

WHO welcomes vital addition to Global Funds

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The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomes new funding commitments made at the *Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment Conference* in Lyon hosted by the Government of France, on 9-10th October 2019. The pledges, amounting to \$14.02 billion will cover a three-year period (2020-2022) to finance the fight against HIV, TB and malaria.

The renewed commitment to replenish the Global Fund will mean that over 110 affected countries will receive critical financial support for health allowing them to scale up infectious diseases responses and to fight back against drug resistance and other threats. It is expected that the Global Fund will continue to invest a good proportion of this money to strengthen health systems, including building diagnostics capacities, surveillance systems and supply chains.

WHO and the Global Fund have worked closely together since the Global Fund was set up in 2002 to help countries establish and sustain nationally-driven programmes to fight HIV, TB and malaria. It provides vitally needed funding, while WHO supplies technical expertise and guidance at both global and country level.