

Appointment of Rapporteur

Decision Point GF/B26/DP1:

Dr. Reinhard Tittel-Gronefeld from the Germany (Canada, Switzerland) constituency is designated as rapporteur for the Twenty-Sixth Board Meeting.

Signed:

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Rapporteur

Paula Hacopian
Secretariat

Approval of Agenda

Decision Point GF/B26/DP2:

The agenda for the Twenty-Sixth Board Meeting (GF/B26/01) is approved.

Signed:

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Secretariat

Approval of Report of the Twenty-Fifth Board Meeting

Decision Point GF/B26/DP3:

The report of the Twenty-Fifth Board Meeting (GF/B25/08 Revision 1) is approved.

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Secretariat

Decision-Making Authority on Adjustments within the Operating Expenses Budget

Decision Point GF/B26/DP4:

1. The Board affirms the Finance and Operational Performance Committee (the “FOPC”) is authorized to approve operating expenditures that do not result in an increase in the amount of the Board-approved operating expenses budget for any financial year.
2. The FOPC is authorized to establish a framework to determine when decision-making authority on adjustments, reallocations or additions to the operating expenses budget may be taken by the Secretariat or FOPC provided that:
 - a. such decision does not result in an increase in the operating expenses budget approved by the Board for the relevant financial year;
 - b. the FOPC shall consult with the Secretariat to develop appropriate criteria and thresholds within such criteria to establish this decision-making framework; and
 - c. decisions taken by the Secretariat shall be reported to the FOPC and decisions taken by the FOPC shall be reported to the full Board.

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Delegation of Authority to Secretariat for Grant Operations

Decision Point GF/B26/DP5:

1. The Board notes that:
 - a. it has previously made decisions restricting the timeframe for signing grant agreements, placing parameters around the flexibility to set grant start dates, limiting the ability to extend the total length of a grant, and detailing the process for Phase 2 and Periodic Reviews;
 - b. the principles surrounding these decisions remain valid and support the Global Fund's mandate to efficiently and effectively provide funding to programs while ensuring that only strategic, cost-effective investments are made; and
 - c. while the general principles remain valid, there is a need to allow for additional flexibilities, where necessary, to ensure the Secretariat is able to independently respond to grant specific needs while managing day-to-day grant management operations.
2. In order to address certain operational constraints and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Secretariat in grant management operations, the Board:
 - a. further delegates to the Secretariat, in line with the authorities provided under GF/B24/EDP/4, the authority to approve extensions of up to three months to the signing timeframe for future approved proposals on an exceptional case-by-case basis and only in situations in which there is a strong justification for granting an extension;
 - b. extends the authorities provided under GF/B24/EDP/7 by delegating to the Secretariat the authority to make exceptions, due to operational needs, to the general principle that grant start dates should not be set beyond 15 months, or 18 months, as applicable, after Board approval of a proposal; so long as no exception results in a grant start date being set beyond 22 months after Board approval of a proposal;
 - c. delegates to the Secretariat the authority to make exceptions, due to compelling circumstances, to the existing policy which only allows for a maximum extension period of six months to the total length of a grant's implementation period, at the end of a program; so long as any extension does not lengthen the total implementation period by more than twelve additional months; and
 - d. delegates to the Secretariat the authority to, on an exceptional case-by-case basis:
 - i. provide additional no-cost extensions to the current grant implementation period during the renewals process, based on specific grant related circumstances, to allow for continued grant implementation; and

- ii. amend conditions upon which the Board has conditioned the approval of incremental funding where necessary to account for changes in circumstances; so long as measures are available to effectively mitigate the risk addressed in the condition.
3. In order to ensure proper oversight, the Secretariat must limit the ability to approve the use of the delegations of authority granted above to the appropriate panel or committee of senior managers within the Secretariat.
4. The Board requests that the Secretariat prepare a report twice a year detailing any exceptions or extensions approved in connection with this decision point and submit such report to the Strategy, Investment and Impact Committee (the “SIIC”) for review. The first such report will be submitted to the SIIC prior to its first meeting in 2013.

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Accelerating Implementation of the Global Fund Strategy

Decision Point GF/B26/DP6:

1. Given the new and encouraging financial forecasts presented to the Global Fund's Board at its Twenty-Sixth Meeting in Geneva in May 2012, the Board decides to accelerate the implementation of the new Global Fund Strategy 'Investing for Impact' by opening new funding opportunities starting in late September 2012 to allow for Board funding decisions to be made no later than the end of April 2013.
2. The Secretariat, under the guidance of the Strategy, Investment and Impact Committee ('SIIC'), will design in consultation with countries, partners and other stakeholders, the elements of the new funding models, including the structure and parameters of the new 'iterative process', options for distribution of funds available, and other elements, and the SIIC will bring its recommendation to a special Board meeting in September 2012.
3. The Finance and Operational Performance Committee will work with the Secretariat to test the resource forecasting model on a monthly basis and confirm the resource forecast in September 2012.
4. As soon as possible, and under the oversight of the SIIC, the Secretariat will work with countries and partners to develop estimates of demand for programs for the three diseases and related health systems and civil society strengthening investments that are consistent with the new strategic approach and take into account existing resources available in country, by September to inform the Board and other stakeholders and to aid replenishment.
5. The new funding models will be developed in line with the new Strategy and the principles articulated in the Framework Document that the 'Fund will base its work on programs that reflect national ownership and respect country-led formulation and implementation processes'.
6. It is envisaged that this will :
 - a. create a specific opportunity for countries to assess the gap between national coverage levels for the 3 diseases and actual need;
 - b. permit the establishment of multiple funding opportunities per year and have a mechanism that allows for high quality, grant ready proposals to be financed as funding becomes available ;

- c. ensure a comprehensive and specific analysis of complementarity among funders;
and
- d. increase the sustainability of Global Fund supported programs.

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Modification of Rules Governing Grant Renewals

Decision Point GF/B26/DP7:

The Board:

1. Refers to its decision on the Modification of Grant Renewals and Transition to New Funding (GF/B25/DP16) which, among other adopted measures, required that the total funding approved for grant renewals for Low Income Countries be no less than 55% of any annual funding window (the “55% Rule”);
2. Acknowledges that the 55% Rule is intended to drive resources toward the places with the greatest need and least ability to address the three epidemics, and that existing policies, including the Policy on Eligibility, Counterpart Financing and Prioritization, already shape the Global Fund portfolio by directing resources and requiring middle-income implementing countries to contribute financial resources to the response;
3. Notes unintended consequences of the 55% Rule and some negative impact on achievement of the targets of the Global Fund Strategy and on vital programs targeted for the poorest people in lower middle-income countries; and
4. Directs the Secretariat to develop further analysis of the 55% Rule in consultation with the Strategy, Investment, and Impact Committee at its next meeting, with a recommendation to the Board before its November meeting. Until that time, the Board decides to freeze the implementation of the 75% ceiling on grant renewals funding for Lower-Middle Income Countries and above (including on the four approved grant renewals affected by its implementation).

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Launch of the Selection Process for the next Executive Director

Decision Point GF/B26/DP8:

The Board:

1. Establishes an ad hoc nominations committee ('AHNC') to assist the Board with its selection of the next Executive Director.
2. Notes the constituency nominations for members of the AHNC, and appoints the following individuals as members, each serving in his or her personal capacity:

Don Baxter
Agnes Binagwaho
Karlo Boras
Nils Daulaire
Mireille Guigaz
Masaki Noke

3. Requests the AHNC to initiate the selection process in accordance with its Terms of Reference, including the timely appointment of three non-constituency affiliated members to facilitate the work of the AHNC.

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