# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Health: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities with effect Monday, 3 October 2022]***

With regard to the 13,65 billion dollars that was contributed towards the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS (a) from which budget and/or line item was the contribution made and (b) how will the contribution be (i) used and (ii) of benefit to the Republic?  **NW4334E**

**REPLY:**

It is not correct that the Department has contributed 13,65 Billion dollarstowards the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria. In order to put the record straight. South Africa has pledged 13,65 million dollars to the Global Fund as a contribution towards the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS. This is part of the country’s role as a member the global community in making a contribution towards addressing the challenges that are faced by the world in the fight against HIV/AIDS and Malaria, which is 36,5% more than our previous pledge.

1. The Global Fund Pledge of US$13 million was sourced from the Department of Health budget under the HIV/AIDS allocation as part of the pledge to Multi-National and Regional bodies/structures (United Nations and SADC). The Department provides for this allocation under Goods and Services, Posting Item Code: Membership & Professional Bodies. The US$650 thousand portion of the pledge was contributed by the South African National AIDS Council sourced from the private sector, as one of their 17 Sectors that support the country in shaping and implementing the HIV/AIDS and TB response.
2. (i) The contribution will be used to support the global intervention in the fight against HIV/AIDS in order to meet the global targets of 95-95-95 and Malaria elimination.

 (ii) The benefits are as follows: South Africa is an implementor of Global Fund supported projects. Currently, the country received US$515 million through 4 Primary Recipients for implementation of various projects and programmes addressing HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria. Included in the above figure, the National Department of Health is awarded US$364,357 million to implement the health driven interventions. Through the support from Global Fund, we will increase our drive to institutionalize granular, targeted, and gender-sensitive data systems and community-led approaches to monitor and address new HIV infections, especially among key populations and younger populations. Further to the attainment of the HIV/AIDS targets, the country will continue to improve the fight against Malaria, as part of the 8 countries that are called Malaria Elimination 8 or called E8 for short. It is our view further that the Global Fund support for Malaria programme, will include the prevention, surveillance, and treatment.

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