Joint Communities and Civil Society Delegations to the Board of the Global Fund
Statement on the Outcome of the Global Fund 5th Voluntary Replenishment

The Communities and Civil Society Delegations to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) applaud world leaders who pledged a total of $12.9 billion on 17th September for the 5th Voluntary Replenishment of the Global Fund. This is $1 billion more than the 4th Voluntary Replenishment held in 2013, and represents the largest amount ever pledged at a Replenishment Conference.

We commend the leadership of the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government for hosting the replenishment in Montreal, and we thank all the Global Fund Secretariat staff who have worked tirelessly to make this Replenishment Conference a success.

We note that the successful start to the replenishment of the Global Fund for the period 2017-2019 is a result of years of extraordinary efforts by the global community, 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 and towards the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

We commend the pledges from donor governments, implementing countries, private sector and civil society partners for today’s accomplishment, but call on all to not just deliver these commitments, but also stay focused on the crucial work ahead to mobilize additional resources to address the needs of the most vulnerable and key populations no matter where they live.

This is critical so that the Global Fund has sufficient resources to fund the full expression of demand by each country and can direct sufficient funds to the Catalytic Fund and strategic priorities such as key affected communities, women and girls, human rights, gender equality and community and health systems strengthening.

This amount raised represents a critical investment towards fighting the three diseases over the next three years. It is close to the $13 billion investment target that the Global Fund needs to allow it to stay ‘on the right side of the tipping point’ and to continue making significant in-roads against the three diseases, as illustrated in the Global Fund Strategy 2017 - 2022: Investing to End Epidemics, with specific focuses on the promotion and protection of human rights and gender equality.

However, we should be under no illusion. This figure is only the minimum of what is needed. The Global Fund’s Investment Case states that $13 billion is just 80% of its full need. Without further investment, it will certainly mean communities disrupted, lives lost, and preventable new infections.

The Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund (Communities Delegation) is a voting constituency on the Board of the Global Fund representing communities living with HIV and affected by TB and malaria. The Communities Delegation brings the voices from communities into Global Fund decision-making processes and policy making to ensure that programmes and policies benefit the communities who receive prevention, treatment, care and support in Global Fund Implementing countries. For more information, please contact Rachel Ong, Communications Focal Point, Communities Delegation, rachel.ong@globalfundcommunitiesdelegation.org.

The Developed Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund is a voting constituency on the Board of the Global Fund representing NGOs based in Western Europe, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia and New Zealand as well as international NGOs headquartered in developed countries. The Developed Country NGO Delegation works to bring the
voices and needs of civil society to the Global Fund, and to ensure that the Fund remains ambitious, transparent, accountable and achieves maximum impact. For more information, please contact Jack MacAllister, Communications Focal Point, Developed Country NGO Delegation, jwmacallister@gmail.com.

The Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund is a voting constituency on the Board of the Global Fund and represents the NGOs, from the Developing World, serving those affected by HIV/AIDS, TB, & Malaria. The Delegation seeks to influence decisions and policies to ensure strategic, continuous and appropriate responsiveness to the needs of those affected by the three diseases and the NGOs providing services to them. For more information, please contact Jomain McKenzie, Communications Focal Point, Developing Country NGO Delegation, jomainm@gmail.com.