Summary Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) of the Global Fund

First Meeting

Glion, Switzerland, 15-17 September 2004

1 Introduction to the meeting, overview of the scope of the TERG

As recommended in the Evaluation Strategy for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria (GFATM) and agreed by the Board in its meeting in October 2003, the GFATM has established the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG).

This document reports on the first TERG meeting, which took place from 15 to 17 September 2004 in Glion, Switzerland. It gives a summary of key issues discussed and TERG's recommendations.

2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

After a brief review of the operating procedures for the TERG, the group elected the Chair and Vice Chair. A proposal was made to elect Dr. Rolf Korte as the Chair, and Dr. Rose Leke as the Vice-Chair. The proposal was strongly supported by a number of TERG members and confirmed unanimously by the group.

The TERG includes 9 appointed plus 4 ex officio members representing the broad range of disciplines and constituencies for independent oversight of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Global Fund (See Annex 1).

3 Measurement Framework for the Global Fund

3.1 Background

The concept of System Wide Effects and Broad Principles of the Fund as a "force for change" are fundamental to the Global Fund, and are featured in its key policy documents. While substantial progress has been made in making the Fund operational, the system wide effects and broad principles of the Fund as a "force for change" require much greater analysis and understanding as part of the existing Global Fund monitoring and evaluation strategies /mechanisms.

During its meeting in May 2004 the Monitoring & Evaluation and Finance & Auditing Committee of the Board (MEFA) has discussed priority areas for measurement of systems effects and asked the Secretariat to develop a workplan to address these. The three priority areas to be addressed were:

- <u>Partnerships</u>: Development and effectiveness of partnerships (including public-private partnerships, functioning of CCMs, donor harmonization, etc.).
- Additionality: additionality of resources at global and country level, potential for distortion of national efforts by massive inflow of disease specific resources, etc.
- <u>Sustainability</u>: Concerning the Global Fund as an organization and Fund programs (including sustained and longer term contributions, reduction of prices and transaction cost, integration into and ownership of national programs, etc.).

A high level workshop has taken place on September 6-8, 2004 in Chexbres, Switzerland, based on extensive review incorporating papers prepared by three

expert consultants, and an executive summary linking these papers. By the end of the workshop, a selection of simple indicators was proposed to strengthen the Measurement Framework for the Global Fund's purposes and core principles in the areas of systems effects, with a focus on sustainability, partnership and additionality.

The TERG reviewed and discussed the overall Measurement Framework, including the measurement of systems effects.

3.2 Recommendations

- I. The TERG welcomed and approved the overall Measurement Framework of the Global Fund which covers operational, grant, system and impact levels. They emphasised that equal weight should be placed on each level, and that the importance of impact is given adequate attention as the ultimate goal of the Fund. The role of the TERG itself in its oversight and advisory function was also incorporated.
- II. The TERG approved a condensed list of systems effects indicators with reference to the main dimensions (additionality, partnerships and sustainability) to be included in the Framework. (See Annex 2). The overall principles of the Global Fund are covered by the proposed indicators; some dimensions of the purpose require special studies particularly into impact.
- III. The TERG identified the need for further development in the measurement of health systems effects and impact (See Additional Needs).

4 Quality Assurance for Grant Reviews

4.1 Background

The TERG is to assess the soundness of the phase 2 review and decision process and report to MEFA and the Board. In particular, a formal review of the phase 2 grant renewal policies and procedure based on lessons learned will be undertaken in 2005, and the TERG should advise on a quality assurance system for the phase 2 process.

A discussion paper including a proposal for a quality assurance system has been submitted to the TERG prepared by an expert consultant. The system will provide criteria on which to base the decisions for the formal review of the phase 2 grant renewal policies. The proposal described a system which will encourage self assessment and an external audit of programme performance data reported by Principal Recipients (PRs) and Sub-Recipients (SRs) to the GF. It will also provide regular confirmation of the quality of the evaluation process which includes the secretariat.

4.2 Recommendations

- I. The TERG recommends a systematic quality assurance mechanism as a continuous process beginning before and extending beyond phase 2 renewal decision.
- II. As regards phase 2 grant renewal request, the TERG recommends 3 levels of measures regarding quality assessment:

- a) PRs should be provided with recommendations on self-assessment of the quality of data validation, of management of information and reporting, of the management process for service delivery and facilities. A simple list of areas that can be covered and checked will be provided after field testing.
- b) A self-assessment report on data validation should be produced by the PRs as part of phase 2. These reports should be made available on the GFATM website.
- c) An external review of data quality and validation should be conducted among a sample of the programs. (e.g. of between 10-20% of these reports could be randomly and purposively sampled). The TERG recommends the development of a protocol for a QA system for phase 2 for implementation building on the draft submitted by the consultant.

In addition, the TERG points out the importance of making use of partners' experience for data validation, and accreditation in self assessment; these partners could include for example WHO, GTZ and Global Fund structures.

5 CCM standards and measurement

5.1 Background

The GF considers the transparent governance of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) an essential pre-requisite for successful proposal development and program implementation. TERG has been requested by the MEFA committee to review and advise on the indicators and measures (see attached paper). Approaches for measurement were discussed to provide greater transparency and prominence to these issues.

5.2 Recommendations

- I. The TERG recommends an initial checklist that CCMs should follow as a guideline for structuring the work of the CCM and for self-assessment. The contents of the checklist were reviewed and accepted by the TERG (included in Annex 3).
- II. External assessments on a sample of CCMs should be undertaken annually to confirm findings.
- III. The TERG also recommended that a supplementary study be conducted to explore functional and effective community involvement in CCMs.

Review of the workplan and budget of the Global Fund Strategic Information and Evaluation unit

6.1 Background

The TERG was asked to make recommendations concerning priorities, potential gaps and the need for supplementary evaluations, in the proposed workplan for the Strategic Information and Evaluation (SIE) unit (Annex 4). The M&E strategic workplan was presented to and discussed by the TERG including progress and plans for the coming year.

6.2 Recommendations

- I. The TERG expressed full support to the Strategic Information workplan, budget and its focus on four strategic priorities. It welcomed the progress made on performance evaluation in grants and measurement of Global Fund operations, and stressed the importance of wider evaluations and the interpretation of data in priorities 3 and 4.
- II. It included and positioned the TERG function and role in the organisational and functional structures.
- III. The TERG recommended that the measurement of impact (in terms of the three diseases as well as inclusion in grant metrics) should be developed in 2005.
- IV. The TERG set up 2 working groups in order to prepare for developing two issue papers which would supplement the Strategic Information Workplan:
 - a) A conceptual paper on the steps to be taken in order to ensure future evaluation of impact (Responsible Ties Boerma). This group would also look at health systems effects, seen as an area requiring further development.
 - b) A position paper on operational research priorities related to the Global Fund (with partners) and the rapid scale-up of interventions. Interventions with GF support provide unprecedented opportunities for evaluating (i) effectiveness of interventions at scale and under realistic field conditions and (ii) learning about how to most efficiently and most effectively implement interventions (Responsible Stefano Bertozzi).

The above mentioned papers will be prepared within 2 weeks and submitted to the TERG for review and comments.

V. The TERG strongly recommends that a significant amount of additional funds (proposed annual additional budget of USD 150.000) should be allocated to specific evaluation activities relating to impact.

7 Next Steps

Two regular meetings of TERG will be organized during the year 2005 (March and September 2005), as well as sub working groups.

Between meetings, TERG members will receive updated documents and issues to be discussed on a regular basis and to keep members informed on current issues.

For this purpose, a website with an access restricted to TERG members will be set up by the GF Secretariat and updated by the TERG Secretariat.

8 Annexes

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8.2 Annex 2 : Measurement priorities and indicators for systems effects

PRIORITIES	INDICATORS	DIMENSIONS & SOURCES
Leverage additional financing globally; closing the gap;	 Levels and trends in donor assistance, public and private allocations to spending on development, health and the three diseases; progress in reducing 'unmet need' for AIDS, TB malaria spending 	Additionality, partnerships & sustainability
Externalities - reducing poverty; increasing health human resources (Purpose and Principles 2 and 3)	 % of Households allocating >0.25 Household income to health services (catastrophic health expenditure) Numbers and change in trained health professionals 	National Health Accounts, WHO, OECD/DAC, UNAIDS and GF Secretariat data,
Improve purchasing economy and	Prices for key commodities procured with GF funds (drugs, diagnostics, preventive supplies etc.)	Additionality and sustainability improved
efficiency for key commodities (Principle 2)	 trends over time, comparison across countries, establish benchmarks for operational comparison 	GF data plus benchmarks from UNICEF, WHO, ILO, PAHO, others
Improve sustainability and manage risk via	 Total health expenditure/GDP; Government Health/Govt Total Spending (Abuja); 	Additionality and sustainability improved
growing commitment of own-government resources (Purpose, Principle 3)	Malaria, TB, HIV spend/Total Health (if available) Inter-year change in Malaria, TB, HIV spending (all sources) S Global Fund grant spending Ratio of donor to local spending allocated to the 3 diseases Pledges and projections of GF funding against estimated	Governments and WHO national health accounts; UNAIDS national AIDS accounts and related data
	requirements 10 year forward planning	Secretariat
Improve partnerships via: Global partnership and	Joint activities with other agencies which produce outputs to support alignment and harmonization in support of GF activities (with documentation) Including GF participation in OECD/MDG/ UN harmonisation initiatives including bilateral	More effective partnerships, donor harmonization, and representation achieved.
harmonisation Country	agencies Countries with relevant national strategies (PRSPs, health	Secretariat documentation
partnership and harmonization	sector etc.) which specifically refer to GF funding	National strategies,
Effective CCM Composition and	Number of CCMs which show evidence of functional membership of people living with and/or affected by the diseases	UN assessment of strategies and progress
representation (Purpose and	Number of CCMs where all NGO members are selected by their own constituencies based on a documented, transparent process	CCM records and
Principle 3)	Number of CCMs in which all constituencies are represented in the CCM	independent reviews as appropriate Partnership Forum/ Regional Meetings/
	 Number of CCMs which have a documented, transparent process to solicit and review submissions, nominate PRs, and oversee program implementation 	Sample surveys by independent assessor
	Number of CCMs which have a documented, transparent process to ensure a broad range of stakeholders in proposal development and oversight	
	Number of CCMs that have the Chair and Vice Chair from	
	different constituencies Number of CCMs that have a written plan to mitigate against conflicts of interest	

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND INDICATORS FOR CCM MONITORING

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Purpose and Utilization of Monitoring Information

The purpose of this paper is to suggest indicators for measuring and monitoring CCM progress and performance. The indicators are based on CCM guidelines and subsumed under the following dimensions: Composition and representation, participation and communication, governance and management, harmonization and alignment. Indicators are operational criteria for measuring various aspects of CCM performance. Standards on the other hand reflect values and targets as they are expressed in policy statements. An indicator is in itself neutral, but standards can be linked to every indicator^a. Most of the original guidelines for CCMs^b have no clear standards or targets, but express intentions and broad direction. The recent recommendations for strengthening CCMs as public-private partnerships^c have more specific targets, but they are still recommendations not requirements.

The "old" and "new" CCM guidelines are listed in Annex 1. The checklist of questions is based on these guidelines – by turning guidelines into questions about compliance. Most of the guidelines are covered by one or more question. The number of questions is limited. All guidelines are not equally important and the list of questions should not be too long.

The measurement framework can be used for different purposes:

- (a) For internal assessment and self improvement: The guidelines reflect ideal models for CCM performance and a checklist of questions serves as a mirror for CCM members against which they can assess their own roles and performance. If CCMs acknowledge their own failures and weaknesses as a result of such a process it is a much higher chance that they will change than when being told by others that they are underperforming.
- (b) For Global Fund monitoring and reporting: Self-reporting from CCMs will often be biased and subjective, but CCMs internal assessment can be validated through a verification process carried out by for instance Fund Portfolio Managers. In going through the CCM assessments they can clarify in what areas they disagree or agree and record their judgment. The results of such a gap analysis could be used in a dialogue between CCMs and the Global Fund Secretariat for discussing and making corrections to current practices, identifying oppoprtunities for techical support, and potentially also for reporting purposes.

^a An indicator tells for instance that 15% of CCM members are women and nothing about quality of performance. For assessing value a standard or target is required, e.g. that CCMs should have a specific percentage for representation of women.

^b "Guidelines on the Purpose, Structure, Composition of CCMs, June 4, 2003.

^c "Strengthening CCMs as Public-Private Partnerships". Recommendations from the Eight Board meeting June 2004.

(c) For external evaluation: The checklist can also be used as a basis for an external evaluation of CCM performance in order to support accountability and decision making. The questions are also evaluation questions and external evaluators can assess to what extent CCM meet Global Fund guidelines and standards.

If the Global Fund decides to make all or some of the CMM guidelines into requirements it is also feasible to take out questions linked to requirements and follow the same procedure – from self assessment through verification to external evaluation. If the guidelines are turned into requirement, the Global Fund will also have to agree on sanctions for underperformance. For many of the indicators it will be difficult to find global standards which can be applied in all countries, but it could be possible for a small selection of core indicators.^a

1.2. Background

The Governance and Partnership Committee (GPC) was mandated by the Board at its Sixth meeting to report on the extent to which CCMs are following the guidelines and principles of the Global Fund. The Secretariat prepared a comprehensive paper based on observations and findings from several country studies. From this analysis GPC during its meeting in May 2004 proposed recommendations for strengthening guidelines relating to the composition, roles and responsibilities of the CCM.

The recommendations were adopted by the Board at its Eighth Meeting in June 2004 and incorporated into the existing CCM guidelines in order to "improve CCMs functioning as public-private partnerships and strengthening their participation in proposal development and implementation of approved grants".

The Board also requested GPC to develop "auditable standards" for CCMs and develop a measurement framework for monitoring to what extent CCMs have operationalised and met the agreed standards. Guidelines were presented as recommendations and not formal requirements. Strictly speaking, it is therefore difficult to talk about auditable standards which should be linked to a set of agreed sanctions. Performance standards seem to be a more adequate term and used in this paper.

There is also another parallel and relevant monitoring initiative. During its meeting in May 2004, the Monitoring and Evaluation, Finance and Auditing Committee (MEFA) agreed that an overall measurement framework should be developed for monitoring

^a Full gender equity or senior level representation could for instance be goals, but not universal requirements while representation from all stakeholders could.

^b CCM case studies from 17 countries, a tracking study to describe the introduction of the Global Fund in four countries, two studies on the involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Country Coordinating Mechanisms in 15 countries and a review of private sector involvement.

Global Fund core principles. The ultimate success of the GF will be measured against its impact on the three diseases, but there is a need to assess systematically to what extent the Global Fund is operating in line with and progressing towards its core principles.

Such a global framework is in the process of being developed – with a special emphasis on partnerships, additionality and sustainability. The overall framework and three supporting papers were discussed in a consultation 7-8 September 2004 and reviewed by the Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) 16-17 September.

The global monitoring framework suggests a small number of indicators capturing important, but only a few aspects of CCM issues at country level. This proposal is focusing exclusively on CCMs and is suggesting a broader set of performance standards and indicators for regular use.

The CCM guidelines specify that CCM performance will be assessed both as part of the annual assessment of implementation and as part of the application process for Phase 2 funding (as outlined in the Policy paper on grant renewal). Section 11d of the Framework Document states that: "The monitoring and evaluation will include an assessment of the functioning of the CCM and the processes of developing the CCP, including the functioning of partnerships at country level".

2. CCM COUNTRY LEVEL DIMENSIONS

The guidelines can be subsumed under a smaller number of dimensions which are used in this chapter. The original and new CCM guidelines are listed in Annex 1 for ease of reference.

2.1. CCM Composition and Representation as a Public/Private Partnership

This dimension consists of basic information on who are the Global Fund partners at country level and the extent to which different partners are represented in the CCM and in planning and implementation of GF funded programmes – in other words: both the composition of CCMs and the level of representation of various stakeholders during planning and implementation.

2.2. Participation and Communication

The first dimension is focusing on numbers and representation of stakeholders in CCMs. This is a necessary dimension, but not sufficient. It is also important to measure the qualitative aspects of representation – in other words to what extent CCMs represent

and involve their constituencies at central and local level, the accountability of the CCMs vis-á-vis their stakeholders and the level and type of communication between CCMs and stakeholders. Quantitative information is required, but also qualitative assessments by stakeholders on the level and perceived quality of participation and communication.

2.3. Governance and Management

This dimension refers to how Global Fund operates at country level – the structure, roles and functions of CCMs – and the extent to which they contribute to transparent, predictable and participatory decision making.

The Global Fund supports flexibility on governance issues at the country level – how the countries should organize and manage CCMs. Broad guidelines are provided, but to a large extent it is up to the countries to decide how the CCMs should be organized. Based on findings from the CCM study a need was identified for setting certain minimum standards and the June 2004 recommendations filled important gaps – still as guidelines not instructions to CCMs.

2.4. Harmonization and Alignment

Harmonization and alignment reflect to what extent the Global Fund is line with and support national policies, programmes, procedures (alignment) and if effective coordination mechanisms are in place between the Global Fund and other donors (harmonization). All issues of harmonization and alignment are not relevant for monitoring CCMs, but two areas are selected: the linkages between CCMs and other coordinating bodies for the three focal diseases and the coordination/harmonization of technical assistance.^a

The following table presents a checklist of questions for each dimension.

^a Assessment of the extent to which CCMs are submitting proposals in line with national policies, programmes, systems and procedures is not covered.

3 PERFORMANCE CHECKLIST

Composition and Representation	
Are all constituencies represented in the CCM?	
 Academic/Research/Educational Sector Government NGOs/Community-Based Organisations People living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or Malaria Private Sector Religious/Faith-Based Organisations Multilateral and Bilateral Development Partners in-country 	Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No
Attach list of members (including constituency)	
If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
What proportion of CCM members are women?	Proportion
What proportion of CCM members represents the non government sector?	Proportion
Are CCM members representing the non-government sectors selected by their own constituencies following a documented transparent process (please attach)? - Academic/Educational Sector - NGOs/Community-Based Organisations - People living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or Malaria	Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No
- Private Sector - Religious/Faith-Based Organisations If no, are there plans to change the selection process?	Yes/No Yes/No
Does the CCMs include representation from state/province/districts? - If yes, attach list - If no, what is planned to address this situation?	Yes/No
Has a list of CCM members been	
- made public in country? - submitted to the Global Fund Secretariat? If no, what will be done to address this situation?	Yes/No Yes/No
Are constituencies represented at the highest level of each constituency?	
- Academic/Educational Sector - Government - NGOs/Community-Based Organisations - People living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or Malaria - Private Sector - Religious/Faith-Based Organisations - Multilateral and Bilateral Development Partners in-country If no, what will be done to address this situation?	Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No
Have senior officers regularly attended CCM meetings over the last 12 months (more than half of all meetings)	
Academic/Educational Sector Government NGOs/Community-Based Organisations People living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or Malaria Private Sector	Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No Yes/No

- Religious/Faith-Based Organisations	Yes/No
- Multilateral and Bilateral Development Partners in-country	Yes/No
If no, what will be done to address this situation?	
Participation and Communication	
Does the CCM have regular meetings?	Yes/No
If yes, please tick:	
□ once per year	
☐ Up to twice per year ☐ Up to four times per year	
☐ More than four times per year	
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Do all the CCM members have access to key decuments (minutes, DD dishuraement reports, LTA reviews	Yes/No
Do all the CCM members have access to key documents (minutes, PR disbursement reports, LFA reviews, disbursement decisions)?	Y es/INO
- If yes, how is this assured?	
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Can all the constituencies in the CCM document a consultation process with their members?	Yes/No
- If yes, how is it assessed and documented?	
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
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Is relevant information related to the Global Fund made available to all interested parties in the country?	
	Yes/No
- call for proposals - decisions taken by CCM	Yes/No
- information on approved proposals	Yes/No
If yes, how is information made available?	
If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
in no, what is planned to address this situation:	
Are CCM constituencies satisfied with their level of participation (in proposal development and	
implementation oversight)?	
- Academic/Research/Educational Sector	Yes/No
- Government - NGOs/Community-Based Organisations	Yes/No Yes/No
- People living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or Malaria	Yes/No
Private Sector Religious/Faith-Based Organisations	Yes/No Yes/No
- Multilateral and Bilateral Development Partners in-country	Yes/No
If yes, how is it assessed and documented?	
If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Governance and Management	
Are the Chair and Vice Chair from different constituencies?	Yes/No
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Is the PR from the same entity as the Chair or Vice Chair?	Yes/No
- If yes, is there a written plan to mitigate against inherent conflict of interest (please attach)?	
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Is the CCM secretariat supported by designated staff?	Yes/No
- If yes, please explain how.	
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Does the CCM have written TOR/ bylaws/operating procedures?	Yes/No
- If yes, do they include (please tick and attach)	. 55/115
procedure for selection of chair/vice-chair,	
□ mechanism for decision making,	
defined roles and responsibilities vis-a-vis other relevant coordinating bodies,	
 conflict of interest policy equal voting rights of all members/constituencies, 	
□ guidelines ethical behavior	
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	
Does the CCM have a documented transparent process to (please attach)	
 solicit and review submissions for possible integration into the proposal, 	Yes/No
nominate of the Principle Recipient	Yes/No
oversee program implementationIf no, what is planned to address this situation?	Yes/No
in no, what is planned to address this situation:	
Does the CCM have a documented transparent process to ensure the input of a broad range of stakeholders (please attach)	
- in the proposal development, including	
■ CCM members	Yes/No
 Non-CCM members in the oversight process, including 	Yes/No
	Vaa/Na
 CCM members Non-CCM members 	Yes/No Yes/No
- If no, what is planned to address this situation?	

4. OPTIONS FOR DATA COLLECTION

4.1. Type of Indicators and Data Collection Methods

All the four dimensions are complex and multi-faceted. There are basically three types of indicators in the table:

- (a) Indicators for representation and composition numbers of members, officers, men/women, national/district, etc. Such data should be easily available from CCM records – if minutes from meetings are prepared and information reliable. It will not be sufficient to use data from the country programme proposal since actual participation may differ from what was intended.
- (b) Indicators for availability of documents and to what extent procedures and mechanisms are in place. Such indicators should in principle consist of yes/no questions. The inherent problem is quality of information. Rules may exist for selection of PRs and CCM Secretariats are established, but the rules do not meet the required standards and the Secretariats are not functioning. Assessments of quality and effectiveness are often subjective and views on how well CCMs are functioning will differ.
- (c) Indicators for perceived level of involvement and satisfaction among stakeholders. Quantitative information should be complemented and supported by qualitative data. Qualitative indicators reflect stakeholders' assessment of participation, communication, level of harmonization, etc. It is not sufficient to document that meetings take place, procedures are in place and stakeholders are represented in meetings – if the participants are unsatisfied with the usefulness and importance of their involvement and the quality of procedures and outcomes of meetings.

If all data are collected – they will document certain preconditions for effective partnerships (that members participate, rules and procedures are in place, etc.) and some overall assessment of how country stakeholders evaluate CCM partnerships. A deeper understanding of the CCM dynamics will still be missing, e.g. to what extent the CCM plays an effective role in programme oversight, risk management, ensures national ownership and offer useful support and guidance to Principal Recipients and Sub Recipients.

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Annex 1: CCM Guidelines and Standards

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CCMs should:

- Be as inclusive and representative as possible with memberships from a variety of stakeholders, each representing an active constituency with an interest in fighting one or more of the three diseases.
- Seek representation at the highest possible level of each sector.
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- The role of the UN agencies, multilateral and bilateral agencies and other development agencies should be country partnership driven and reflect the roles of these partners in AIDS, TB and malaria programmes in the country.

New guidelines (June 2004):

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4 OPTIONS FOR DATA COLLECTION

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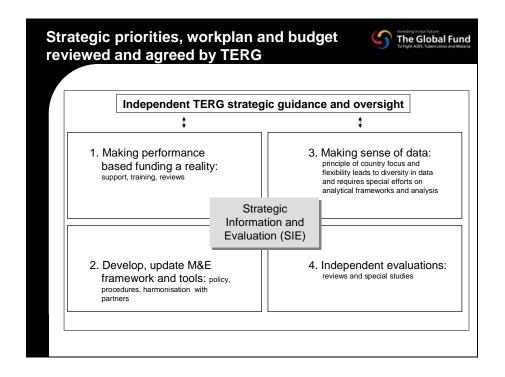
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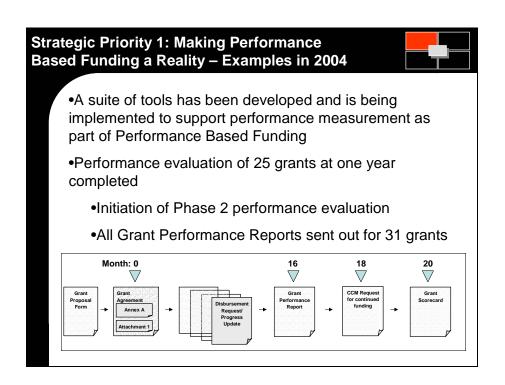
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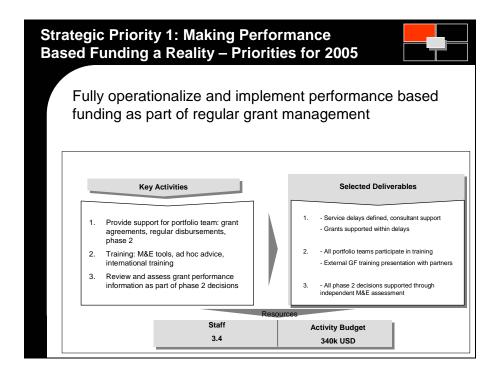
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Strategic Information and Evaluation (SIE): Work and Priorities

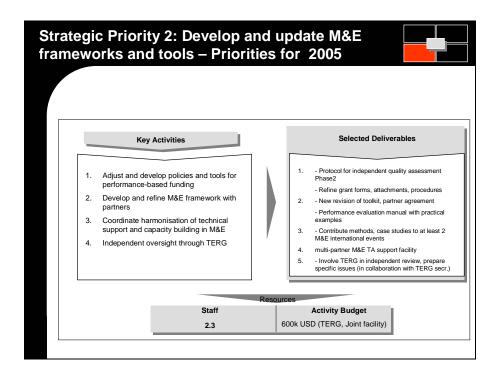
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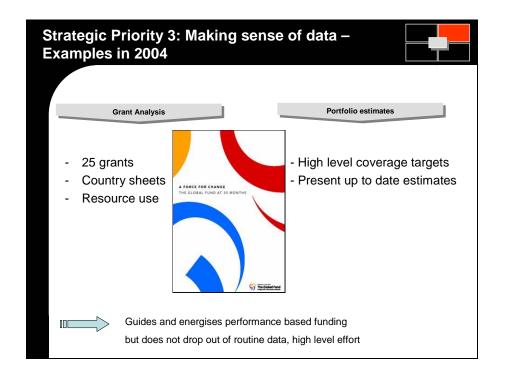


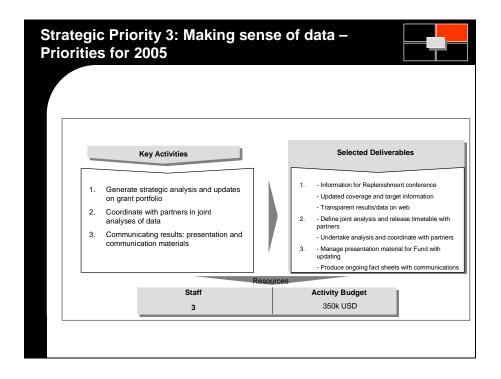


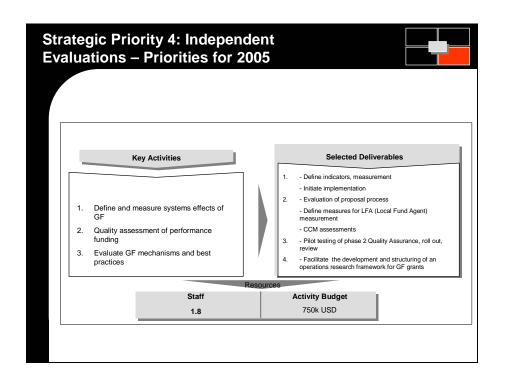












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 - Global Fund impact on Health Systems development
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