Françoise Vanni

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Françoise Vanni joined the Global Fund in 2018 and now leads the External Relations and Communications Division. The division includes four departments: Communications, Donor Relations, Political and Civil Society Advocacy, and Private Sector Engagement. In this role, Vanni successfully led the Sixth Replenishment campaign in 2019, followed by the Seventh Replenishment campaign in 2022. In 2025, she led the Eighth Replenishment campaign, which raised US$12.64 billion for the Global Fund's three-year funding cycle. Vanni also represents the organization at international fora and conferences such as the G7, G20 and UN high-level meetings.

Vanni has more than 30 years of leadership experience in resource mobilization and advocacy, and extensive field experience in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Early in her career, Vanni served as country representative in Angola and in Cuba for Médecins du Monde. For eight years, she served as executive director of a nongovernmental organization in France called Agir Ici, which she transformed into Oxfam France.

In Mexico, Vanni was the communications chief for UNICEF before serving as regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean at Oxfam GB. Later she was Oxfam's campaigns and policy director based in the United Kingdom. Vanni then served as the director of external relations and communications for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) before joining the Global Fund.

Vanni earned a master's degree in international cooperation, development and humanitarian affairs at the Sorbonne University and completed an advanced management and leadership course at the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford.