



Global Fund

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Why in News

Recently, **'key populations affected by HIV/AIDS (or KPs)'** have protested for being ignored by governments and multilateral agencies (including **United Nations**) in **Covid-19** related emergency relief efforts.

- They have petitioned the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria** (or simply the **Global Fund**), demanding allocation to meet their basic survival needs of food, shelter, and emergency medical care.
- **KPs include** sex workers, transpeople, gay and bisexual men, drug users, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

Key Points

- The Global Fund is an **international financing and partnership organization**.
- It was created in 2000 and its **secretariat is located in Geneva, Switzerland**.
- The Global Fund **aims to** attract, leverage and invest additional resources to **end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria** to support attainment of the **Sustainable Development Goals**.
- It is designed to promote innovative solutions to global health challenges. It works in partnership with governments, civil society, technical agencies, and people affected by the diseases.
- **India joined the Global Fund as a donor in 2006**, and has contributed a total USD 46.5 million to date.

In 2019, the Government of India **pledged USD 22 million** to the Global Fund's Sixth Replenishment for 2020-22, demonstrating shared commitment toward ending the epidemics of HIV, TB and malaria.

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