

The Nairobi Statement

Mobilizing for a Sustainable Response to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria

We are a community of religious leaders and people living with and affected by HIV, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria. We represent networks and large interfaith communities from Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond, including Bolivia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, the Netherlands, Togo, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We met from 28th – 29th May, 2025, in Nairobi-Kenya, to analyze global events affecting our people. We are alarmed that millions are at risk of being left behind as major international donors withdraw support from health programs that save lives. In 2023, UNAIDS reported 1.3m new HIV infections and 630,000 AIDS-related deaths. Also, 265 million malaria cases and 630,000 deaths were reported with 75% occurring among children under 5 years. 10.8 million TB infections and 1.25 million TB deaths were equally documented. These aren't just statistics, rather they represent human life and the world must not look away.

In the face of a complex and multifaceted crisis, the responsibility to care for people affected by HIV, TB, and malaria is both a moral and an economic imperative. We are the backbone of our countries. We are workers, taxpayers, mothers, fathers, and young people shaping our continent's future. When we get sick, our families, economies, and nations suffer. The right to health is enshrined in our constitutions –and in our faith. Investing in the health of our communities is an investment in the stability, prosperity and social fabric of our countries.

We recognize the critical role of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. It creates space for affected communities, promotes transparency, and allows for multi-stakeholder dialogue. The Eighth Replenishment Investment Case is clear on what it will deliver; save 23 million additional lives and prevent 400 million new infections. This is capable of returning \$19 for every \$1 invested and reduce the combined death toll from 2.3 million in 2023 to 920,000 by 2029.

This funding supports not only life-saving programs but strengthens health systems, drives innovation, and narrows equity gaps. It is our best hope for ending these epidemics.

While global solidarity is crucial, national ownership is equally essential. Domestic investments in HIV, TB, and malaria varies greatly between countries. In some, it remains minimal. We call on our governments to review health budgets, increase domestic funding, and progressively take responsibility for programs previously supported by international donors.

We speak as people of faith to a world shaped by faith. Many of our political leaders share our traditions. Caring for the vulnerable and healing the sick are sacred duties. Reducing inequalities in health is not only good governance—it is an act of faith and justice. It is a way to make the Kingdom of God visible among us.




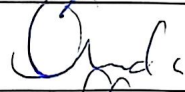




We make an urgent call to retake the moral responsibility to care for the vulnerable, to sustain life and hope for our communities who are in great need. The right to health enables the exercise of all other rights. People are the wealth of our nations—when we are sick, the entire nation is weakened.

We call on our governments, donor countries and private sector, to step up their commitment to the Global Fund, ensuring a successful replenishment. Only in this way can we continue to honor the value of each life and advance well-being for all.

We ask these donors to urgently commit to and fully fund the **Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria**. We urge continued efforts to close equity gaps, to give hope, and to defend the sanctity of life.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

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