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TERG Multi-Year Work Plan

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Brief TERG positions from two recent reviews:

Use of National Strategic Plans for funding application & the WHO and Stop TB Cooperation Agreements

- The grant application processes are still **heavy and repetitive** for applicants.
- The application process should be highly **differentiated**.
- **Countries should be given the option** to use the standard application approach, or one based predominantly on National Strategic Plans (NSP) and accompanying documents.
- TERG suggests the Secretariat make use of the **NSP Review Checklist** used for the review.
- The **Cooperation Agreements** mostly delivered within their relatively narrow scope.
- The Global Fund should facilitate more partner support to countries for **strengthening implementation of programmes**, rather than applications for funding.
- **Technical assistance for HSS and community, rights and gender** was limited.
- Tailored and longer-term approaches to TA are needed with **clear, transparent accountability frameworks**.

TERG Evaluation Plan 2017-2022

Goals and objectives

Goal

- > **To assess the effectiveness, efficiency, equity and impact of the Global Fund's investments** for the period of the Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022, in order to **provide strategic guidance and an independent assurance function to the Global Fund Board and Committees.**

Objectives

- > To assess the **implementation and impact of the Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022;**
- > To assess the **contribution of Global Fund investments towards the targets** of partner and global initiatives;
- > To facilitate and provide **guidance to the Secretariat internal evaluation function;** and
- > To **contribute to the learning function** of the Global Fund by facilitating the continuum of evaluating, learning and improving.

TERG Evaluation Plan 2017-2022

Five priorities, with areas of activity/advice

1. To better understand and evaluate the pathways from investment to impact for all four SOs
2. To more robustly measure health impact (KPI 1)
3. To optimize investments in national data systems
4. To conduct timely and objective program, thematic and Strategic Reviews and evaluations
5. To maximize learning for continuous program quality improvement and organisational development

Conduct/oversight of:

- > Prospective Country Evaluations (PCEs) in eight countries
- > Regular program and thematic reviews and evaluations
- > Periodic Strategic Reviews: cumulative syntheses of evaluations
- > Follow-up on use of recommendations

Advice on:

- > Use of logical evaluation frameworks based on theories of change
- > Investments in country data systems and data collection, analysis and use
- > Secretariat activities in M&E and program quality assurance

TERG work plan for **2017**: main components

- Establish PCEs platforms in eight countries
- Develop guidance material and work with the Secretariat on improving robust measurement of health impact
- Conduct a Strategic Review 2017 (SR 2017) – focused on follow-up of recommendations to SR2015 and recent evaluations
- Conduct 3 thematic reviews; and additional reviews in the event that additional funding is identified
- Hold three TERC meetings
- Proactively conduct learning and advisory functions

Prospective Country Evaluations (PCE) (1)

Definition and goal

In-depth, country-level, prospective evaluations that utilize a variety of methods to provide a **detailed picture of the implementation, effectiveness** and **impact** of Global Fund-supported programmes in selected countries.

Goal: to generate evidence on programme implementation and inform stakeholders in order to accelerate the progress towards the Strategic Objectives (SO) by:

- > **examining the pathways between Global Fund investment and impact at country level** in the context of country and other development partner investments;
- > **facilitating continuous improvement of programme implementation and quality** and testing innovative solutions; and
- > **learning lessons that can improve the Global Fund model.**

Prospective Country Evaluations (PCE) (2)

Objectives

PCEs will establish country platforms that support dynamic, continuous monitoring and evaluation, learning, and problem solving with the objectives of:

- > Examining and analysing implementation of Global Fund Strategic Objectives
- > Providing real time information to allow countries and Secretariat to adapt and adjust programme implementation
- > Identifying challenges that impede programme performance and opportunities to inform and improve programme quality for impact, effectiveness, and value-for-money.
- > Measuring programme contributions to impact
- > Strengthening country M&E systems for robust measurement
- > Identifying and disseminating best practices to improve the Global Fund model.

Prospective Country Evaluations (PCEs) (3)

Country selection criteria

- Geographic and disease balance
- A focus on High Impact countries with:
 - > Gender inequalities as a major driver of the epidemics;
 - > Stagnation or reversal of disease trends, high multi-drug resistance, malaria elimination; and/or
 - > Health system strengthening grants
- Other considerations:
 - > Significant challenges with human rights;
 - > Low program performance within reasonable health system;
 - > Global Fund as the main funder for a disease or other partners and collaboration challenges;
 - > Availability of adequate data or good prospects for improving data collection;
 - > Prospect of collaboration with GAVI PCE and/or with the Global Finance Facility.