



The Rt. Hon. Sir Keir Starmer KCB KC MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

As 19 Presidents of UK diaspora health associations, representing over 355,000 NHS and UK health system workers with deep ties to countries in which The Global Fund partnership is essential, we are writing to urge the Government to at least maintain the UK's commitment of £1 billion to the Global Fund at the 8th replenishment in November.

The UK's role as co-host with South Africa provides a unique platform to courageous leadership. Reducing the UK's pledge would not only undermine the success of the replenishment but also compound the impact of cuts to programmes funded by the UK ODA budget, including vital services for HIV, TB and malaria. The consequences of such a decision would be felt acutely in the communities our associations represent, where health systems are already under extraordinary strain.

We are particularly concerned that:

- A cut by the UK would in effect be a 'double cut', piling further pressure on those already hit by the recent reductions in USAID's funding. A study published recently in *The Lancet* found that the permanent loss of USAID-funded HIV/AIDS programmes could result in 4.1 million additional AIDS-related deaths alone within the next 5 years.
- Sustained commitment to the Global Fund is essential to avoid a costly resurgence of infectious disease that cannot be contained by borders. Such a resurgence would place further strain on the NHS and threaten the UK's ambition to end HIV transmissions by 2030.
- The UK's long-standing commitment to the Global Fund has helped save millions of lives, strengthened fragile health systems and demonstrated the UK's global leadership in health security. Any weakening of this commitment risks reversing those hard-won gains.

We recognise the fiscal pressures that your government faces but cutting funding to The Global Fund would be a false economy. Investment in global health security is an investment in the United Kingdom, in the NHS, and an investment in protecting our health workforce by supporting the prevention of infectious disease spreading around the world and to the UK.

As diaspora health leaders, we see every day the tangible impact of The Global Fund on the ground, and the shared benefits of UK leadership both at home and abroad. We therefore urge you to announce a maintained pledge of £1 billion to The Global Fund at the replenishment conference in November.





Our members stand ready to support your government in this endeavour. The decisions taken now will shape health outcomes for millions around the world, including patients in the UK, for decades to come.

Yours sincerely,

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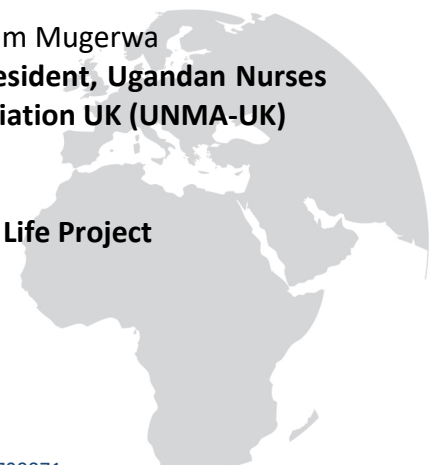
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