



The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases

Stepping up the Fight to End HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria:

A Parliamentary Reception hosted by the APPGs on HIV/AIDS, Global TB and Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases



(Jeremy Lefroy MP, Stephen Doughty MP, Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP, Michael Sheen, Charlie Webster, Rt Hon Nick Herbert CBE, Peter Sands, Alex Norris MP and Maurine Murenga)

On June 26th, the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on HIV/AIDS, Global TB and Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases hosted a joint reception to gain Parliamentary support for the upcoming 6th replenishment of the Global Fund to End AIDs, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The Chairs of the 3 APPGs- Jeremy Lefroy MP, Stephen Doughty MP and Rt Hon Nick Herbert CBE MP, welcomed guests to the event and celebrated the leadership of the UK government to global health initiatives and their leadership in the past as the second largest Global Fund donor.



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(Jeremy Lefroy MP, Chair of the APPG on Malaria and NTDs)

Peter Sands, Executive Director of the Global Fund, presented the investment case for the replenishment and spoke about the impact that a successful replenishment would mean. Raising US \$14 billion would mean 16 million lives saved and getting back on track to end these diseases while also contributing to SDG 3 and strengthened health systems.



(Rt Hon Nick Herbert CBE MP)



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Maurine Murenga, a Global Fund Advocate from Kenya shared her personal experience of being supported by the Global Fund for HIV treatment for herself and her son and celebrated the fact that due to their support she was able to prevent her next child from being born with HIV. Charlie Webster shared her personal near-death experience of contracting malaria and Michael Sheen has seen the work of the Global Fund up close and stressed his support of the programme that they support.



(Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP and Peter Sands)

Rt Hon Dr Andrew Murrison MP, the Minister of State for International Development, re-affirmed the UK Government's support to the Global Fund and its aim to help ensure a successful 6th Replenishment. Alex Norris MP, Shadow Minister of State for International Development also spoke of the Labour party's support to initiatives such as the Global Fund and the need to achieve Universal Health Coverage.

The 3 APPGs that collaborated on this event felt that it was a great success and that it was well attended by over 25 Members of Parliament.



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(Prime Minister Theresa May at the G20 Summit)

An excellent follow-on from the event was the early announcement on Saturday 29th June 2019 at the G20 Summit in Osaka, Japan from the Prime Minister that the UK would increase its contribution to the Global Fund to End AIDS, TB and Malaria by 16 per-cent. All of the APPGs working on these diseases are celebrating this announcement and the fact that the early announcement will encourage other countries to “step up the fight”.

You can find more information about the Global Fund Replenishment here:

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/stepupthefight/>