

# Sample group letter

With just two weeks to go until the Replenishment Conference takes place, we're asking you to write a **joint letter along with the rest of your local RESULTS group** to the Secretary of State, the Rt. Hon. Priti Patel MP, asking her to make a pledge of £1.2 billion to the Global Fund at the Replenishment.

With such a short time frame, it's important to get your letter out as soon as possible. In case you're short of time, we've created a model letter for you to use. Remember, parliamentarians always tell us that personal, tailored letters have the most impact, so if you are able to include your own words, this can only make your letter more powerful! To write your joint letter, you might like to arrange with your group to meet for a little longer this month after the call, or set up a second letter-writing session. If you're tight for time, you could use a [Google Doc](#) where everyone in your group can contribute to and edit your letter online.

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Dear Secretary of State,

Ahead of the Global Fund's Fifth Replenishment on the 16th September, we are writing to urge you to make a pledge of £1.2 billion to the Fund for the period 2017-2019.

The Global Fund Replenishment is the UK's first big opportunity show the world that it continues to be outward looking and a leader on international development. When world leaders come together in Montréal to make pledges, it is crucial that the UK also makes an ambitious contribution.

As you may be aware, tuberculosis (TB) is now the world's leading infectious killer, resulting in 1.5 million deaths annually. People from the poorest parts of the world are acutely vulnerable to TB, but the disease has a foothold in nearly every country including the UK.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria is critical in the fight against TB, providing three quarters of international finance to combat the disease. Since it was established in 2002, its investments have saved over 17million lives from the three diseases.

We are proud of the leading role the UK has played in supporting the Global Fund, but believe that we must step up our support if we are to achieve the Global Goals' target to end TB, AIDS and Malaria by 2030.

This is a pivotal time for global health and development. For the first timing in history, we are on the right side of the tipping point to end HIV, TB and malaria. However, without continued investment from both donor and implementing countries, progress will stall.

We were pleased to see that in one of your first interviews as Secretary of State, you said that DFID must remain committed to tackling diseases like tuberculosis and malaria. In light of this, we would urge you to make an ambitious pledge of £1.2 billion to the Fund at this Replenishment and match the ambition of other donors who have already pledged.

We must not miss this opportunity.