

## The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

### Background

- The Global Fund is an international, independent public-private partnership designed to attract and manage significant new sums of money to finance the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- Only developing countries can apply for funding
- Countries are required to set up multi-sectoral Country Coordinating Mechanisms where communities must be represented

### What Has Been Done So Far?

- Launched in January 2002, the Global Fund has raised \$2.2 billion in pledges and has had three funding rounds, through which it disbursed USD 2.1 billion in grants to 224 programs in 121 countries and 3 territories.
- Since its launch, it has created an innovative, demand-driven model where country-level grant applications are developed and submitted by a consortia of public and private sector NGOs, government officials, and organizations representing people living with HIV, TB, and malaria.

### What Are The Challenges?

- None of the world's wealthiest governments has contributed an amount on par with the size of their economies. Instead, the U.S., Japan, France, Germany, Britain, Canada, Italy, and other countries have all given far less than their fair share.
- The Global Fund is facing a budget shortfall of USD 1.6 billion to meet the anticipated need in the third round of grants in October.

### How Are the Challenges Being Dealt With?

- Created in 2003, the "Fund the Fund" campaign is aimed at civil society organizations—including non-governmental, community-based, people living with the diseases, faith-based, and trade unions—to promote their advocacy for increased investment in the Global Fund.
- The Fund the Fund Campaign calls on nations to commit to annual dues-based contributions to the Global Fund based on the Equitable Contributions Framework. That is each country's contribution should be based on that country's proportion of the world economy as measured by its gross domestic product (GDP).
- Canada's shortfall, according to the Equitable contributions Framework, was US\$21 million for 2003. Canada should contribute US\$55 million in 2004. Canada has committed an additional \$ 70 million in 2005 announced on May12, 2004.

### What Can You Do?

- Contact ICAD, who is coordinating the Canadian Campaign
- Sign up at <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/fundthefundcanada/>
- Visit the Fund the Fund Campaign web site at [www.fundthefund.org](http://www.fundthefund.org)