

Operational Update

Updates to C19RM guidelines, liquid oxygen and Grant Entity Data trainings.

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Dear colleagues,

This Operational Update covers the following topics:

- Updated C19RM Guidelines.
- Considering Liquid Oxygen in C19RM Funding Requests.
- Grant Entity Data Trainings.

Best regards,

The Global Fund



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C19RM Guidelines

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The C19RM guidelines have been updated, with the following changes:

1. C19RM 2020 Awards.

- Following Country Team's approval, Principal Recipients can initiate procurement orders for delivery of health products and/or continue implementation of delayed activities after 30 June 2021 (when required and until submission of the C19RM Full Funding Request).

- PRs must ensure segregation of expenditures incurred before and after 30 June 2021.
- Reinvestments must be done following section 2.4 of the Guidelines.

2. Timelines adjusted.

- Timing for **issuance of C19RM Notification Letter (for decisions requiring Board approval only)** has been modified from 17 to 20 business days from C19RM Full Funding Request review start date.

3. Changes to Finalization Process of C19RM Health Product Management Template (HPMT) and C19RM Budget after IC decision.

- **HPM Specialist and PR** ensure that the C19RM HMPT is revised and validated to reflect approved products and quantities.
- **Country Team and PR** ensure that the C19RM Budget is revised and validated to reflect approved activities.

4. Procurement of Health Products

- Changes to procurement channel after C19RM Investment Committee approval require the Global Fund's written approval.

5. PR Reporting.

- The Principal Recipient completes the Global Fund's [C19RM Procurement Progress Reporting Template](#), following the timelines included in the C19RM Notification Letter or the Grant Confirmation. Once received, the Country Team (or LFA) reviews the report to ensure completeness and consistency of the data with the template requirements and shares with the Supply Operations C19RM Data Analyst.

Considering Liquid Oxygen in C19RM Funding Requests

Applicants of C19RM funding (case management) are encouraged to consider liquid oxygen, when available in country or regionally, as a potentially appropriate modality to respond to rapidly increasing COVID-19 cases and oxygen demand.

Two memoranda of understanding recently signed by the ACT-Accelerator Oxygen Emergency Task Force provide the framework to negotiate national level pricing and terms for the expansion of liquid oxygen supplies as part of the COVID-19 response. The agreements have been signed with Air Liquide and Linde, operating as BOC and Afrox in some countries, two of the largest industrial gas companies globally.

Liquid oxygen can be delivered to bulk tanks at facilities with medical piping or can be converted to oxygen cylinders for delivery. Liquid oxygen services may be the fastest way to increase supply in countries that have liquid oxygen production or existing supply lines for deliveries.

As detailed in Annex 4 of the [C19RM Technical Information Note](#), costs for liquid oxygen services are eligible under C19RM, including through reinvestment of C19RM funds. More information is available in [Section 2.4 of the C19RM Guidelines](#).

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Grant Entity Data Trainings

Following the launch of the **Grant Entity Data module**, the Global Fund will be hosting information sessions for CCMs, PRs and LFAs. The sessions will highlight what is new in Grant Entity Data and explain how to navigate the enhanced solution. Sessions will be held in **English, French and Spanish** and will cover:

- Roles and responsibilities in GED processes;
- What has changed;
- How to access GED resources for internal and external stakeholders; and
- Q&A.

Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

- All languages: [Registration Page](#)
- English: [Registration Page](#) – 23 July 2021 – 14:00 to 15:30 CEST
- Spanish: [Registration Page](#) – 26 July 2021 – 16:00 to 17:30 CEST
- French: [Registration Page](#) – 28 July 2021 – 14:00 to 15:30 CEST