***Global Fund Results report 12/09/2022:***

The GF states: “Although most countries that fight HIV, TB and malaria have started to recover from the ravages of COVID-19, we need to accelerate our efforts if we are to fully recover lost ground and get back on track towards ending these diseases by 2030.”

***MSF reaction:***

The Global Fund rightly underlines there has been enormous progress over the last 20 years. However, there are still significant gaps and these gaps have grown over the last years. They pose a very real threat to people’s lives and health today, and to the intended further progress. We insist on the urgent need for acceleration of efforts to cover these gaps and to recover gains that were lost.

Patients are paying the brunt of the current funding shortfall. MSF teams are observing the consequences today: a lower coverage and a slower pace in rolling out prevention and treatment. Countries are pressured to deprioritise essential interventions, to make compromises on quality of care, and to delay important innovation. To better deal with future crises, such as epidemic outbreaks, violence or economic shocks, increased investment is needed for contingency plans, buffer stocks and community approaches.

Donor countries should act on their discourse to mitigate and curb pandemics and must urgently re-engage in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria. The first opportunity to do so is to increase their pledges during the upcoming replenishment conference to the Global Fund. The Global Fund asks for minimum of 18 billion US$ for three years, but countries must realize that the estimations for domestic funding is likely too optimistic and much more than 18 billion US$ is needed to bridge current and future gaps.

See MSF briefing paper: ‘Bridging the gaps. The neglected pandemics: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria’: <https://www.msf.org/countries-must-re-engage-hiv-tb-and-malaria>