

Operational Update:

Refreshed Global Fund Brand, New C19RM Window and other updates

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to share several important updates with you today:

- **Refreshed Global Fund Brand and 20th Year Anniversary Campaign: Participate!**
- **COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM)**
 - New Window for C19RM Funding Requests.
 - Ensuring Complete Submissions of C19RM Funding Requests: Screening Checklist ([EN](#) | [ES](#) | [FR](#)).
 - Operational Assessment Tool for Oxygen Investments in C19RM Funding Requests.
 - Considering Pressure Swing Adsorption Plants Repairs and Refurbishment in C19RM Funding Request Investments.
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reminders.
 - Key Health Product Management and Health Product Management Template (HPMT) Updates.
- **Webinar for Financial Management Professionals on the COVID-19 Response: Vaccine, Finances, Risks and Innovation**
- **Updated Codes of Conduct: Action Required from PRs**

Best regards,
The Global Fund

1. A Refreshed Global Fund Brand and 20th Anniversary Campaign: Participate!

In the year of its 20th Anniversary, the Global Fund launched a refreshed brand, strengthening its positioning and modernizing its visual identity. The Global Fund's

goal remains the same: to defeat HIV, TB and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. The Global Fund will continue to support the entire movement to achieve our collective goals more effectively – fighting the three diseases, mitigating the impact of COVID-19, and building resilient and sustainable systems for health.

[To celebrate the 20th anniversary](#), the Global Fund is bringing the refreshed brand to life by showcasing 20 years of impact through inspiring stories and achievements from across the partnership. **As an implementing country and close partner, you are a key part of this celebration.**

The Global Fund launched the [“Objects that Tell a Story” campaign](#), to gather personal stories from everyone involved in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria using a simple object. We invite you to participate by entering your story and special object [here](#) until 18 June 2021. The object and story should take you back to a specific memory, relationship or moment that shaped your experience, understanding or engagement with the Global Fund and the fight to end HIV, TB and/or malaria.

We thank you for your participation and look forward to hearing your story. If you have any feedback on our refreshed brand, please [write to us](#).

**Communications and Social Media Toolkit in [English](#) and [French](#)
for 20th Anniversary**

2. C19RM Updates

2.1 New Window for C19RM Funding Requests

Responding to a request from applicants and partners, the Secretariat has now opened an additional window for submissions on **Friday 16 July 2021**.

Window 5 is intended for a small number of applicants who require more time to complete quality and prioritized applications, including for CCM endorsements, engagement of technical partners, national COVID-19 response coordinating bodies and community organizations, as well as ensuring submission of complete documentation. The Global Fund is not expecting to open additional windows after Window 5.

We strongly encourage applicants whose funding requests are complete to submit them in the windows that they originally planned for, reserving Window 5 for those

applicants who need more time to complete their requests in line with country contexts and programmatic needs.

Quality and complete submissions allow the Global Fund Secretariat to initiate reviews of individual funding requests within a week and maintain speed and agility in communicating funding outcomes to applicants.

To facilitate complete submissions, please use these checklists ([English](#), [Español](#) and [Français](#)).

2.2 Ensuring Complete Submissions of C19RM Funding Requests: Screening Checklist

As the Global Fund Secretariat receives C19RM Fast-track and Full Funding Requests, CCMs should ensure that all mandatory documents are submitted with their requests.

Reviews cannot be initiated if a submission is incomplete, undermining the need to respond fast during an emergency response. For example, a delayed review hampers the possibility to order COVID-19 health commodities in an urgent manner.

Missing information on CCM endorsement has been the major factor of delays and some funding requests do not include the budget, which means the Global Fund Secretariat cannot initiate the review.

When submissions are complete including budgets and evidence provided on CCM endorsement, the C19RM Secretariat is usually ready to initiate the review within 2 to 3 days. Incomplete submissions have resulted in delays of up to three weeks.

We hereby provide CCMs with a checklist of documents to ensure an applicant's submission has all the documents needed, available in [English](#), [Español](#) and [Français](#).

2.3 Operational Assessment Tool for Oxygen Investments in C19RM Funding Requests

As applicants of C19RM Funding Requests continue to work on their proposals, the Global Fund has issued a tool which applicants are strongly encouraged to use in developing their oxygen submissions, including for Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants and liquid oxygen.

Costing of PSA plants, particularly, is a complex process and varies across applicant countries and multicountries. Therefore, determining the “fit-for-purpose” and value of related investments can pose some challenges. The tool, supported by members of the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Group (CTAG), allows applicants to highlight operational and technical specifications so that a complete package is considered when requesting this type of investments, strengthening the request and ensuring they reflect sustainable and durable health system investments in years to come. The tool can be found [here](#). [Read more](#).

2.4 Considering Pressure Swing Adsorption Plants Repairs and Refurbishment in C19RM Funding Request Investments

Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) repairs and refurbishment should be considered as additional oxygen investment options in C19RM Funding Requests. Applicants are requested to reference the corresponding package (#6) in Annex 4 of the C19RM Technical Information Note available in [English](#), [Español](#), and [Français](#). Applicants can consider including:

- necessary tools, parts, supplies and additional cylinders as required;
- PSA maintenance with skilled and suitable local providers.

2.5 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reminders

- As outlined in the **Health Product Segmentation Framework** ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)), COVID-19-specific PPE is considered Optimal, while non-COVID-19 PPE is designated as Limited Use/Specialized. The latter is primarily for PPE use (for example, coveralls) in the context of Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers, such as Ebola. In addition to PPE for active Ebola outbreaks, PPE for Ebola preparedness needs – particularly where COVID-19 and Ebola cases may be treated within the same health facilities – may be justified based on context-specific circumstances.
- Gloves and gowns are available in non-sterile and sterile categories. Non-sterile gloves and gowns are recommended for health workers providing care for COVID-19 patients. Sterile gloves are considered Limited Use/Specialized and should be justified on the basis of specific needs linked to sterile procedures (for example, intubation, surgery).
- Medical/Surgical facemasks come in two main categories - Type 1 and Type 2 - where Type 2 masks are of higher filtration efficacy and advised for frontline health workers taking care of COVID-19 patients, while Type 1 masks are advised for patients. This distinction should be taken into account during C19RM funding request quantification and development.

2.6 Key Health Product Management and Health Product Management Template (HPMT) Updates

Health Products Inclusion under Base Allocation, Above Base Allocation and from C19RM 2020.

Applicants are required to include all health products requested for C19RM funding in the Health Product Management Template (HPMT), whether they are requested under the Base Allocation or the Above Base Allocation.

Once the Global Fund makes a funding decision, Principal Recipients and Global Fund Country Teams will be required to update the submitted C19RM HPMT to reflect those health products that have been approved under the immediate award.

Updates to the HPMT will entail deleting those health products that haven't been approved for funding or adding additional ones that have been approved from the Above Base Allocation request. The timeline for updating the template will be stipulated by the Country Team in collaboration with the Principal Recipient but a quick turnaround is expected.

To indicate whether health products are to be included in the Base Allocation or the Above Base Allocation in the C19RM Full Funding Request, applicants can add comments in the following columns:

- Comments,
- C19RM 2021 Pharma, and
- C19RM 2021 Lab & Other HPs.

In addition, the Base Allocation and Above-Base Allocation distinction should also be made in the "Detailed Budget" tab, "**Justification/Comment**", and included in the supporting quantification files to identify the HPs requested.

Uncommitted Funds and Financial Obligations from C19RM 2020.

Any health product-related uncommitted funds and financial obligations from C19RM 2020, such as orders pending delivery as at 30 June 2021, to be re-invested in health products in C19RM 2021 should be included in the HPMT and identified as "C19RM 2020" in the "Comments" column. The C19RM HPMT is to be aligned with the Detailed Budget template across appropriate cost categories. For more finance-related guidance, please refer to section 1.4 of the C19RM Guidelines ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)).

Important tips for using the Health Product Management Template.

1. **C19RM HPMT:** please use the latest version of C19RM HPMT ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)) on the [Global Fund website](#). For additional guidance [watch this video](#).
2. **Procurement entity (modality) identification in the HPMT:** the procurement modality information can be selected only at the product category level in the set-up worksheet. Please select the procurement modality representing the majority of the health products (in US\$); please indicate in the “Comments” column in the worksheet when a lower-value health product within that category will be procured through another modality. For example, for Oxygen-related products, there might be a mix of procurement modalities necessary, as mentioned in the Health Products Segmentation Framework ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)).

3. Webinar for Financial Management Professionals on the COVID-19 Response: Vaccine, Finances, Risks and Innovation

The International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management (ICGFM), the World Bank, Gavi, and the Global Fund are jointly hosting a webinar on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 from 15:00 to 17:00 CEST to discuss different perspectives on the vaccine delivery, finances, risks, and innovation associated with COVID-19. The aim of this virtual event is to share information and facilitate an active discussion among financial management professionals, and those responsible for resourcing, overseeing, and ensuring COVID-19 response and vaccine delivery. The webinar is free and will be held in English, with simultaneous translation into French. More information on the speakers and registration [here](#).

4. Updated Codes of Conduct: Action Required from PRs

Translated letters are now available ([English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#) and [Português](#)).

Deadline extended to assign PSEAH Focal Point – 30 June 2021.

As previously communicated, Principal Recipients are required to make sure that the strengthened provisions on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and child protection (PSEAH) are being fully introduced into the organizations' operations as indicated on this letter, which is now available in [English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#) and [Português](#). Please notify the Ethics Office (ethics@theglobalfund.org) of your PSEAH Focal Point by 30 June 2021. If you have any questions, please contact ethics@theglobalfund.org.