

## **Global Fund**

## Why in News

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

- They have petitioned the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, <u>Tuberculosis</u> and <u>Malaria</u> (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 <u>pledged USD 22 million</u> 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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