



# SEA CONSTITUENCY

Newsletter

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# Updates on Board Matters

## Decisions taken in January 2026

Electronic Board Decisions

No.	Title	Type	SEA Decision
GF/B53/EDP22	Secretariat Flexibility to Address Malaria Needs in Grant Cycle 8 (GC8)	Affirmative	Approve

Learn more about the decisions at:

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

## Global Fund News

### **Johnson & Johnson Foundation, Skoll Foundation and Comic Relief UK Commit Nearly US\$15 Million to Strengthen Community Health Systems Across Africa**

On 21 January 2026, the Global Fund announced new philanthropic commitments to strengthen community health systems across Africa. Comic Relief UK pledged £3 million, building on earlier contributions of US\$5 million from the Johnson & Johnson Foundation and US\$6 million from the Skoll Foundation. Together, these commitments amount to nearly US\$15 million and have unlocked an additional US\$14.9 million in matching funds from the Gates Foundation as part of the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment.

This combined investment will support countries to sustain and expand the impact of community health workers across Africa, building on the success of the Africa Frontline First Catalytic Fund. The funding aims to strengthen community health systems over the long term, enhancing resilience and preparedness for future health challenges. By reinforcing frontline capacity and community-based delivery, these investments underscore the critical role of communities in advancing equitable, effective, and sustainable health systems.

[Read more](#)

## **Saudi Arabia Pledges US\$39 Million to the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment, Reinforcing Global Health Leadership**

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the Saudi Fund for Development, has pledged US\$39 million to the Global Fund for its Eighth Replenishment (2026-2028), reaffirming its long-standing commitment to global health and resilient health systems.

The agreement was signed by H.E. Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, CEO of the Saudi Fund for Development, and Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund, with senior representatives from both institutions in attendance. The pledge will support lifesaving HIV, tuberculosis and malaria programmes, while strengthening health systems and community-based services in more than 100 countries.



With this contribution, Saudi Arabia's cumulative support to the Global Fund now exceeds US\$200 million. A partner since the Global Fund's establishment in 2002, the Kingdom continues to play a strategic role in advancing global health security. The Global Fund welcomed the pledge as a strong signal of leadership and sustained international solidarity ahead of the next replenishment cycle.

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## New Implementer Group Leadership 2026-2028

On 13 January 2026, the Implementer Group (ImG) announced its new leadership following the completion of internal nomination, voting and confirmation processes.

The ImG is the platform that brings together all implementer constituencies of the Global Fund, that is, constituencies that receive Global Fund resources. These include 7 government constituencies (Eastern and Southern Africa; West and Central Africa; Eastern Mediterranean Region; Eastern Europe and Central Asia; South-East Asia; Western Pacific Region; and Latin America and the Caribbean) and 3 non-state constituencies (Communities; Developed Country NGOs; and Developing Country NGOs).

	<p><b>Implementer Group Chair</b> Javier Luis Hourcade Bellocq Board Member, Communities Delegation</p>
	<p><b>Implementer Group Vice-Chair</b> Mohamed Chakroun Board Member, Eastern Mediterranean Constituency</p>

The SEA Constituency congratulates the new leadership and looks forward to close collaboration to advance implementer priorities across the Global Fund partnership.

# SEA Constituency

## SEA Delegation for the 54th Board Meeting

The SEA Constituency has confirmed its delegation for the 54th Board Meeting of the Global Fund. The delegation will be led by:

- Prof Dante Harbuwono (Board Member)
- Ms Aishath Samiya (Alternate Board Member)

They will be joined by:

- Dr Anil Jasinghe (Secretary, Ministry of Health and Mass Media, Sri Lanka)
- Dr Guna Nidhi Sharma (Senior Health Administrator, Ministry of Health and Population, Nepal)
- Mr Bayu Teja Muliawan (Chair, CCM, Indonesia)
- Mr Karma Jamtsho (Director, Department of Public Health, Ministry of Health, Bhutan)
- Mr Md Mamunur Rashid (Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh)
- Aqsha Nur (Constituency Focal Point)
- Mr Sunil Kumar Yadav (Audit and Finance Committee Member)
- Ms Natasya Oktifia (SEA Constituency Secretariat)

The Board Meeting will address key agenda items, including resource mobilisation and Eighth Replenishment outcomes, sources and uses of funds for the 2026–2028 allocation period, strategic shifts and catalytic investments for Grant Cycle 8, and updates on Board and Executive Director selection processes.

A Virtual SEA Constituency Meeting on 4 February 2026 will support the finalisation of SEA positions ahead of these discussions.

## Indonesia's TB fight featured by the Global Fund

The Global Fund has featured Indonesia for its strong progress in tackling drug-resistant tuberculosis (DR-TB), highlighting how national leadership is transforming TB care on the ground.

Indonesia, which has the world's second-highest TB burden, has expanded access to DR-TB services by enabling more than 460 primary health centres (puskesmas) to initiate treatment and dispense medicines locally. This shift has reduced travel, lowered costs for patients, and made it easier for people to begin and complete treatment closer to home.

A major milestone has been the rapid scale-up of the BPaL/M regimen, which shortens treatment to six months. Coverage rose from 17% of eligible patients in early 2024 to over 80% by year-end, with domestic financing playing an increasing role. With the support of the Global Fund, Indonesia's experience shows how partnership and country ownership can save lives and accelerate progress toward ending TB.



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## **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](mailto:seaconstituency@gmail.com) to be published in the following month's edition.

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