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Please take action **Now**

We've heard enough fine words from British politicians about HIV/AIDS. They tell us that AIDS is the single biggest threat to the development of poor countries, especially in Africa. But still there is no action.

AIDS kills more than 8,000 people EVERY DAY. Yet it is preventable and manageable. Effective treatments can keep people alive and healthy.

Many developing countries have national plans to fight AIDS, but lack the resources to fulfil them. With adequate funds, the spread of HIV could be dramatically reduced and people could live longer, more productive lives.

In 2001, the richest countries in the world set up the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria. But already the Fund is running out of money.

! Please complete the card below **now** to put pressure on the UK government to fund the fight against AIDS

! Please complete both sides of the card

! Don't worry if you don't know the name of your MP, we will fill it in for you and send it on

Tell your MP: Enough Fine Words! Fund the Fight Against AIDS Now!



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This is a joint campaign from ActionAid and ACTSA.



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Dear _____ MP
(leave blank if not known)

I am your constituent. This period in history will be remembered as the time when the world became aware of the devastation HIV/AIDS is causing in poor countries. Will it also be the time when the world chose not to act?

We have heard many fine words from politicians, especially when they set up the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria. The Fund is the best chance we have for raising the resources needed to turn this epidemic around, yet already the Fund is running out of money.

Please write to the government with the three demands highlighted opposite.

I look forward to hearing what action you will take on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Please sign here and fill in your details overleaf so that your MP knows you are his/her constituent and can reply directly to you.

- 1** The UK is currently contributing roughly £30 million a year to the Global Fund. However, a fair share according to our wealth means the UK ought to contribute £107 million in 2004. This is not unrealistic. France has already committed to give its fair share in 2004 (£93 million), as have Sweden and the Netherlands.
- 2** If developing countries are going to turn this epidemic around, the Fund needs to increase its grants. The UK should take a lead in ensuring that the Fund has at least £5 billion to allocate in 2005, and should pay its own fair share of that total.
- 3** The government must immediately announce that they will pay their fair share of the Global Fund's needs in 2004 and 2005.

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