



Advocates for the Prevention of HIV in Africa

CCM KP Representatives and KP Communities: WHAT TO FOCUS ON 2017- 2019

1. Introduction

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria acknowledges that meaningful and ongoing engagement from civil society and communities is at the heart of what makes for effective grants. The global response to the three diseases must involve all stakeholders in order to achieve sustainable impact and results that are owned by affected communities. In the context of the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals for health, the meaningful engagement of all, especially key and vulnerable populations, is needed now more than ever to end AIDS, TB and malaria by 2030. To achieve our targets, enhanced engagement will only be possible if we have the necessary knowledge and information and a coordinated and collective effort.

2. As the 2017-2019-grant cycle approaches, there are fresh opportunities to engage. The Global Fund's 2017-2022 Strategy elevates human rights and gender equality as a top-line strategic objective. All funding requests should contain related interventions. In addition, the Global Fund Board has approved \$15 million for the continuation of special investments in community, rights and gender (rebranded as a "Strategic Initiative") over the next three years (2017-2019), along with several other Strategic Initiatives that prioritize and support meaningful engagement of civil society and communities.¹
3. In order to capitalize effectively on new opportunities to engage, communities must be empowered to identify their needs, request and access technical assistance where necessary. This is critical for ensuring that barriers related to human rights, gender and other inequalities and exclusions are removed leading to strong funding requests and effective implementation of grants. For this to happen, all stakeholders involved in the response must have the capacity, information and knowledge to ensure that their voices are heard in order for their contribution to be meaningful. There is also need for coordination of all the efforts by stakeholders and use of clear communication channels for timely information sharing.

4. Objectives

- Enhance knowledge of civil society and community groups on the Global Fund and access to TA
- Coordinate with other TA initiatives and programmes in the region
- Improve understanding of TA/capacity development gaps for civil society and community groups
- Strengthen and support strategic civil society and community group capacity development initiatives.

¹Including: \$7 million for Addressing Specific Barriers to Finding Missing TB cases, Especially in Key Populations and Vulnerable Groups; \$3 million for Development of Community and Innovative Approaches to Accelerate Case Finding; and \$15 million for Sustainability, Transition and Efficiency.



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Actions:

5. **The 2017-2019 funding cycle and the differentiated funding application.** The Global Fund has recently released a list of the type and timing of funding requests that countries are preparing to submit. The Global Fund has initiated more focused smaller portfolios, lower disease burden and lower mission risk. The core initiative has a larger portfolio, higher disease burden and higher risk and finally the high impact is focused on very large portfolios with a critical disease burden.

A differentiated application material and review approaches tailored to the needs of countries was initiated. This means that funding requests are right-sized to the needs of the contexts of a country. This would enable quality-funding request to be developed more efficiently, so greater time can be spent implementing grants. The differentiated application and review process has three approaches:

5.1. Program Continuation

- Focused and Core components with less than 2 years of implementation (High Impact considered on case-by-case basis).
- Focused and Core components with demonstrated performance and no material change needed (High Impact considered on case-by-case basis)

5.2. Tailored Review

- Components requiring material change in defined programmatic area(s)
- Components receiving Transition Funding or otherwise using a transition work plan as basis for their funding request
- Challenging operating environments (COE) components with material change
- Learning opportunities (e.g. national strategy pilot, results-based financing, etc.)

5.3. Full Review

- High Impact components; or
- Focused and Core components referred to full review; or
- Components not reviewed by the TRP in the previous allocation period

- 5.4. **For South Africa we are on the TB/HIV component and our type of funding request will be a full report. The window of submission is window four and our submission date is 31 January 2018. Note that there is a lot that needed to be done. Please follow the this link on what to do before submitting a funding request. : [applicant handbook](#).**

6. Strategic investments in community, rights and gender over 2017-2019, Enhance knowledge of civil society and community groups on the Global Fund and access to TA
 - 6.1. The initiative will expand access to technical assistance during the 2017-2019 grant cycle. The Global Fund will invest \$15 million over the next three years (2017-2019) to

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bolster community responses, human rights and gender equality in its grants. The Board has approved this funding for a Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Strategic Initiative, building on progress made in strengthening engagement of civil society and community groups in Global Fund processes through the first CRG Special Initiative for 2014-2016.

6.2. The anticipated impact for the CRG Strategic Initiative from 2017-2019 will be to:

- Strengthen the meaningful engagement of community and civil society in Global Fund processes across all stages in the grant cycle.
- Better reflect civil society and community priorities in concept notes, transition planning and related national strategies.
- Provide greater emphasis on evidence-informed and rights-based programming demonstrated in Global Fund grants.
- Identify the critical technical assistance needs of community and civil society key stakeholders.
- Strengthen community and civil society's capacity to design and deliver quality technical support.

6.3. Components and levels of investment for CRG Special Initiative (2014-2016) and CRG Strategic Initiative (2017-2019):

- Allocate funding for at least three years (2017-2019) for continuation of the CRG Special Initiative.
- Expand the remit of the CRG Special Initiative to go beyond grant signing and offer TA and capacity building to communities/civil society for all stages in the Global Fund's Funding Model.
- Review the conceptual framework and implementation modalities of the CRG Special Initiative to ensure that it operates as a more connected and comprehensive model.
- Strengthen the CRG Special Initiative's efforts to mobilize and support the meaningful engagement of TB and Malaria-focused communities/civil society in Global Fund processes and the inclusion of CRG-related interventions in grants.
- Strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of the management and administration of the CRG Special Initiative by the Global Fund Secretariat (this recommendation responds to a separate finding in the report which notes acute under-staffing in the CRG Special Initiative team).
- Develop and implement an M&E framework for each core Component of the CRG Special Initiative and for the Initiative as a whole.
- Develop and implement a knowledge management and communications strategy to document, analyze and systematize the key learning from the CRG Special Initiative.



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Component of CRG Strategic Initiative	Status of investments (as of end November 2016) from the 2014-2016 CRG Special Initiative	Estimated investments over 2017-2019 for the CRG Strategic Initiative
Technical assistance (TA) programs	\$4,650,000	\$6,000,000
Capacity-building of key population networks on Global Fund processes	\$5,950,000	\$5,000,000
Regional Civil Society and Community Communication and Coordination Platforms	\$4,400,000	\$4,000,000
TOTAL	\$15 million	\$15 million

7. Catalytic investments: \$800 million for matching funds, multi-country approaches, and strategic initiatives

There will be a lot more funding for strategic initiatives and multi-country programs. The Global Fund Board has approved \$800 million to be set aside for catalytic investments over the 2017-2019-grant cycle. These investments are intended to catalyze country allocations to ensure they deliver results against the aims of 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy.

The 2017-2019-allocation methodology provided for “up to” \$800 million to be spent on catalytic investments, meaning it could be less, depending on available funds. Following the success of the Fifth Replenishment in Montreal in September, where nearly \$13 billion was pledged, the Global Fund’s Strategy Committee recommended to the Board that the full \$800 million be made available for catalytic investments.

Catalytic investments will have three distinct modalities: (1) matching funds, (2) multi-country approaches and (3) strategic initiatives.

- 7.1. Matching funds are intended to incentivize the programming of allocations towards key strategic priorities, including for key and vulnerable populations, human rights, data strengthening, among others. Matching funds will be awarded at the time of funding request review.
- 7.2. Multi-country approaches will target a limited number of key, strategic multi-country priorities deemed critical to meet the aims of the Global Fund’s 2017-2022 Strategy. These approaches will include those which are unable to be addressed through country allocations alone.
- 7.3. Strategic initiatives will provide limited funding for centrally managed approaches that cannot be addressed through country allocations due to their cross-cutting nature, or because they do not align neatly with grant cycles. These initiatives are deemed critical to ensure country allocations deliver against the Global Fund’s 2017-2022 Strategy.
- 7.4. The specific catalytic investment priorities, by modality, are presented in the Table below:



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Table: Catalytic investments for the 2017-2019 allocation period

Modalities and Investment Priorities	Amount to be invested over 2017-2019
Matching Funds	\$356 million (44.5% of catalytic funds)
HIV - Key Populations Impact	\$50 million
HIV - Human Rights	\$45 million
HIV - Adolescent Girls and Young Women	\$55 million
Incentivizing Programming of Allocations to find missing TB Cases	\$115 million
Catalyzing Market Entry of New Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs)	\$33 million
Integration of Service Delivery and Health Workforce Improvements	\$18 million
Data systems, data generation and use for programmatic action and quality improvement	\$40 million
Multi-country Approaches	\$272 million (34% of catalytic funds)
HIV Key Populations Sustainability and Continuity	\$50 million
TB Multi-country Responses	\$65 million
Malaria Elimination: Southern Africa	\$20 million
Malaria Elimination: Mesoamerica	\$6 million
Malaria in the Greater Mekong Sub-region	\$119 million
Procurement and supply chain management - Developing Local Resources	\$12 million
Strategic Initiatives	\$172 million (21.5% of catalytic funds)
Addressing Specific Barriers to Finding Missing TB cases, Especially in Key Populations and Vulnerable Groups	\$7 million
Development of Community and Innovative Approaches to Accelerate Case Finding	\$3 million
Malaria Elimination: Cross-cutting Support in 21 Low Burden	\$7 million

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Countries	
Catalyzing Market Entry of New Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets (LLINs)	\$2 million
Piloting Introduction of the RTS,S Malaria Vaccine	\$15 million
Sustainability, Transition and Efficiency	\$15 million
Technical Support, South-to-South Collaboration, Peer Review and Learning	\$14 million
Data systems, data generation and use for programmatic action and quality improvement	\$10 million
Procurement and supply chain management - Diagnosis and Planning	\$20 million
Procurement and supply chain management - Innovation Challenge Fund	\$10 million
Pre-qualification of Medicines and in vitro diagnostics (IVDs)	\$12 million
Community, rights and gender (CRG)	\$15 million
TERG Prospective Evaluations	\$22 million
Emergency Fund	\$20 million
TOTAL	\$800 million

8. Civil society involvement is critical to the effort to save lives and respond to AIDS, TB and malaria. The following tool kits and modules demonstrate how expanded dialogue and increased participation has led to more focused and responsive programming - and more impact on the diseases.

8.1.1. The MSM Implementation Toolkit

The [MSM Implementation Toolkit \(MSMIT\)](http://msmgf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/MSMIT-for-Web.pdf) is the most recent operational guidance available on the design and implementation of HIV and STI programs targeting gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men worldwide. This tool was developed and launched in 2015 by UNFPA, USAID, and MSMGF in close partnership with UNDP, WHO the Gates Foundation and over 100 experts from around the world. The publication targets public-health officials and program managers, as well as NGOs and health workers implementing HIV and STI programs with gay men. Download the MSMIT, <http://msmgf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/MSMIT-for-Web.pdf>

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8.1.2. The Smart Sex Worker Implementation Toolkit

The Smart Sex Worker's Guide to SWIT provides a short summary of the key points in the WHO's Sex Worker Implementation Tool (SWIT). The Smart SWIT was developed by the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP),

<http://www.nswp.org/resource/who-implementing-comprehensive-hivsti-programmes-sex-workers-practical-approaches-collabora>

8.1.3. Community Starter Kit on Global Fund and CRG

To support advocates from civil society, communities and key populations, the Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination for the Asia Pacific Region (hosted by APCASO) has developed a set of resources and tools to unpack Global Fund processes and to help ensure that disease programs are inclusive of interventions for key populations, human rights, and gender equality. Please use the following links to access different modules:

<http://apcaso.org/apcrg/fundingmodelfeatures/>

<http://apcaso.org/apcrg/funding-process/>

<http://apcaso.org/apcrg/faqs-engaging-the-ccm/>

<http://apcaso.org/apcrg/unpacking-crg/>

<http://apcaso.org/apcrg/crg-needs-assessment/>

9. Remarks

A clearer understanding of the Global Fund's (new) policies and procedures, including its new Strategy for 2017-2022 (with a close-up on the human rights and gender objectives), catalytic investments, sustainability and transition, the new differentiated application process for 2017-2019, and how civil society and communities can effectively engage throughout the funding model.

This report contain modules and tool kits which will assist the civil society and community groups in engaging in country dialogue during the development of the country funding requests and use as implementing tools for the future. A Mapped out technical assistance needs as well as opportunities to stimulate demand for TA and enhance the Regional Platform's ability to broker this support. Identified strategies, tools, guidelines, methodologies and allocations that will support civil society and community group engagement in Global Fund processes.