

GF/B44/EDP13 Decision on the Secretariat's Recommendation on Grant Extensions

Approved on 22 December 2020.

The Board:

- 1. Approves the extension budget and revised implementation period recommended for each grant listed in Table 3 of GF/B44/ERO8 ("Table 3");**
- 2. Affirms that any additional funding provided to fund the extension budget (a) shall increase the upper-ceiling amount that may be available for the relevant implementation period for each grant listed in Table 3, and (b) is subject to the availability of funding.**

This decision does not have material budgetary implications for operating expenses.

Table 3: Secretariat’s Recommendations on Grant Extensions

N	Applicant	Disease Component	Grant Name	Currency	Total extension budget ¹	Additional Funding Required	Previous Extensions Granted (Cumulative in Months)	Proposed Extension Duration (Months)	Proposed End Date	Rationale
1	Pakistan	TB	PAK-T-NTP	US\$	23,855,575	23,855,575	0	6	30-06-21	This six-month extension will bridge the gap of funding for grant implementation in the context of a TB funding request iterated for resubmission by the TRP to allow adequate time for the Secretariat and Principal Recipient to finalize grant-making and Board request for approval of the new TB grant, while addressing concerns related to scale-up of case finding, strengthening of private sector involvement in TB response, implementation of the multi-drug resistant TB response at a large scale and introduction of innovative systems. The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is currently undertaking an investigation relating to The Indus Hospital TB grant program under the PAK-T-TIH grant. The investigation findings indicate issues are limited to this grant and do not affect PAK-T-NTP. PAK-T-TIH will not continue and the Secretariat is currently processing grant closure and transfer of activities to PAK-T-NTP and PAK-T-MC. Additionally, the GAC has recommended the extension documents include a requirement for the Principal Recipient to repay outstanding recoveries of US\$182,214.
2	Sudan	Malaria	SDN-M-MOH	US\$	21,204,117	21,204,117	0	6	30-06-21	This six-month extension will bridge the gap of funding and implementation to avoid disruption of essential services by allowing adequate time for the Secretariat to design and put in place a tailored implementation arrangement under which the Ministry of Health can be retained as a Principal Recipient, with significant support and oversight by an appropriate assurance provider. Additionally, the GAC has recommended the extension documents include a requirement for the Principal Recipient to repay outstanding recoveries of US\$518,064.

¹ In accordance with the Comprehensive Funding Policy (GF/B36/02 – Annex 1, Rev 1), where the extension is for a grant for a disease component with a 2017-2019 allocation, the budget for the proposed extension period will be funded from the 2020-2022 allocation.

