



SEA CONSTITUENCY

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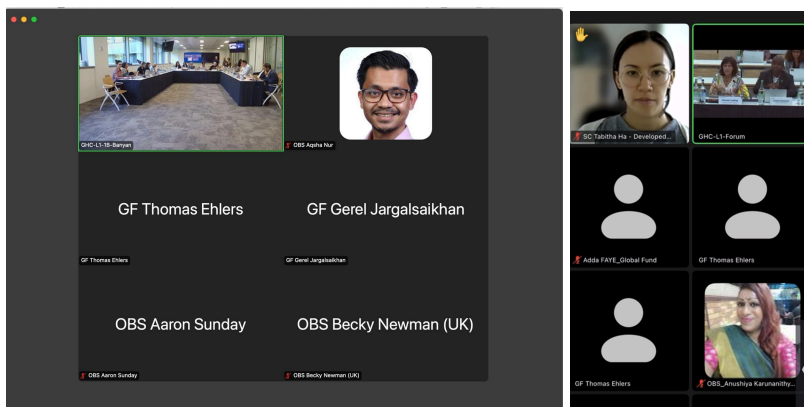
- GF/B53/EDP03 - Decision on the Secretariat's Recommendation on Funding from the 2023-2025 Allocation
- GF/B53/EDP04 - Decision on the Secretariat's Recommendation on Additional Funding to Finance Unfunded Quality Demand from the 2023-2025 Allocation Period

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

Global Fund's 28th Committee Meetings

On 7-11 July 2025, the Global Fund Secretariat and Committee Leadership convened the 28th Committee Meetings, the first under the new 2025–2028 term. The meetings introduced newly appointed members, clarified committee roles and responsibilities, and provided onboarding on strategic, governance, and financial matters.

- Dr Aqsha Nur (Constituency Focal Point) observed the Ethics and Governance Committee (EGC), which discussed the EGC's role and ways of working, governance priorities, ethics and risk matters, and preparations for upcoming leadership selection processes.
- Ms Suneeta Chhetri (Bhutan) observed the Strategy Committee (SC), which included updates on HIV, TB, malaria, and resilient systems for health (RSSH), and reviewed Grant Cycles 7 and 8, key evaluations, and community engagement.
- Mr Sunil Kumar Yadav (Nepal) participated in person at the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC), which focused on financial performance, resource mobilization, and risk oversight.



Following the meetings, each observer/participant will provide a brief summary of key updates to the Board and Alternate Members.

Global Fund News

Norway Reaffirms Health Leadership with First Public Pledge to Global Fund's 2025 Replenishment

On 24 June 2025, Norway made a significant commitment to global health by becoming the first public donor to pledge for the Global Fund's 2025 replenishment cycle, announcing a NOK 2 billion pledge for 2026-2028. This early contribution highlights Norway's leadership in addressing global health challenges, especially amidst increasing health inequities and crises.

As the world's most generous per capita donor to the Global Fund, Norway's pledge sets an important example for other public donors. Minister of International Development, Åsmund Grøver Aukrust, emphasized the vital role of the Global Fund in preventing and treating AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, as well as in pandemic preparedness and response. Norway has long been a committed partner in shaping global health, from co-leading the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) to advocating for global health reforms.

With this pledge, Norway reaffirms its commitment to health equity and continues to support the Global Fund's lifesaving work, ensuring that millions of people around the world benefit from continued progress in tackling infectious diseases.

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Spain and Luxembourg Make Increased Pledges Toward the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment

On 30 June 2025, Spain and Luxembourg announced renewed and increased commitments to the Global Fund during the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development in Seville. Spain pledged €145 million and Luxembourg committed €13.8 million, both representing increases over their 2022 pledges.

Spain's Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, reaffirmed Spain's commitment to unified global action against major infectious diseases and to building stronger health systems.

Luxembourg's Deputy Prime Minister, Xavier Bettel, highlighted the importance of addressing human rights and gender-related barriers to health, ensuring equitable access to quality care, especially for women, girls, children, and marginalized communities.

With these pledges, Spain and Luxembourg's total contributions to the Global Fund reach €1.1 billion.

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Global Fund Secures Access to Breakthrough HIV Prevention Drug Lenacapavir for Low- and Middle-Income Countries

On 9 July 2025, the Global Fund announced an agreement with Gilead Sciences to provide lenacapavir, a twice-yearly long-acting injectable for HIV prevention, to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). This marks the first time an HIV prevention product will be introduced in LMICs simultaneously with high-income countries, setting a new standard for global health equity.



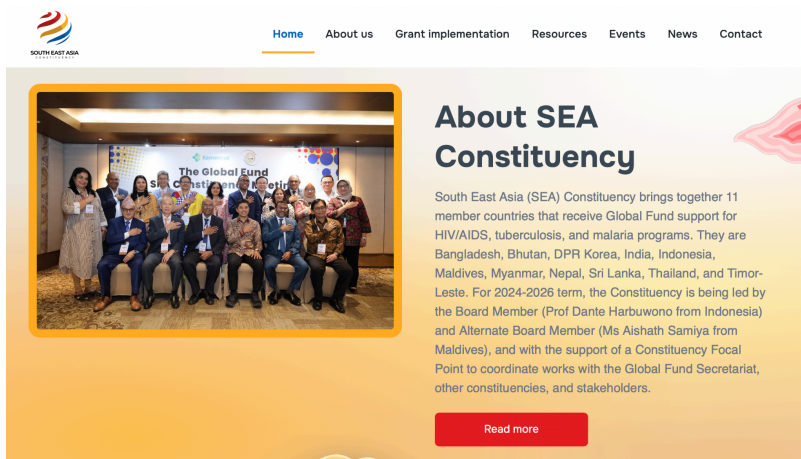
Lenacapavir is a major advancement for people facing stigma, adherence challenges, or limited access to daily oral PrEP. The Global Fund aims to reach 2 million people with this product during the 2027–2029 period, with support from partners like WHO, UNAIDS, CIFF, and the Gates Foundation.

The agreement prioritizes early access in high-burden countries and is backed by catalytic investments to lower financial barriers. This breakthrough has the potential to transform HIV prevention globally, including in Southeast Asia, where adolescent girls and key populations remain disproportionately at risk.

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SEA Constituency

Website



About SEA Constituency

South East Asia (SEA) Constituency brings together 11 member countries that receive Global Fund support for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria programs. They are Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. For 2024-2026 term, the Constituency is being led by the Board Member (Prof Dante Harbuwono from Indonesia) and Alternate Board Member (Ms Aishath Samiya from Maldives), and with the support of a Constituency Focal Point to coordinate works with the Global Fund Secretariat, other constituencies, and stakeholders.

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We are pleased to introduce the official website of the South East Asia Constituency. The site provides an accessible platform for both constituency members and the general public to explore information about ongoing HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria activities in the South East Asia region.

Visitors can easily access detailed profiles of the constituency and its member countries, with in-depth information on the progress of the Global Fund grant implementation.

The website also provides a dedicated section for resources, such as newsletters, global TB/HIV/Malaria reports, and constituency guidelines.

For more information, visit <https://seaconstituency.org>

Country Story: United Against Malaria: Indonesia’s Call to End Malaria Initiative Unveils at 9th Leaders’ Summit



On 16-17 June 2025, the Government of Indonesia co-hosted the 9th Asia Pacific Leaders' Summit on Malaria Elimination in Bali, under the theme “Unity in Action, Towards Zero Malaria.” The Summit convened over 250 participants, including political leaders, health ministers, national malaria program directors, and global health experts.

A key highlight was the launch of Indonesia’s Call to End Malaria Initiative (ICMI), a whole-of-government strategy to accelerate malaria elimination, particularly in Papua. The Summit also marked the launch of the Papua Malaria Consortium, endorsed by Papua’s governors, and a bilateral Indonesia-Papua New Guinea Joint Action Plan to enhance cross-border collaboration. Another major development was the introduction of the Ending Malaria and other Climate-Sensitive Vector-Borne Diseases through Enhanced Regional Partnerships (EDEN) Initiative.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman’s Statement to reaffirm the commitment to end malaria by 2030.

For more details, [please visit here](#)

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 to be published in the following month's edition.

How can I or my colleagues get the newsletter?

Simply fill out [this form](#), and you will receive the newsletter every month directly in your email.

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