

Briefing of the Technical Review Panel on Round 8

Board Pre-Meeting Session

6 November 2008



18th Board - TRP delegation

Peter Godfrey-Faussett: Chair (served six Rounds)

• Indrani Gupta: Vice-Chair (three Rounds)

Bola Oyeledun: 2nd Vice Chair (GAVI IRC member

for HSS, one Round)

• François Boillot: HSS (served three Rounds)



Summary of TRP Terms of Reference

TRP's mandate is to look for proposals that demonstrate:

- (a) Soundness of approach
- (b) Feasibility
- (c) Potential for sustainability and impact

Detail - refer to Annex 2 to the Round 8 and 9 Proposal Guidelines

Round 7 **Round 8** Disease proposals reviewed as a · Disease proposals reviewed as disease portion and distinct s.4B HSS whole (don't "select the good bit") cross-cutting part • TRP can recommend: TRP can recommend a proposal for funding if a. Disease part + s.4B HSS up to 20-25% is "weaker" Same L b. Disease only Rule c. HSS only

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1. Overview of Success Rates

• Overall success rate: 54% (94 of 174)

Within the three diseases:

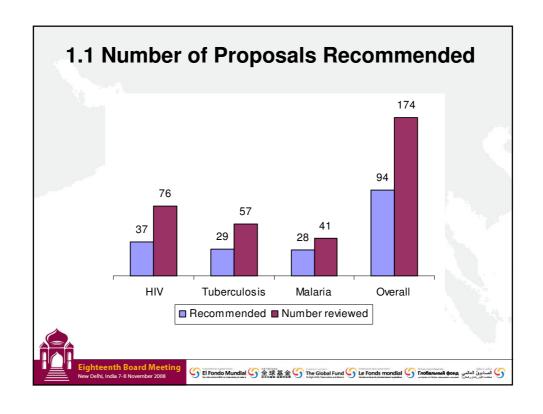
Malaria: 68%Tuberculosis: 51%HIV: 49%

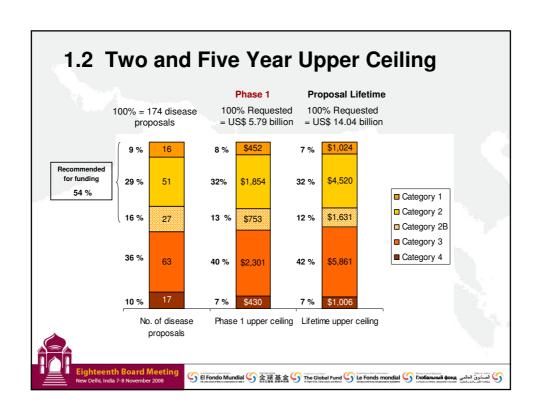
 Health systems strengthening 'parts' also fared well Success rate: 56% (25 of 45 'distinct parts' submitted)

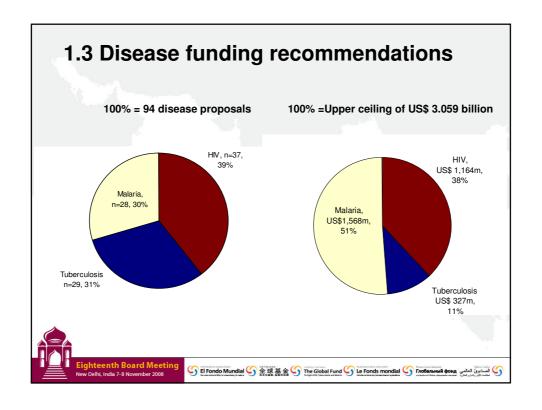
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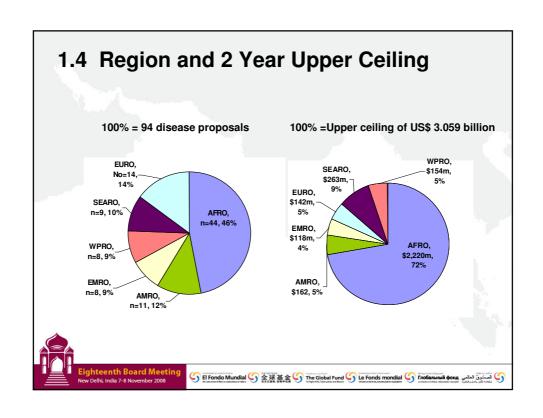
- · The largest demand of any Round to date
- Nearly 3 times the size of the Round 7 recommendations
 - Particularly successful for malaria

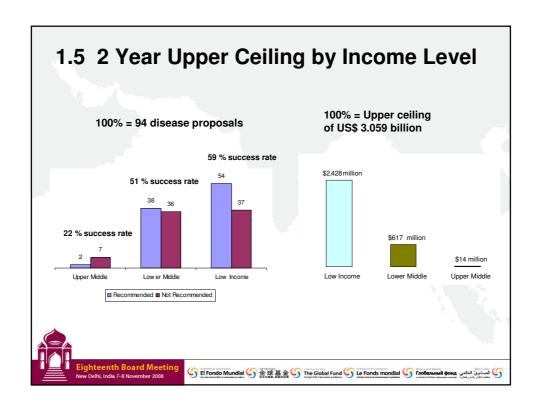
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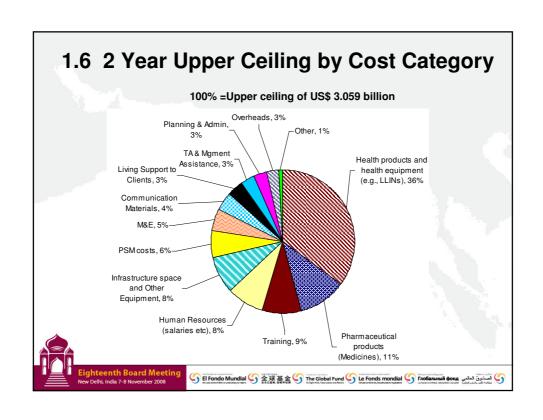


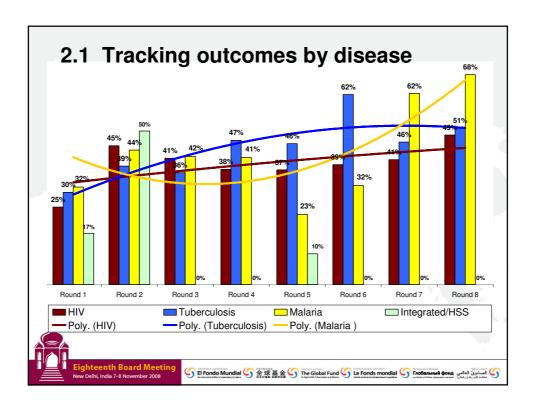












3. Key Outcomes - Amounts

- Using UN Official Exchange Euro/\$ Rate* (1 November 2008) :
 - US\$ 3.059 billion two year upper funding ceiling
 - US \$ 7.175 billion proposal lifetime upper ceiling
- Two year funding ceilings by TRP category: (Cumulative)
 - Category 1 (n=16): US\$ 452 m
 - Category 2 (n=51): US\$ 1, 854 m (US\$ 2,306 m)
 - Category 2B (n=27): US\$ 775 m (US\$ 3,059 m)
- * Funding recommendations decreased by some US\$ 100 m (Round 8 includes recommended proposals for up to €609m)

4.1 Health Systems Strengthening requests

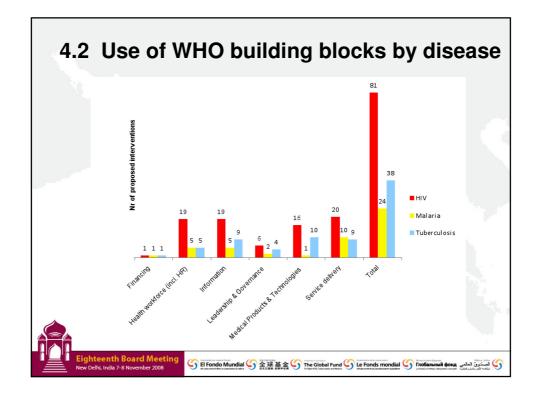
- New in Round 8: cross-cutting HSS requests in 1 disease
- · Submitted by 45 of 98 eligible applicants

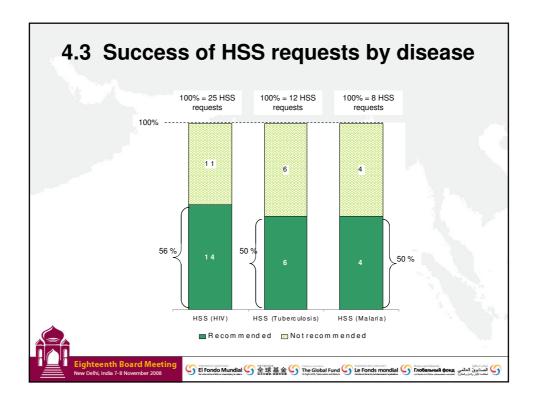
	Requested	Recommended	Percent
2 Year Upper Ceiling	US\$ 603 million	US\$ 283 million	46%
Number of HSS requests	45	25	56%

- Amount requested = 10% of overall Round 8 funding request over two years (also 10% of five years)
- Amount recommended = 8% of overall Round 8 outcomes for two years (also 8% of five years)

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4.4 TRP Approach to 45 'HSS requests'

- One funding recommendation given by 'proposal'
 - Consistent with Board's 'HSS is not a separate component'
 - Strongest examples: Ethiopia Malaria and Zambia HIV
- Specific outcomes:
 - 17 instances: Both disease and HSS request supported
 - 7 instances**: Only the disease 'part'
 - 8 instances: Only the 'HSS part' (for HIV & tuberculosis)
 - 13 instances: Neither
- ** When making this recommendation, the TRP was comfortable that the HSS 'part' was not required for Rd 8 disease outcomes



5. Stronger Round 8 examples

Know the epidemic

Country A - Category 1

The proposal presents a very sound response to the weaknesses identified in the RCC proposal review. It builds on a strong epidemiological background, and presents a coherent implementation plan. The TRP recommends the proposal (the disease specific part and the HSS interventions) in Category 1.

Have a coherent, logical and consistent methodology throughout
 Country B – Category 1

Presentation of section 4.5.1 (interventions) is a model in clarity ensuring complete alignment of objectives, SDAs, indicators and implementing partners.

 Budget robustly, and accurately Country A (again)

Outstanding budget presentation with listing of all assumptions made and data on which the budget has been based on.

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6. Challenges to a 'fundable' proposal

• Not drawing on lessons learned Country C – Category 3

The proposal states that it is inspired by the 2007 experience in mass distribution of LLINs for children under 5 years of age. However, the proposal fails to show the lessons learned from previous distributions and how the system has functioned previously.

Evidence lacking to demonstrate <u>clear need</u> and no risk of duplication

Country C (again)

There is not a clear accounting of the LLINs that are already in the system (including those distributed in 2007, those to be distributed to pregnant women in 2008 and those from the Presidential Malaria Initiative in 2009) and there is potentially a major overestimation of needs. The program coverage gap analysis (4.4) needs careful review.

Country D - Category 3

The additionality between Round 8, Round 5, and other funding sources is not clearly demonstrated and poses a risk of major duplication of activities.

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7. Focus for Board session

- 1. Multiple applications through Rounds and RCC
- 2. Addressing health systems constraints
- 3. Ensuring 'best value' for commodities/pharmaceuticals
- 4. Country selection criteria in multi-country proposals
- 5. Gender focus of Round 8 proposals
- 6. Enlarging the TRP Leadership Group



8. New Global Fund policies

- Gender
 - Overall, fewer proposals were 'gender transformative'
 - However, more diversity (and strength) when included
 - Proposals still recommended absent a gender focused approach if otherwise strong ('gender weakness' listed)
 - Opportunity for 'case studies' to be released for Rd 9
- Grant consolidation insufficient focus by countries
 - TRP sees this as a missed opportunity to bring national 'programs' to the Global Fund to support national scale-up
- · Community Systems Strengthening
 - Most proposals included some level of CSS activity
 - Covered the full range of activities
 - However, not easily 'extracted' for analysis/proof of concept
- · Dual track financing majority of proposals had both government and non-gov't PRs

Additional information



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A. Proposal Review Methodology

<u>Sunday</u> Pre-meeting session – induction and HSS approach

First day session – (i) recent Global Fund strategy developments

- (ii) partner emphasis in Round 8 proposals
- (iii) internal TRP operational matters

Daily review in small expert groups and draft recommendations

- Round 8 = 22 'proposals' per day
- 2 proposals per reviewer (over 9 days)

Daily plenary discussion and agrees on a consensus grading

Last day's plenary: (i) confirmation of recommendations

(ii) review of lessons learned

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B.1 Round 8 TRP membership overview

Round 8 - 35 Members:

- 7 HIV experts (4 teams for HIV)
- 5 Tuberculosis & Malaria (3 teams for each)
- 17 cross-cutting budget, work plan and HSS experts

Split largely reflects number of 'disease proposals' received

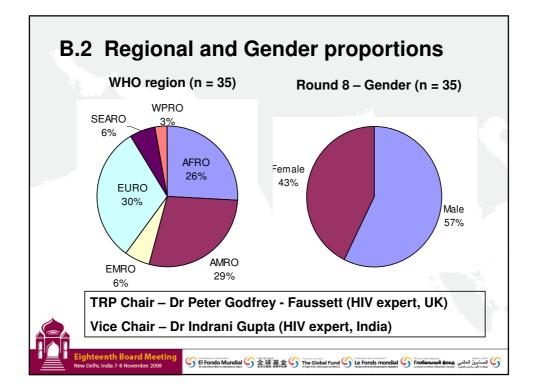
 Post Round 8 experience shows that 'HSS part' was substantial additional work

To draw on partnerships and strengthen HSS expertise:

→ Two Round 8 Global Fund TRP members were HSS experts serving on the GAVI 'Independent Review Committee' for HSS requests.

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C.1 Prioritization of resources – Policy

Criteria	Indicator	Value	Score	
Eligibility criteria for proposals from		"Very High"	4	
Disease Burden	Upper-middle income countries (applied to all proposals)	Not "Very High"	1	
Poverty		Low Income	4	
	World Bank Income Level	Lower-middle	2	
	Classification	income		
	Classification	Upper-middle	0	
		Income		

Noting:

 Countries benefiting from the 'grace period' for Round 8 eligibility stay at the same income level for this policy

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C.2 Prioritization of resources - Practice

Funding Category	Number of Proposals	2 Year Upper Ceiling US\$ (millions)	Cumulative 2 Year Upper Ceiling (US\$ millions)
1	16	452	452
2	51	1,854	2,306
2B Total	27		
Composite index 8	6	443	2,749
Composite index 6	6	99	2,848
Composite index 5	8	125	2,974
Composite index 3	7	85	3,059
	2B Sub-total	753	
All recommended	94	3,059	3,059

Using UN official exchange rate at 1 November 2008

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D. Appeals, re-submits, grant signing

- Round 8 25 eligible appeals
- · Board decision on funding:
 - TRP Paper presented to the Board, with Decision Point
 - Flags a potential resource shortfall for 'Category 2B'
 - Historically: same position as Round 5 and 6
- Round 9 re-submits: TRP to look at whole proposal
- Repeat failures:
 - 13 countries have not been funded three, four or five times
 - Require targeted, skilled technical assistance to address fundamental issues of epidemiological basis and priorities

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