

Operational Update

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Dear colleagues,

Following our <u>16 May Operational Update</u>, and due to the ongoing challenging funding landscape, the Global Fund will be working with Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) and Principal Recipients (PRs) to reprioritize activities in Grant Cycle 7 (GC7) grants to safeguard lifesaving interventions. GC7 allocations will be reduced to adjust to this new reality, which will require PRs to go through grant revisions. Some countries may need to reprioritize beyond Global Fund grants, planning health programs holistically. Reprioritization decisions should be made considering all sources of funding: domestic and external.

At this time, we would like to share updated timelines as follows:

- By the end of June, CCMs, PRs and Ministers of Health will receive letters indicating the GC7 reduced allocation and revised indicative budgets per grant.
- Countries with one grant will be able to proceed to grant revisions as soon as the letter is received. Countries with more than one grant will have two weeks to review the indicative grant budget amounts and revert to the Global Fund in case of proposed changes. Further instructions will be included in the letter.
- To ensure meaningful stakeholder engagement in this process, we suggest CCMs plan for at least one meeting with all CCM members to take place during the first half of July. These meetings are intended to discuss reprioritization of interventions and align on and confirm the final grant budgets amounts to the Global Fund where relevant.

The following programmatic reprioritization approach document can be used to support countries' dialogue and decision-making: <u>English</u>, <u>Español</u>, <u>Français</u> and <u>Português</u> (English available, translations forthcoming in mid-June). The content of this document aims to support country stakeholders to decide on the reprioritization of interventions. It is not

meant to be prescriptive, and decisions on reprioritization will need to be adapted to country context and follow WHO normative guidance. These slides in <u>English</u>, <u>Español</u>, <u>Français</u> and <u>Português</u> provide more information (English final, translations forthcoming in mid-June).

In preparation for Grant Cycle 8 (GC8), reprioritization decisions and grant revisions for GC7 must be taken considering integration, cost effectiveness and long-term sustainability of HIV, TB, malaria activities within countries' primary health care services and health and community systems.

In addition, please find below an update on GC8 timelines to support your planning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Global Fund Country Team.

We thank you for your efforts in the fight against AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and for your continued partnership.

Best regards,

The Global Fund

Update on timelines: GC8 Application materials and Allocation letters

Due to ongoing uncertainty on the global health financial landscape and considering the Eighth Global Fund Replenishment is taking place later than it normally would in the funding cycle, GC8 timelines are **tentatively scheduled** as follows:

- Applicant materials are scheduled to be published in November 2025.
- Allocation letters will be shared at the end of February or in early March 2026.

We will continue to update you to support your planning as soon as we have new information.