, TICAD 7 meeting in Yokohama, the multi-stakeholder UN High Level meeting in New York, the UN High Level Meeting on UHC in New York, the World Economic Forum for Africa in Cape Town, World TB Day, World Malaria Day and the International Women's Day among others.



40 THANK YOU LETTERS

Since November after the successful replenishment conference we have sent a total of 40 thank you letters.





Introduction

About GFAN Africa

GFAN Africa aims at uniting African civil society voices and action for successful resource mobilization for the Global Fund. This includes domestic resource mobilization as a component for sustainable financing. GFAN Africa is the Africa region hub for GFAN. GFAN Africa's specific objectives are: (1) mobilize Africa civil society to support and engage in Global Fund resource mobilization (2) African leaders to speak in support Global Fund resource mobilization (3) World leaders to contribute to the Global Fund (4) African leaders to mobilize domestic resources and invest directly in their health programs (5) Amplify community, rights and gender considerations in Global Fund investments.

WACI Health is the administrative host and secretariat for GFAN Africa. An Africa regional advocacy organization, WACI Health works to create the political will to end life threatening epidemics and improved health outcomes for all in Africa.

6th Replenishment of the Global Fund

In the lead up to the 6th replenishment of the Global Fund, GFAN Africa lead on a coordinated Africa regional social and political mobilization. This included coordinating for common messaging across the region, as well as offering technical support to civil society in letter writing, donor country embassy visits; Editorials; organizing meetings with technocrats; organizing regional days of action.

Objectives of this work included:

1. Outreach to implementing governments to speak in support of the Global Fund and the importance of a successful replenishment for the Africa region.
2. Outreach to implementing governments to step up domestic investments
3. Outreach to donor governments for increased and early pledges. This was through embassy outreach both at country level and at the missions in New York.





Highlights of GFAN Africa 6th replenishment activities

1. Day of Action targeting Africa governments

This involved writing and delivering letters to heads of state in African Union Member States for support towards the 6th replenishment. We asked them to contribute to the replenishment, attend the replenishment conference in Lyon and allocate additional domestic resources for health. Through this, we reached 14 heads of state: Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Nigeria, Eswatini, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Congo and Ghana.

2. Day of Action targeting donor governments with priority for Canada, Netherlands, Finland, France, Japan, and USA

This involved letter writing, visits to embassies and social media outreach, urging them to #stepupthefight. Messages included thanking countries for unwavering support to the Global Fund and urged them to increase and make early contributions to the 6th replenishment. A total of 16 countries participated in the campaign namely: Mali, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Eswatini, Ghana, Nigeria, Benin, DRC and Central Africa Republic. Examples of specific outreach include:

- 18 June 2019- GFAN Africa met Dr Tamu Daniels the Country Coordinator of PEPFAR in Kenya and Dr Dan Koros the Global Fund Liaison and presented to them a letter urging the US to make an early & increased pledge for a successful 6th replenishment of the Global Fund to save 16 million lives over the next three years.
- 11th July 2019- Members of GFAN Africa wrote a letter acknowledging and appreciating that Canada is one of the top donors in the fight to end the epidemics of HIV, TB, and malaria and a firm promoter of gender equality and human rights. In this regard, we asked Canada to make an increased pledge of CAD 925 million for 2020 – 2022.
- 18 July 2019- GFAN Africa wrote a letter to The Netherlands, urging them to #stepupthefight. As we thanked The Netherlands for its unwavering support to the Global Fund, we urged the country to increase its contribution to the 6th replenishment.
- On 31 July 2019- GFAN Africa wrote letters to Aino-Kaisa Pekonen Minister for Social Affairs and Health and to Ville Skinnari Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade for Finland. In the letters sent to them directly, and through consulates and high commissions in countries across Africa, we acknowledged Finland's support to the Global Fund since 2002 and asked the country to make an early and increased pledge to the Global Fund for a successful 6th replenishment to save millions of lives.



3. French embassy Events: Cameroon, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana

Together with the Global Fund secretariat and embassies of France in Cameroon, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Ghana organized events hosted by the two embassies to drumbeat for the 6th replenishment. The events brought together civil society organizations, communities, Government representatives, donors and private sector for conversations on investing in the Global Fund, the cost of inaction, and why we must step up the fight and get back on track to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and attain SDG3 on the health and wellbeing for all.

4. Leveraged key meetings and events

These included Africa Leadership Meeting on Investing in Health, UHC HLM, World Economic Forum among others The World Health Assembly in Geneva, the TICAD Ministerial Meeting in Addis Ababa, TICAD 7 meeting in Yokohama, the multi-stakeholder UN High Level meeting in New York, the UN High Level Meeting on UHC in New York, the World Economic Forum for Africa in Cape Town, World TB Day, World Malaria Day and the International Women's Day. For example, GFAN Africa leveraged WEF to highlight the role of the Global Fund in addressing health challenges faced by young women, which is key to achieving the 2030 Agenda especially SDG 3 on the health and wellbeing of all. Prioritizing investments for young women and adolescent girls will also contribute to universal healthcare coverage (UHC) so that young women do not suffer financial hardships or sink into poverty when they seek healthcare services. In view of the 6th replenishment of the Global Fund, WEF offered a platform not only elevate the role of the Global Fund but also reach out to Private sector and businesses for their role in domestic resource mobilization.





5. Civil society and community capacity strengthening for advocacy and coordinated messaging

GFAN Africa coordinated a series of meetings, including in Francophone Africa, aimed at strengthening community and civil society advocacy. This involved coordinating Africa regional social and political mobilization in support of the replenishment. This included coordinating for common messaging across the region as well as offering technical support to civil society in Letter writing; donor country embassy visits; Editorials; organizing meetings with technocrats; organizing regional days of action.

6. Collaboration with GFAN Asia Pacific on the 'Love more give more' and 'Heroes give more' Campaigns

GFAN Africa joined GFAN AP's 'Love more give more' Campaign. This included letter writing and flowers to embassies and high commissions of donor countries of the Global Fund and others to appreciate their continuous support for the fight against HIV, TB and Malaria while asking them to show more love by making increased and early contributions to the Global Fund for the 6th replenishment. Participating countries in Africa included: Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.





THANK YOU AFRICA

We Said Thank You

After the successful replenishment conference of the Global Fund, GFAN Africa mobilized membership in November 2019 to send thank letters and emails to all implementing countries, donors, private sector and foundations that contributed.

We made in person visits to the Embassy of Japan in Nairobi, Embassy of Switzerland in Nairobi, the European Union office in Nairobi and to the Embassy of The Netherlands in Nairobi to deliver thank you letters. H E Ryoichi Horie the Ambassador of Japan to Kenya re-stated Japan's interest and commitment to global health adding that Japan collaborates with the Government of Kenya and countries in the region to attain progressive health outcomes.

GFAN Africa membership in 14 countries delivered, sent and emailed thank you letters. We reached out to every contributor and emphasized that their contributions are life - saving and will have positive outcomes on Universal Healthcare Coverage and Sustainable Development Goal 3 on the health and wellbeing of all.





GFAN Africa Debrief with Peter Sands

Representatives of GFAN Africa had the opportunity to meet with Peter Sands, the Executive Director of the Global Fund on the Sidelines of ICASA in December 2019. Peter acknowledged the enormous role and contribution of Civil society towards a successful replenishment. Peter emphasized the need for a long and sustained action by civil society in ensuring broad spending on health to achieve universal healthcare coverage so that no one is left behind.







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