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US Senate and House of Representatives recommend a 15.6% increase in funding to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

ICASO, Global Development One and ICAD applaud the US Senate and House of Representatives for recommending funding of at least \$1.56 billion per year for the next three years to the Global Fund to continue its fight against three of the world's most devastating communicable diseases.

19 September 2019 (**Toronto, ON**) – The US Senate Appropriations Committee posted the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs fiscal year 2020 funding bill on September 18 recommending a 15.6 percent increase in funding the Global Fund from the previous year. If approved by the full Senate this will be the first increase to the Global Fund in the past six years.

“We are very grateful for the cross-party leadership shown by many Senators and Representatives including Senator Graham (Rep South Carolina) and Senator Leah (Dem Vermont) which has made this historic increase in support to the Fund possible” said Leopoldo Villegas, Director of Global Development One.

Since its inception in 2002, The Global Fund has saved 32 million lives in more than 100 countries where programs run by local experts have:

- Enabled 18.9million people living with HIV to access lifesaving antiretroviral therapy
- Treated 5.3 million people with TB worldwide
- Distributed 131 million mosquito nets in measures towards malaria control

“The increased US support will be a significant catalysis to other countries and Global Fund partners to step up their commitments to ensure a fully funded Global Fund. The Global Fund’s Sixth Replenishment Conference will take place in Lyon, France, October 9-10. With the bold signal by the US the goal of at least \$14 billion in pledges is in sight” said Robin Montgomery, Executive Director of the Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD) and Alternate Board Member to the Global Fund Board.

The Senate Appropriations Committee rejected the administration’s proposal to amend the longstanding matching rate for U.S. contributions to the Global Fund and expects the United States to continue to match other donor contributions at a rate of \$1 for every \$2 received from other donors.

“The new funding will not only allow the Global Fund to continue its important work, but also reaffirms the USA’s global leadership in addressing the three pandemics and tackling human rights barriers to health for the world’s most vulnerable.” said Mary Ann Torres, Executive Director of International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO).

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ICASO

Founded in 1991, ICASO's Mission is to mobilize and support diverse community organizations and networks to create and sustain effective responses to HIV. ICASO's work is done within a Vision of ending the AIDS epidemic through universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support within a human rights framework.

ICAD

The Interagency Coalition on AIDS and Development (ICAD) is a Canadian coalition of approximately 100 AIDS service organizations (ASOs), Canadian international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), faith-based organizations, educational institutions, labour unions, community advocates and individuals living with and affected by HIV and related co-infections. Since 1989 it has brought together Canadian AIDS service organizations and international development organizations to address HIV and foster learnings between domestic and international HIV and related responses.

Global Development One (GDO)

GDO is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the conditions of humans, animals and their ecosystems. GDO combines multi-technical expertise and scientific rigor to deliver impactful solutions by working together. GDO works with universities, industry, governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and citizens to implement transdisciplinary approaches that aim to solve complex problems at the human–animal–environmental interface.