SOUTH-TO-SOUTH LEARNING: LESSONS LEARNT FROM VIRTUAL COUNTRY DIALOGUES FOR GLOBAL FUND FUNDING REQUEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC

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AGENDA

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Time	Agenda Item	Lead
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10 min	Welcome and Introductions to Webinar	RD Marte, APCASO & Host of APCRG Rachel Ong, GFAN AP Kate Thomson, CRG Department, Global Fund
5 min	Participant Polling	Rachel Ong
15 min	Global Fund Virtual Country Dialogues	Hyeyoung Lim, CRG Department, Global Fund
10 min	Moderated Q & A	Moderated by RD Marte
5 min	Participant Polling	Rachel Ong
30 min	Experiences from the ground • Experiences of Nepal (10 min) • Experiences of Indonesia (10 min) • Experiences of Vietnam (10 min)	Achut Sitaula, CCM Vice-Chair, Nepal Mei Sebayang, CCM Member, Chair of HIV National Technical Working Group of the CCM, Indonesia Khuat Thi Hai Oanh, SCDI Vietnam, SR for HIV and Malaria
20 min	Moderated Q & A	
10 min	APCRG-led initiatives: • Information Dissemination • Technical Assistance Support • COVID-19 Alert System	Jennifer Ho, APCRG
10 min	Moderated Q & A	Moderated by RD Marte
5 min	Closing Remarks	RD Marte, APCASO & Host of APCRG Rachel Ong, GFAN AP

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PARTICIPANT POLLING (PART 1)

GLOBAL FUND VIRTUAL COUNTRY DIALOGUES

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Towards Inclusive and Transparent Country Dialogue

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Overview of the discussion

1. Global Fund Strategic Commitment

Meaningful participation of the key and vulnerable populations as a Global Fund Strategic Commitment

2. Country Dialogue:

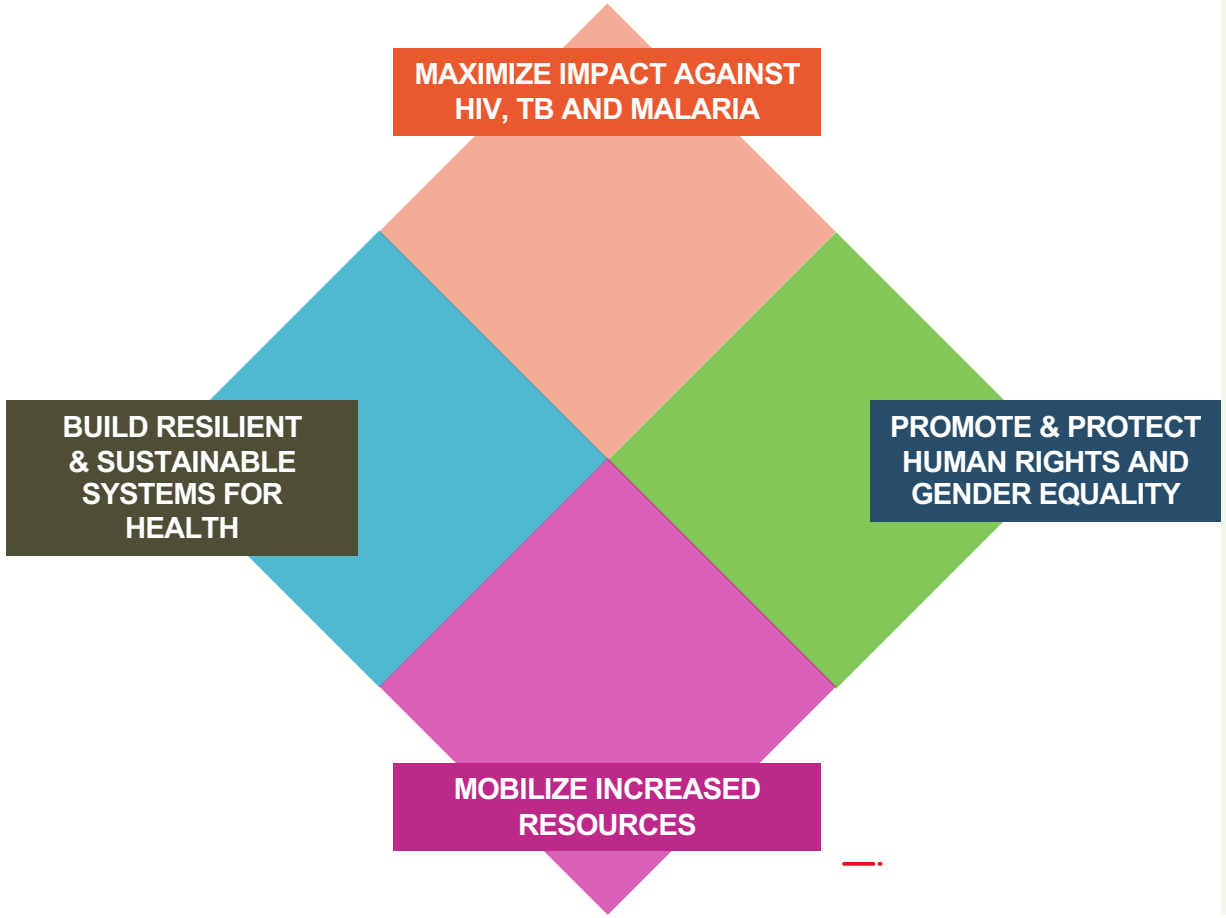
Inclusive, transparent, and on-going throughout the grant cycle

3. Strengthening community engagement: available resources

- **CCM Engagement**
- **CRG Strategic Initiative**

Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022

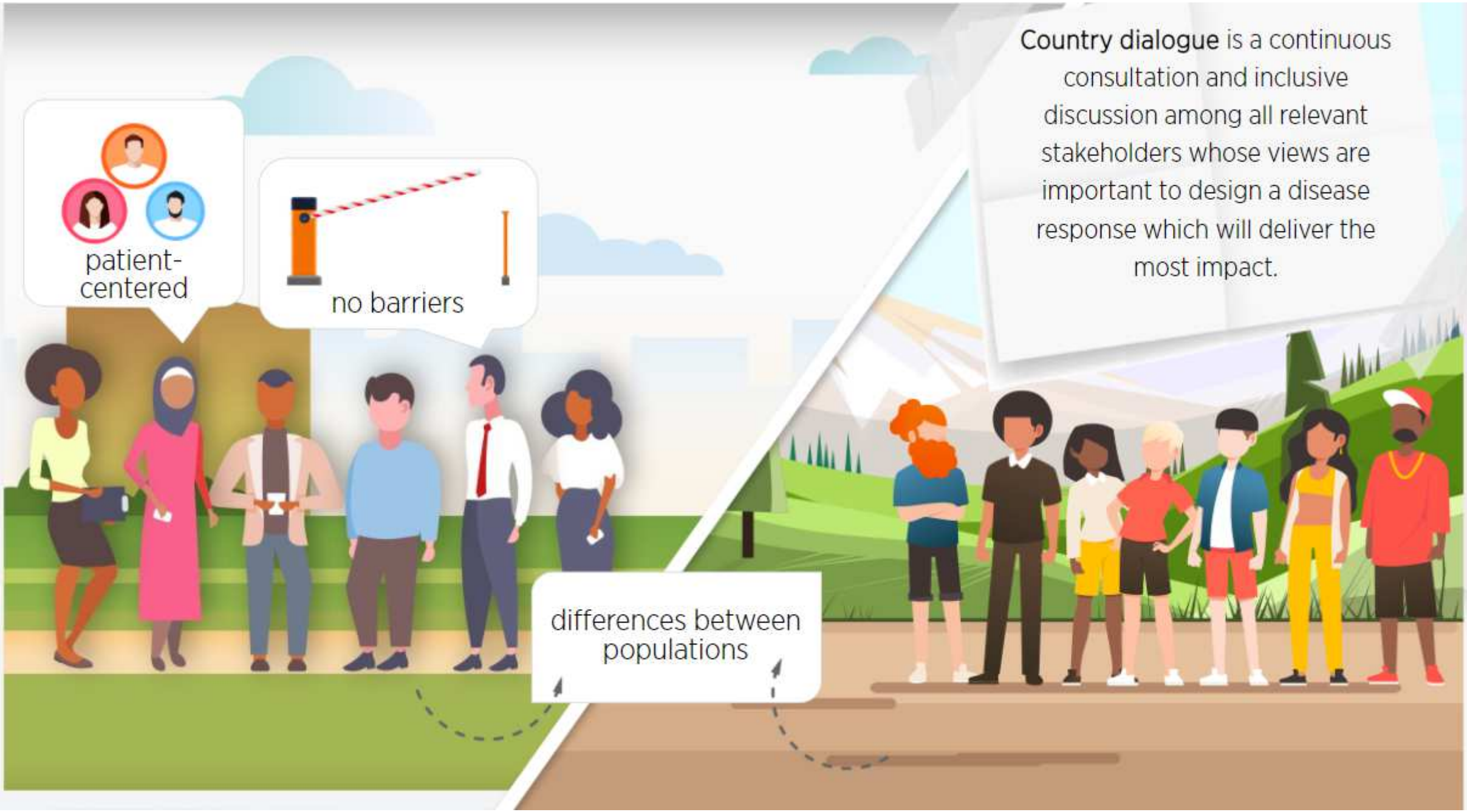
"Investing to End Epidemics"



Promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality is required to accelerate the end of the epidemics

- a. Scale-up programs to support women and girls, including programs to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights
- b. Invest to reduce health inequities including gender- and age-related disparities
- c. Introduce and scale-up programs that remove human rights barriers to accessing HIV, TB and malaria services
- d. Integrate human rights considerations throughout the grant cycle and in policies and policy-making processes
- e. Support meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations and networks in Global Fund-related processes

STRATEGIC ENABLERS: Innovate and differentiate along the development continuum **+** Support mutually accountable partnerships


patient-centered
no barriers
differences between populations
Country dialogue is a continuous consultation and inclusive discussion among all relevant stakeholders whose views are important to design a disease response which will deliver the most impact.

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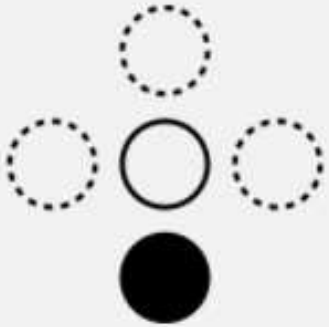
Eligibility requirements for a funding request to be considered by the Global Fund.

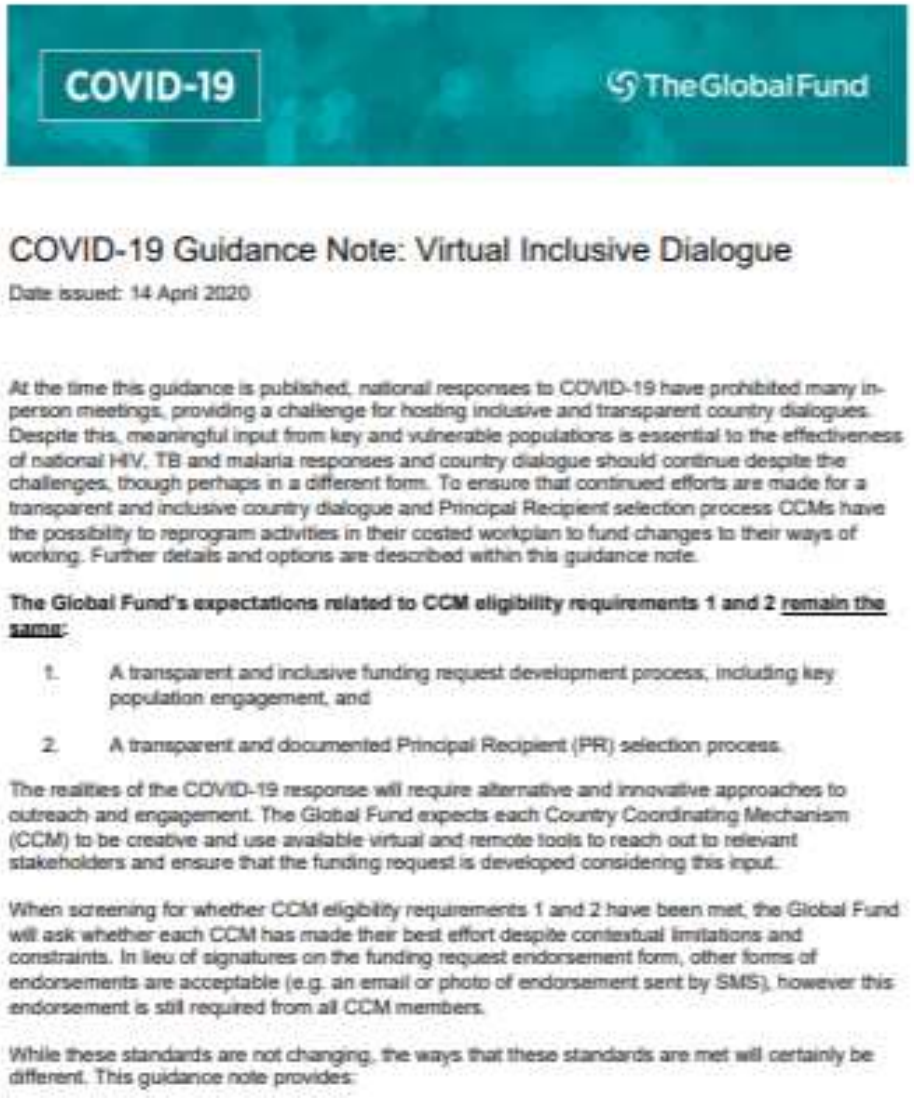
Eligibility Requirement 1:

Ensure that the funding request is the result of a transparent and inclusive process.

Eligibility Requirement 2:

An open, transparent and documented Principal Recipient (PR) selection process.





Country Dialogue must go on – go virtual

Use Social Media, Whatsapp/Line/Facebook/Viber

- CCM Mongolia published the invitation for the country dialogue on the CCM website

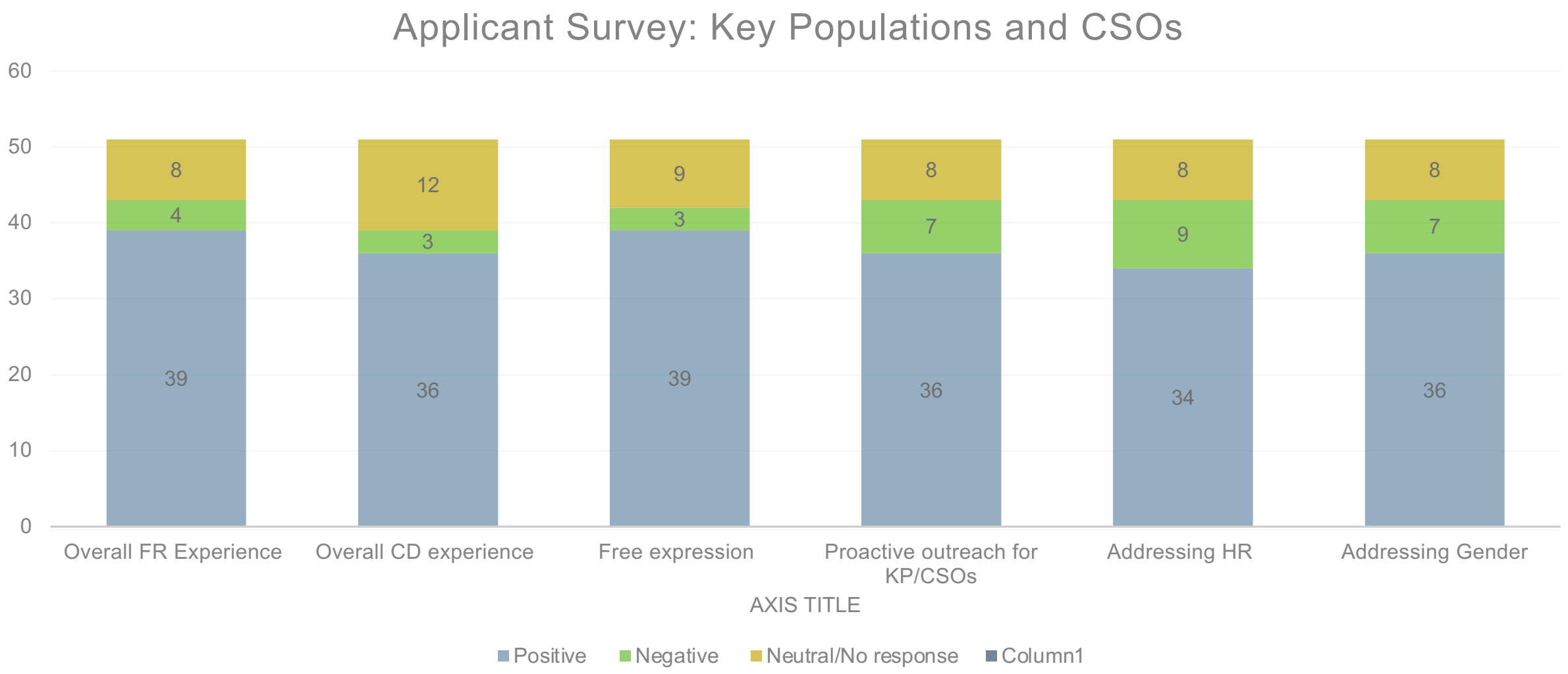
Use Bluejeans/Zoom/Webex/MSTeam for the virtulal conferencing

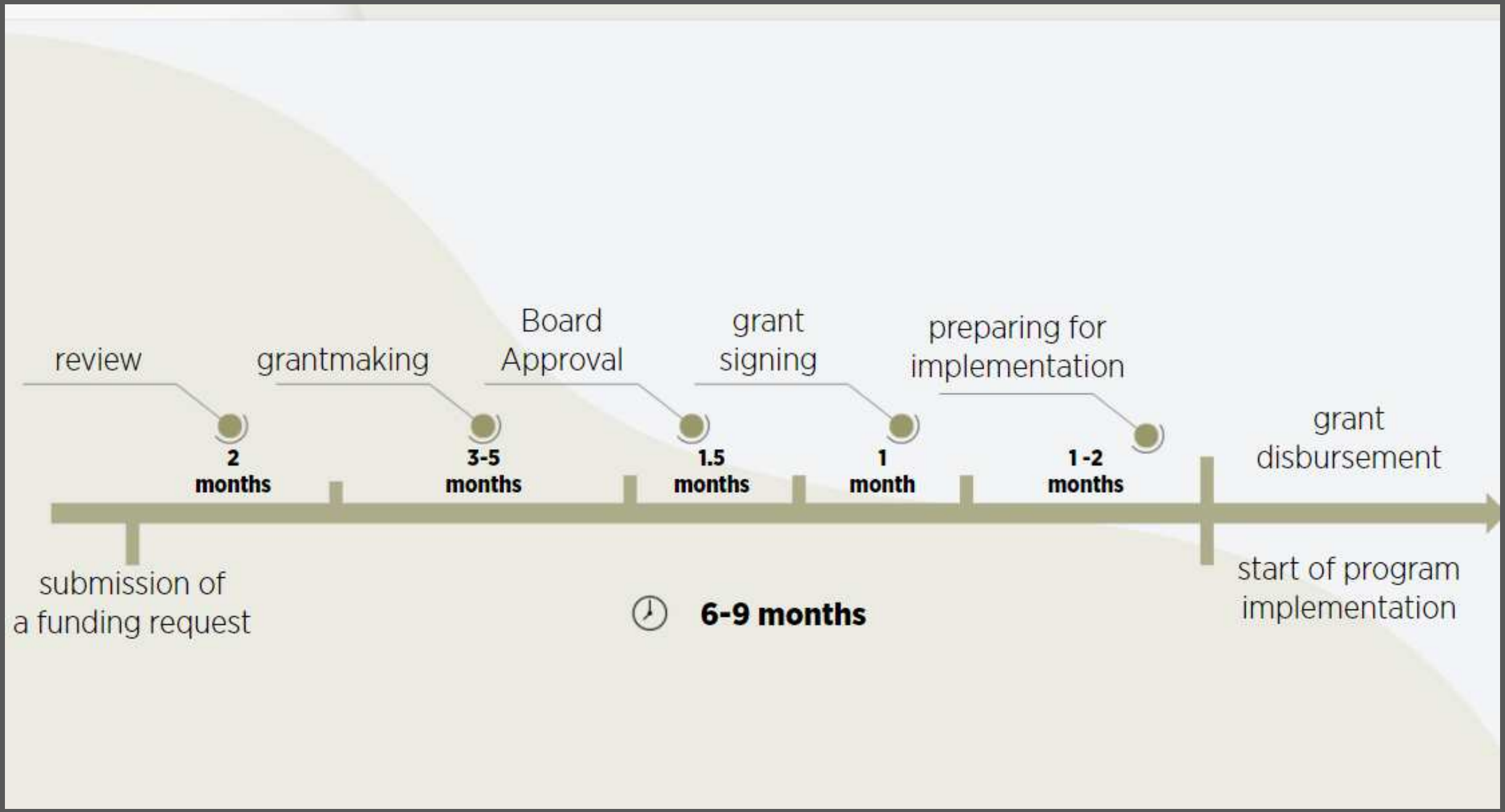
Use Youtube to share information

- Indonesia – Youtube posting on inclusive country dialogue

Available CCM resources for the virtual country dialogue

Overall result from the Applicant Survey Windows 1 & 2




review
grantmaking
Board Approval
grant signing
preparing for implementation
grant disbursement
2 months
3-5 months
1.5 months
1 month
1-2 months
submission of a funding request
6-9 months
start of program implementation

Engagement remains fundamental to CCM contribution to ending diseases

"Yet the **secret sauce of a CCM is the inclusion of civil society**, **including people from nongovernmental organizations and communities affected by HIV, TB, or malaria…**"

***Peter Sands**, Executive Director, The Global Fund*

"…it is **always essential to have CCM members from the communities most affected the epidemics**, because they bring irreplaceable insights into barriers to access, communication gaps, or the sociopolitical dynamics that impact key and vulnerable populations"

Commentary

Putting Country Ownership into Practice: The Global Fund and Country Coordinating Mechanisms

Peter Sands*

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Geneva, Switzerland

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CCM EVOLUTION

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How to ensure ‘meaningful’ participation?

Engagement needs to enhance meaningful participation from *all* constituencies

Leverage opportunities with community platforms, partners and CRG*	**Amplified local, regional expertise** to sustain inclusive health governance
Equip *all* constituencies to analyze data	Strengthened **use of data** for strategic decision making, particularly in oversight
Right size CCM membership	**Engaged representation** that allows dialogue and takes decisions
Reinforce pre/post dialogue for civil society & communities	**Increased representation and information sharing** across diverse community experiences

Engagement goes *beyond representation* and requires **meaningful participation across sectors and communities**

*This includes but is not limited to collaborating on CRG Strategic Initiative investment and partnerships; co-hosting feedback sessions/surveys; regular information sharing

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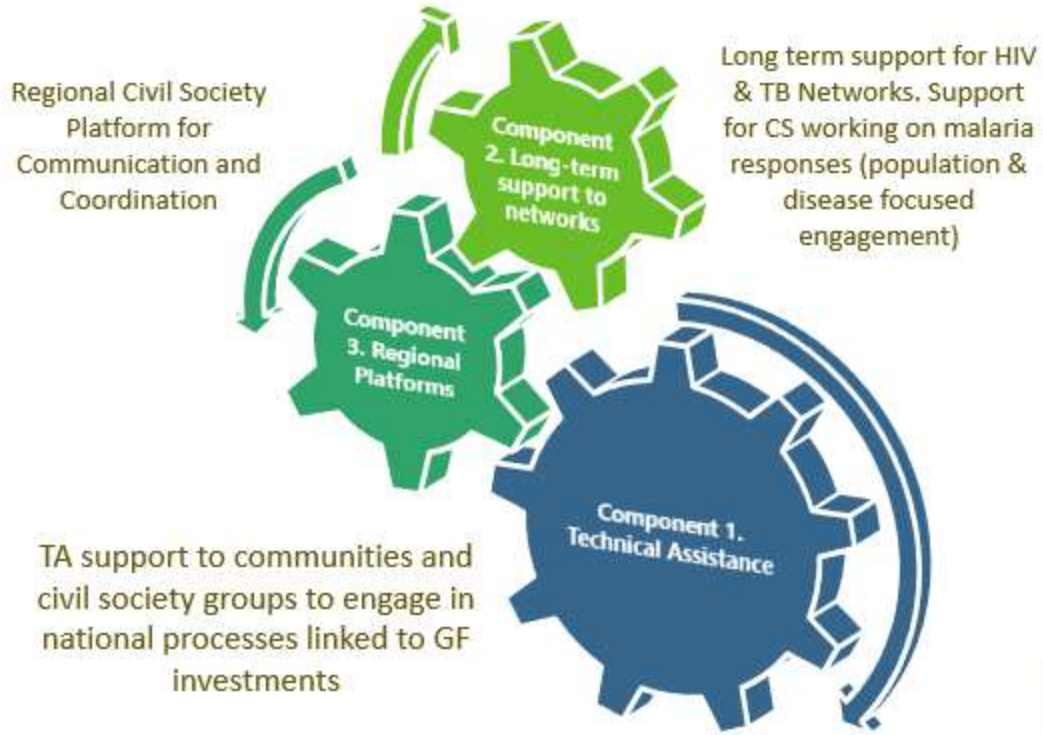
1a. CRG Strategic Initiative: Operation model

3 mutually reinforcing components for engaging communities in GF processes



Community, Rights and Gender

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2a. CRG-SI Short-term technical assistance

Community, Rights & Gender Technical Assistance

The Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program provides supp society and community organizations to meaningfully engage in the Global Fund model during:

- Country dialogue
- Funding request development
- Grant-making
- Grant implementation

Under this program, national civil society and community organizations can apply assistance in a range of areas, such as:

- Situational analysis and planning
- Participation in country dialogue
- Program design
- Oversight and monitoring of grant implementation
- Engagement in sustainability and transition strate

Examples:

Afghanistan: TB community-led survey among refugees, migrants and returnees to support the design of an IEC strategy.

Mauritania: Support for communities affected by TB in reinforcing their knowledge of Global Fund related processes, enabling them to engage in funding request development;

Tunisia: Support to CS engagement in the Human Rights Matching Funding application and program designing;

Niger: Malaria equity assessment – understanding barriers faced by rural women in accessing PHC and designing a response plan.

Zimbabwe: Design of a AGYW friendly Accountability Framework to oversee and feedback on AGYW program implementation:

How to apply:

https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/throughout-the-cycle/community-rights-gender-technical-assistance-program/

Good application practices

- Identify the needs of your community;
- Discuss the needs with the Regional Platform that covers your country;
- If possible discuss with the CCM and/or the Country Team;
- Access the link to the CRG-SI TA and fill in a request;

Note that this TA is specifically used to support CS and community engagement in GF and related national processes. This TA does not support writing processes or program implementation.

Resources

COVID-19 Guidance Note: Virtual Inclusive Country Dialogue
https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9536/covid19_virtualinclusivedialogue_guidancenote_en.pdf

Questions and Answers: Supporting Countries and Grants during the COVID-19 Pandemic
https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9501/covid19_supportingcountriesandgrants_faq_en.pdf?u=637319001926630000

Human Rights in Times of COVID
https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9538/covid19_humanrights_guidancenote_en.pdf?u=637319001366570000

Global Fund i-Learn on Inclusive Country Dialogue
https://theglobalfund.csod.com/content/theglobalfund/publications/344/inclusive%20country%20dialogue%20-%20storyline%20output/index_lms_html5.html

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EXPERIENCES FROM THE GROUND: NEPAL

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EXPERIENCES FROM THE GROUND: INDONESIA

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Community Engagement on Funding Request HIV 2021 – 2023 Development Process in Indonesia

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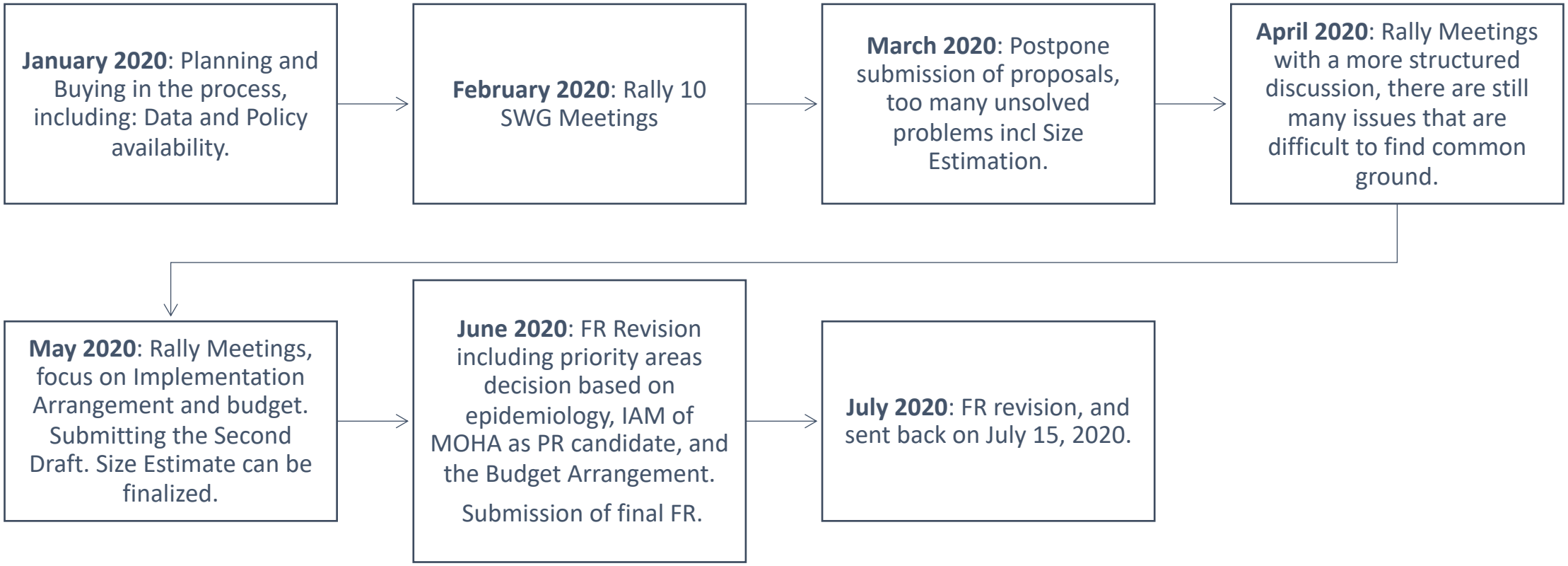
Context

- Indonesia has an extensive history of receiving funding from the Global Fund.

- Allocated US$293,407,740 for ATM and building resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH) for the 2021-2023 allocation period (US$ 102,717,937 for HIV, Matching Funds: USD 6,300,000).

- The CCM Indonesia ensures that the FR HIV 2021-2023 has developed through an open, inclusive, and participatory process.

FR HIV 2021-2023 Development Process



Process

- Established 10 Sub-Working Groups (MSM-TG, PWID, Sex Workers, PMTCT, TBHIV, RSSH, CSS, Human Rights, TCS, PSCM). Each SWG has representatives from the Key-affected populations and the PLHIV community.

- Rumah Cemara facilitate CSO's reps from several provinces to engage with the SWG's

- CCM conducted CSO and Community Consultation meetings in west and east region of Indonesia

- TWG HIV provide GoogleDrive link – easy access to community

- Development of Multi Year Plan of Human Rights Barriers to HIV and TB services – Involved civil society from HIV and TB

Community Role

- Review the Programmatic Gap tables from current implementation program (2018-2020),
- Recommend the strategy and proposed main intervention in the Performance Framework,
- Recommend the operational definition including service delivery package and proposed budget activities,
- Recommend the implementation arrangement plan for each module.
- During the development of Funding Request HIV 2021-2023 from January to June 2020, the SWG have conducted 64 meetings.

Challenges faced and Solutions adopted

- Data and policy Limitation (Including KPSE)
- Innovative approaches are generally a very limited scale
- Target setting is less ambitious (Target on ART, MMD, TLD, PrEP, CBS, etc)
- Methodologies proposed for the core modules – BAU
- Implementation and budget arrangements: BAU

Solutions: Tiered dialogue and strengthen alliances

EXPERIENCES FROM THE GROUND: VIETNAM

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Asia-Pacific Platform on Communities, Rights and Gender (APCRG)

APCASO
Strengthening community systems. Advancing human rights.

- Established by the Global Fund's Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG SI)
- One of six regional platforms: Anglophone Africa, Asia-Pacific, Francophone Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America & the Caribbean, Middle East & North Africa
- Communication and coordination focused – not advocacy
- 2nd phase: November 2017 to December 2020

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Objectives

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1. Further the meaningful engagement of civil society and communities in GF processes through **bi-direction communications** and the provision of **accurate and accessible information** ;

2. Improve the overall impact of GF programmes and interventions through **strengthened engagement of civil society and communities** affected by HIV, TB and malaria;

3. **Expand access to technical assistance** (TA) for civil society and communities through coordination with the CRG-SI short-term TA component, as well as other TA providers and opportunities; and

4. Support strategic civil society and community capacity development initiatives through **fostering spaces for engagement and collective participation** in key-decision processes, in particular as they relate to community, rights and gender

AP Rapid Assessment During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Objectives of Rapid Assessment:

1) **Assess the impact** of COVID-19 related measures to HIV, TB, and malaria community access to treatment and other medical and health-related services and information; and the undertaking of robust and community-inclusive country dialogue processes for the development of Global Fund funding requests;

2) **Document the engagements** and impact of HIV, TB, and malaria communities and civil society in country-level COVID-19 responses;

3) **Understand community and civil society uptake** of, and any challenges in observing Global Fund-issued guidelines to mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the implementation of Global Fund grants; and

4) **Seek perspectives** on necessary further Global Fund COVID-19 related guidance and policy to mitigate negative impacts of the pandemic to HIV, TB, and malaria communities

Key Findings

- Key and vulnerable populations have experienced varying degree s of difficulty coping with the pandemic
- Existing HIV, TB, and malaria **service delivery has been disrupted** by COVID-19 measures in varying levels
- Services that provide prevention and treatment have either **closed down or have enabled shorter operating hours** which affecting access for many clients
- **An increase in gender-based violence** (GBV) among key population groups, especially among sex workers
- Specific vulnerable populations, such as migrant workers, also experienced increased vulnerability due to their **economic loss** and impact of **travel restrictions**, making it **difficult** for them to **access services** in their places of origin

Key Findings (cont.)

- **Daily programmatic operations** of civil society and key population—led organisations have also been severely affected by the pandemic
- Some have reprogrammed activities toward COVID-19 related activity
- Using the **GF COVID-19 Response Mechanism and grant flexibilities**, CS and KP-led organisations were quick to **mobilise and intervene**
- **HOWEVER, many CCM members and technical working group partners were hesitant** to implement these communications without direct instructions from the GF Secretariat – making it difficult for communities to engage meaningfully in the design and utilisation of these grant flexibilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Global Fund and funding partners** to provide specific allocations to support CS and KP to augment immediate, medium and long-term **COVID-19 community-led responses**. This is particularly applicable in responding to **CRG-related issues**
2. **CCMs and Global Fund Country Teams** to immediately rollout GF Funding Request, grant implementation, and grant flexibilities guidance and policies in coordination with CS and KP-led organisations;
3. **Technical partners** to develop further modelling exercises and situation reports on the regional and country-level impact of COVID-19 across the three diseases responses and propose immediate and long-term recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS

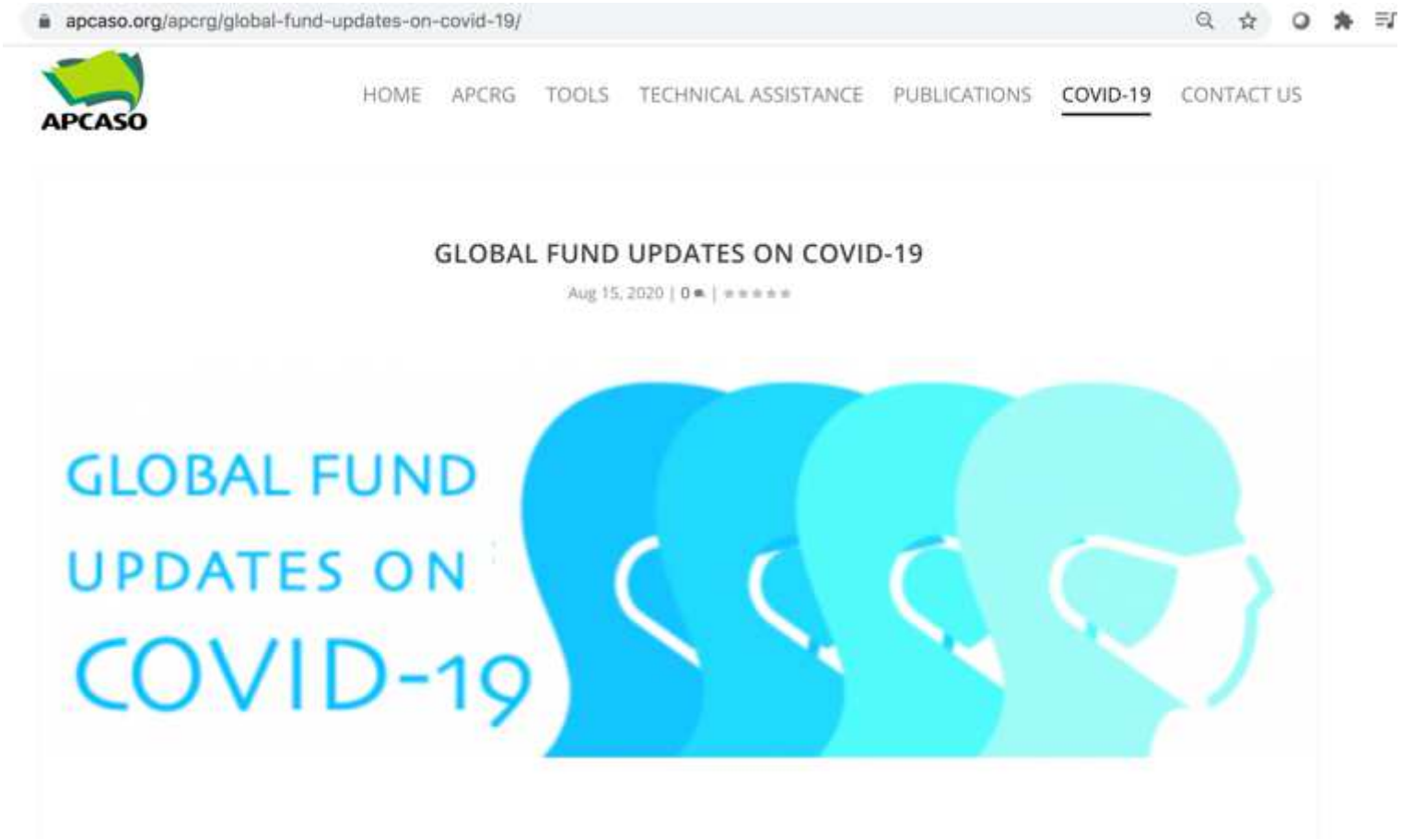
4. **CS and KP-led communities** to be supported to work closely with CCM, national diseases programmes and similar multisectoral bodies to fast-track the immediate delivery of life-saving drugs and to avoid further infections and deaths due to HIV, TB, and malaria as may have been possibly intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. **All stakeholders, particularly CS and KP-led communities** to develop risk mitigation measures that would help sustain ongoing work around the health responses especially in time of health and other emergencies.

6. **Governments** should be encouraged to explore inclusion of COVID-19 as well as possible future pandemic with the **UHC framework**. This includes strengthening and sustainability of health systems, improving strategic information sharing and data utilisation, frontloading budgetary allocations on critical service delivery and vaccine and treatement research and development, and setting up systematic health emergency response that would involve health and non-health agencies and sectors.

Link to Full Report: https://apcaso.org/emerging-issues-of-hiv-tb-and-malaria-affected-communities-and-civil-society-in-asia-pacific-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/

APCRG Resources for CS and Communities



Why it is Important to Engage the CCM in the Funding Request Development Virtually During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Country Coordinating Mechanism plays an important role in the funding request development process.

To do this, the CCM must have:

- A transparent and inclusive process, including key population engagement
- A transparent and documented **Principal Recipient (PR)** selection process

Your Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) can be your

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Key population communities and civil society organizations can be part of this multi-stakeholder body, joining government agencies (Ministries of Health) private sector, academic research groups, and development institutions in strategizing and planning to engage the funding development process.

By joining the CCM, your organization or community can:

- **Interact** with and influence different stakeholders
- **Influence** national strategies for disease response
- **Influence** allocations to ensure that funding goes to key populations
- **Influence** and participate in mechanisms to monitor implementation

ENGAGE! ENGAGE! ENGAGE!

As dialogues and meetings of CCM will take place online because of COVID-19, here are ways to make sure that key population communities and civil society organizations can participate:

- Get invited into CCM meetings via social media and chat platforms.
- Share information and announcements of relevant CCM processes to your communities and constituencies.
- Use several online tools and platforms to share your priorities to the CCM.
- Organize online consultations but making sure that the safety, privacy, and security of your members are protected.
- Request access to funding request documents and collaborate.
- Most importantly, when attending CCM meetings, present an intervention.

Get in touch with your CCM now and request to be included in the virtual activities. Here is the CCM directory for the Asia Pacific region: ***https://apcaso.org/apcrg/ccmdirectory/***

Your CCM is obliged by the Global Fund to be participatory and consultative with civil society and key and affected populations. An increase from the 15% CCM allocation is also expected in this time of the crisis.

If your CCM refuses to involve CSOs, communities and key populations, you may address your concerns to the Global Fund Secretariat by email: ***ccm@theglobalfund.org*** *with the subject line* ***"Attention CCM Hub"****.*

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https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9536/covid19_virtualinclusivedialogue_guidancenote_en.pdf

GLOBAL FUND COVID-19 ALERT SYSTEM

Are you facing any issues and challenges in engaging Global Fund processes in your country due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Has the Global Fund grant implementation in your country been affected because of COVID-19 pandemic? Share it with us via the COVID-19 Alert System! Click the button below to quickly report any challenges or interruptions so that we can alert the Global Fund Secretariat right away!

Click Here to Access the COVID-19 Alert System

ACCESS TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE MECHANISM (C19RM)

GLOBAL FUND FUNDING REQUEST PROCESS

Learn more about Submission Dates here

Learn more about Virtual Inclusive Dialogues here

Download the C19RM Materials here

Learn more about the Guidance Note here

Learn more about Continued PR Operations here

Access the Detailed FAQ here

COMMUNITY, RIGHTS, GENDER, AND COVID-19

Specific considerations per disease program and around community, rights, and gender are being developed as of this time. Click on any of the available technical guidance below to learn more

We will also keep this section updated as new guidances are released.

- Community, Rights, and Gender Guidance Note
- Considerations for Global Fund HIV support in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Considerations for Global Fund TB support in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Considerations for Global Fund malaria support in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Considerations for Global Fund support for Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- COVID-19 Guidance Note: Human Rights in the Times of COVID-19
- Priorities for Global Fund HIV Support
- Human Rights in the Time of COVID-19 Guidance Note
- NEW! Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 on Countries Affected by HIV, TB, and malaria

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