Vulnerable groups petition global fund

Context

- Deprived of sources of livelihood during the pandemic, sex workers, transgender persons, gay and bisexual men, drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS have written to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) protesting against being ignored by governments and multilateral agencies in COVID-19-related emergency relief efforts.

Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM)

- Founded in 2002, GFATM, also known as Global Fund, is an international financing organization.
- The Global Fund was formed as an independent, non-profit foundation under Swiss law and hosted by the World Health Organization in January 2002.
- In January 2009, the organization became an administratively autonomous organization, terminating its administrative services agreement with the World Health Organization.
- It aims to “attract, leverage and invest additional resources to end the epidemics of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to support attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations.”
- It is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases.
- Its secretariat is in Geneva, Switzerland.