

Global Fund's Statement in support of the UN Multistakeholder Hearing for the UN High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage
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Key Messages for Member States to Consider for the Political Declaration on UHC:

- Accelerating progress towards the SDG 3 target of ending HIV, TB, and malaria as public health threats remains a critical milestone on the path to UHC.
- Advancing UHC requires long-term investments to strengthen health systems, especially critical functions like laboratory networks, surveillance systems, supply chains, health workforce, and inclusive community health systems that can fight the pandemics of today such as HIV, TB and malaria and detect, prevent, and respond to the outbreaks of tomorrow.
- Achieving UHC requires deliberate and sustained action to create people-centered and inclusive health systems, with strong leadership by communities, support to frontline healthcare workers, an intensified focus on eliminating human rights and gender barriers, and strong commitment to equity extending the reach of services to vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- Member States should commit to provide sustainable financing to multilateral initiatives, such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, that have a central role in accelerating progress toward UHC. The Global Fund is the largest multilateral provider of grant funding for health systems, investing US\$5 billion in the current 2021-2023 grant cycle and is uniquely well-positioned to support countries to extend the reach of services to vulnerable and marginalized groups.
- The three UN High Level Meetings on health this year provide an opportunity to foster greater integration of efforts to end the major pandemics of today like TB, to enhance PPR, and to make progress toward UHC. The Global Fund embodies this integration by serving as the key grant financing mechanism for donors to support low- and middle-income countries to accelerate all three agendas.