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Mrs. Bience Gawanas, Board Vice-Chair
Members of the Global Fund Board
Mr. Peter Sands, Executive Director, the Global Fund

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Subject: Ensuring Direct Global Fund Support to TB-Affected Communities, Key and Vulnerable Populations, and TB Civil Society at Country Level

Dear Lady Roslyn Morauta,

Dear Mrs. Bience Gawanas,

Dear Members of the Board,

Dear Mr. Peter Sands,

We, the undersigned TB affected community and civil society networks, would like to express our appreciation for the recent discussions at the Global Fund Board meeting regarding direct funding for key and vulnerable populations and affected communities. This marks an important and long-awaited step toward ensuring that the communities most impacted by HIV, TB, and malaria can access the resources they need to lead, shape, and sustain effective responses.

As these deliberations move forward, it is essential that TB-affected communities and TB key and vulnerable populations (KVPs) are explicitly and systematically included in any direct funding mechanism. TB remains the disease most deeply rooted in inequity, poverty, and social exclusion - and the insights, leadership, and lived experience of TB-affected people are indispensable to reaching those most often left behind.

It is also important to underscore that, in practice, TB-affected communities rarely receive meaningful resources through Global Fund country grants. Due to their smaller size, limited organisational capacity, and lower visibility compared with larger and more established HIV community structures, TB community groups are frequently deprioritized in Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) deliberations and grant-

making processes. As a result, despite being among the most affected and most marginalized populations, TB communities are often unable to compete for resources and remain effectively excluded from country-level investments intended to reach them. This call is further reinforced by more than ten thousand people affected by TB worldwide who have expressed their support through a global petition urging direct funding for TB communities.

A critical option that merits strong consideration is the proven, community-led mechanism that for nearly two decades has supported grassroots TB-affected communities and TB KVPs to build capacity, engage meaningfully in Global Fund processes, and reach marginalized populations: the Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society (CFCS). This mechanism has a long history of measurable impact and has significantly transformed national TB responses. Global, regional, and country level TB community networks have been strengthened – and in many cases made possible - through CFCS. Without it, many simply would not exist today.

National TB responses and the performance of Global Fund grants have been more impactful because of this sustained support. The Global Fund knows this well, having successfully invested in CFCS in the past through the TB Strategic Initiative to reach communities directly and advance our shared goal to find, test, and treat all. This experience demonstrated that CFCS is a reliable, efficient, and transparent platform for community-driven results.

We also appreciate the recent grants provided by the Global Fund to several regional TB networks, which have contributed to stronger collaboration and community engagement. At the same time outside the Global Fund, CFCS remains the only established mechanism with the proven governance, accountability, fiduciary oversight, and delivery capacity to channel funding directly and efficiently to grassroots TB-affected communities, TB KVPs, and TB civil society organizations while harnessing and scaling your mechanism as well – enabling them to innovate, scale, and sustain TB and health interventions. It is also the only mechanism dedicated to coordinating a global TB community movement, which is critical for ending TB.

As a United Nations-hosted entity, the Stop TB Partnership provides a uniquely neutral and trusted platform that brings together TB-affected communities, civil society, and governments on equal footing, ensuring transparency, inclusivity, and alignment with national and global priorities. Its global convening power and established governance and fiduciary systems offer the Global Fund an unparalleled, ready-to-scale mechanism to operationalize its commitments to meaningful community engagement and sustainability.

For these reasons, we *strongly urge the Global Fund to complement its support for regional networks with direct investment into competitively selected national TB survivor networks - including through the Stop TB Partnership's Challenge Facility for Civil Society* – under any initiative within Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) aimed at providing direct funding to TB-affected communities, TB KVPs, and TB civil society. Building on this established mechanism will ensure continuity, efficiency, and measurable impact while avoiding duplication or the creation of new parallel structures unlikely to deliver comparable community-level results or value for money.

We deeply value your leadership and commitment to equity, human rights, and community-centred responses. We look forward to your response and to continued collaboration in advancing a people-centred and community-driven TB response.

Sincerely,

1. TBPeople, global network of people affected by TB. On behalf of: Azerbaijan, Botswana, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Eswatini, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Canada, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Tajikistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2. The Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Stop TB Board

3. The Community of People Affected by TB Constituency Delegation to the Stop TB Board

4. Global Coalition of TB Advocates

5. YOUNITE Global (Youth Movement to End TB)

6. African Coalition on TB

7. Activists' Coalition on TB Asia Pacific (ACT! AP)

8. Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADPP) Mozambique

9. Center for Health Policies and Studies (PAS Center)

10. ICF Alliance for Public Health (APH)

11. International Treatment Preparedness Coalition in EECA (ITPC EECA)

12. TB Europe Coalition

13. DRAF TB

14. Americas TB Coalition

15. GFAN Africa
16. GFAN Asia - Pacific
17. Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN)
18. Lawyers Alert Nigeria
19. Stop TB Canada
20. Association of TB people India r
21. Nari Maitree, Bangladesh
22. Global Sentinels Movement
23. Asociación de Personas Afectadas por Tuberculosis del Peru ASPAT PERU
24. We Are TB / Somos TB
25. Southern Africa Litigation Centre
26. TB Proof
27. Public Fund MAD Consulting
28. For Impacts In Social Health (FIS Cameroon)
29. Stop TB Cameroon
30. Janna Health Foundation, Nigeria
31. SUFABEL Community Development Initiative, Nigeria
32. Ghana National TB Voice Network
33. Stop TB Partnership Ghana
34. Alliance Myanmar Health Care Organization
35. Philomera Hope Center Foundation
36. Action for Health Initiatives, Inc. (ACHIEVE)
37. Tanzania TB Community Network
38. Active Help Organization (AHO), Pakistan
39. Facilitators of Community Transformation (FACT) Malawi

40. Stop TB Partnership Malawi
41. Focus Droits et Accès (FDA)
42. Health for Prisoners (HP)
43. Civil Society Movement against TB - CISMAT-SL
44. Network of TB Champions in Kenya
45. Rekat Peduli Indonesia
46. KHANA Cambodia
47. Public Foundation “Den Sooluk Nuru”
48. Kenko Foundation Association
49. Khulna Mukti Seba Sangstha (KMSS)
50. Club des Amis Damien (CAD)
51. Stop TB RDC
52. TB Femmes RDC
53. Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI), Vietnam
54. Dopasi Foundation
55. Stop TB Partnership Pakistan
56. DEBRICHE HEALTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (DHDC)
57. REACH India
58. Stop TB Partnership Nigeria
59. Stop TB Partnership KENYA
60. ADPP Mozambique
61. Spiritia Yasan, Indonesia

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