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Updated on Board Matters

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- GF/B52/EDP10 on Appointment of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Standing Committees of the Board
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- GF/B53/EDP02 on 2023-2028 KPI S6a replaced with KPI S6a2

Learn more about decisions <https://www.theglobalfund.org/kb/board-decisions/>

Global Fund News

Global Fund Secures First Eighth Replenishment Pledge – A Historic Private Sector Commitment from Children’s Investment Fund Foundation

On April 2, 2025, the Global Fund announced its first pledge for the Eighth Replenishment campaign, marking a groundbreaking moment in global health funding. The Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) made a historic US\$150 million commitment, a five-fold increase from its previous contribution. This generous pledge highlights the importance of private sector involvement in tackling global health challenges such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria.



“As the first pledge for the Global Fund’s Eighth Replenishment, CIFF’s inspiring commitment marks a major milestone in our campaign. CIFF’s generous support not only empowers us to intensify the fight against HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, but also sets a compelling benchmark for other donors.”

Peter Sands
Executive Director
The Global Fund



As the Global Fund mobilizes support to safeguard health gains, strengthen health systems, and prepare for future pandemics, this partnership sets a strong precedent for private sector leadership. The Global Fund aims to raise US\$2 billion from private donors for the Eighth Replenishment, demonstrating the transformative potential of private investments in public health.

CIFF’s focus will include expanding access to innovative HIV prevention tools, such as the long-acting injectable drug lenacapavir. This investment is expected to significantly improve adherence and health outcomes, especially for vulnerable populations.

For more details, [please visit here](#)

Global Fund to Provide US\$5 Million in Emergency Relief to Support Earthquake Response in Myanmar

On April 14, 2025, the Global Fund announced a US\$5 million emergency funding allocation to support health needs following the devastating earthquakes that struck central Myanmar on March 28. The earthquakes, which caused significant destruction, have severely impacted vulnerable communities, exacerbating existing health challenges and risking disease outbreaks.

The funding will prioritize the continuation of HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria treatment and diagnosis, ensuring access to essential medical supplies such as antiretroviral drugs, TB medications, and malaria diagnostics. It will also support the restoration of health services and strengthen disease prevention efforts, particularly in displacement camps where overcrowding, poor sanitation, and limited access to clean water are increasing the risk of communicable diseases.

This urgent intervention will also focus on TB case notification, HIV treatment, malaria prevention through bed net distribution, and strengthening primary healthcare services to ensure that critical health services continue amid the ongoing crisis.

For more details, [please visit here](#)

In Historic First, the Global Fund Procures African-Made First-Line HIV Treatment



On May 6, 2025, the Global Fund achieved a historic milestone by procuring the first-ever African-made first-line HIV treatment. The lifesaving antiretroviral medicines (ARVs) – TLD (tenofovir, lamivudine, and dolutegravir) – prequalified by the World Health Organization, were sourced from a Kenyan pharmaceutical company and delivered to Mozambique. This supply will treat over 72,000 people annually in Mozambique, marking a significant step in strengthening regional health security.

The procurement underscores the Global Fund's commitment to promoting African manufacturing, reducing dependence on imports, and ensuring access to quality-assured, affordable health products. It aligns with ongoing efforts to build Africa's capacity to respond swiftly to public health challenges and improve health outcomes.

In partnership with organizations like the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, the Global Fund continues to foster regional manufacturing and procurement, particularly for essential medicines and health products. This approach aims to accelerate the availability of competitively priced, high-quality products across Africa.

For more details, [please visit here](#)

Takeda, the Longest-Standing Corporate Partner of the Global Fund, Pledges to the Eighth Replenishment

On May 20, 2025, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company pledged JPY 350 million to the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment, marking the first corporate commitment for this campaign. Takeda, a long-time supporter of the Global Fund, has been a key partner for over a decade, with a focus on improving health outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa.

This new commitment will build on the Takeda Initiative, a 15-year partnership aimed at integrating HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria services into maternal and child health care in Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania. The initiative has already supported 1.5 million mothers, promoting early detection and treatment for healthier pregnancies and better long-term health outcomes. The renewed partnership will scale this model for greater impact.

Takeda's continued support has contributed to malaria prevention, expanded TB treatment access, and enhanced HIV services across the region. With this new pledge, Takeda aims to further strengthen health systems, empower local leadership, and drive sustainable health solutions.

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SEA Constituency

Constituency Meeting

South East Asia Constituency virtual meeting, held on 15 April 2025, focused on preparations for the 53rd Global Fund Board Meeting and updates on regional health initiatives. Chaired by Prof. Dante



Harbuwono and Ms. Aishath Samiya, the meeting began with opening remarks from Global Fund Board Chair, Lady Roslyn Morauta, who emphasized the importance of unity and the need for continued efforts in addressing regional health challenges.

WHO South-East Asia Region's Director, Dr Suman Rijal, highlighted the ongoing challenges in HIV, TB, and malaria in the region, as well as the need for enhanced collaboration. Following this, country representatives presented their ongoing efforts, achievements, and challenges to eliminate the diseases, as well as concerns to be raised at the Board Meeting.

The meeting also included a session from the African Constituency Bureau (ACB) to share best practices on constituency governance. Françoise Vanni from the Global Fund presented strategies for resource mobilization and the 8th Replenishment, focusing on increasing private sector contributions.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment to advancing priorities for disease elimination and supporting the Global Fund's 8th replenishment campaign in 2025.

53rd Board Meeting

In May 2025, the Global Fund's Board convened its 53rd meeting in Geneva. The meeting discussed resource mobilization challenges being faced by the Global Fund amidst recent issues on the global health landscape.

SEA Constituency was represented by Prof. Dante Harbuwono (Board Member), Ms. Aishath Samiya (Alternate), Aqsha Nur (Focal Point), Dr. Jigmi Singay (SRCMF), Dr. Purna Samitha Ginige (Sri Lanka), Dr. Anupong Sujariyakul (Thailand), Ms. Zelia Fernandes (Timor Leste), and Mr. Abdul Hameed (technical expert).

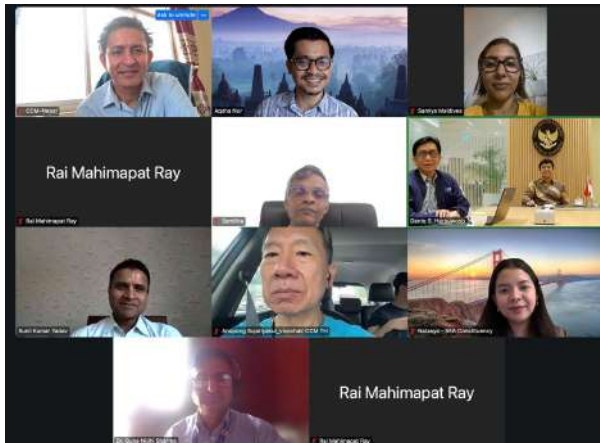


Board approved the revised Terms of Reference for the Technical Review Panel (TRP), ensuring assessments align with regional needs. The Executive Director gave updates and reaffirmed the Global Fund's role in both disease-specific and system-wide investments. The meeting also addressed risk management, with a focus on financial sustainability and country-level risk mitigation, and reviewed the Office of the Inspector General's audit findings,.

Importantly, the Board discussed mid-cycle grant adaptations where countries are being directed to make adjustments to current grant implementation.

South East Asia Constituency also held 9 bilateral meetings with key partners, donor constituencies and the Global Fund Secretariat.

New Audit and Finance Committee Member: Sunil Yadav



We are pleased to welcome Sunil Yadav as a new member of the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC), representing the South-East Asia (SEA) Constituency. His term runs from 10 May 2025 to May 2028, following the decision outlined in GF/B52/EDP10: Appointment of the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members of the Standing Committees of the Board.

Sunil is a finance professional with extensive expertise in public financial management, taxation, and international development cooperation across sectors, including health and education. As an alternate member of the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) for Nepal, he represents the Ministry of Finance, coordinating with global partners such as the Global Fund and Gavi. His expertise includes financial oversight, reviewing health financing frameworks, and ensuring regulatory compliance. Sunil has also played a key role in pandemic preparedness funding and disbursement-linked indicator (DLI)-based financing, contributing to effective resource mobilization and financial accountability in health programs

Country Story: Timor Leste

The Country Coordinating Mechanism Timor-Leste (CCM-TL) held a Pre-Engagement Meeting with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on May 14, 2025, in Dili.

The purpose of the meeting was to share information regarding tuberculosis (TB) issues, presented by the National TB Program Manager, Mr. Costantino Lopes, to help CSOs understand how they can contribute to the fight against TB in Timor-Leste. At the same time, CSOs also have representatives in CCM, ensuring that the principal issues raised by the CSO constituency will be presented at the upcoming CCM Regular Meeting.

For more information, [please visit here](#)



What is the South East Asia (SEA) Constituency newsletter?

It is a monthly publication created to disseminate information from the Global Fund Board and Alternate Members of the SEA Constituency and the members.

Who are the recipients of this newsletter?

Primary recipients are Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Chairs and Coordinators. It is also available to the broader public, including health providers, NGO members, and other interested individuals.

What will you find in the newsletter?

Updates on Global Fund Board-related matters, the latest Global Fund news, and country-specific initiatives for HIV, TB, and malaria.

Can this newsletter feature my organization's stories, activities, or opportunities (e.g. conferences or workshops)?

Absolutely! Please send your stories related to HIV, TB, or malaria by the 25th of each month to seaconstituency@gmail.com to be published in the following month's edition.

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