

Operational Update

Mid-year updates for CCMs, PRs and LFAs

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to thank you for all your efforts as you work on GC8 funding requests. A reminder that you can access all relevant information on the [Country Resources website](#), including [GC8 Essentials](#), [Investment guidance](#), [submission windows](#) and more.

In this update, we're bringing you information on new functionalities in the Partner Portal that allow CCMs and PRs to advance on the next steps for "Grant-ready" and "Classic" Funding Requests. In addition, a reminder on asset transfers from C19RM and a request to provide PRs PSEAH focal points through the provided [form](#) by Friday, 26 June 2026.

If you have any questions, please address them to your Global Fund Country Team.

Best regards,

Operational Communications
The Global Fund

GC8 Funding Request and Grant-making

New functionalities for "Grant-ready" and "Classic" Funding Requests are now available in the Partner Portal. The new functionalities allow PRs to complete and share the Performance Framework (PF) and Budget with the CCM, and enable the CCM to review the documents as part of the "Grant-ready" Funding Request. For "Grant-ready" and "Classic" Funding Requests, CCMs can attach the application package in the Partner Portal (functionality to submit to the Global Fund forthcoming). Please see details [here](#).

The **Technical Review Panel (TRP) [window 1](#)** requires Funding Request submission by the CCM by 8 June 2026.

COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) Closure and evidence of asset transfer

As C19RM comes to an end, relevant portfolios are requested to share evidence that all Program Assets have been transferred or disposed of, in line with the C19RM Guidelines. The approved Asset List and Transfer Plan should be provided within 6 months of the Implementation Period end date and PRs can send this through email confirmation (no template available). For grants with an approved closure flexibility, submission may be deferred until completion of the flexibility period (end June). Please contact your Global Fund Country Team with any questions.

Programmatic section of Pulse Checks removed

To further streamline Global Fund processes, **the programmatic section of the Pulse Checks has been discontinued as of Q1 2026**. This will reduce overall reporting burden for Principal Recipients and allow for increased focus on grant implementation. Principal Recipients will report programmatic results on a semesterly or annual basis through the PU/DR only. The financial section of the Pulse Check will continue to be issued. Note that Pulse Checks are required for High Impact and Core portfolios only.

Supporting Safe Programming: Principal Recipient PSEAH Focal Point

Protection from sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment (PSEAH) is a shared responsibility. The Global Fund works closely with Principal Recipients (PRs) to strengthen their capacity to prevent sexual misconduct and to ensure that any incidents are addressed with care, confidentiality, and accountability.

Designating PSEAH focal points helps PRs strengthen both prevention and response efforts. These focal points promote safer programming, support individuals affected by sexual exploitation, abuse, or harassment, and help establish the systems and safeguards needed to reduce risk and respond effectively when incidents occur.

We ask you to please provide the details of your focal point through [this form](#) by Friday, 26 June 2026. If your SRs and SSRs have PSEAH focal points appointed, please share this form with them.

More information on new functionalities in the Partner Portal

Grant-ready Funding Request. The CCM nominates existing PR(s) and requests PR(s) to develop the grant Performance Framework(s) (PF) and Budget(s) as part of the Funding Request submission. See detailed steps [here](#) ([French](#) and [Spanish](#) versions).

PR completes and shares the PF and Budget with the CCM (new functionality, step 9)

- **Budget attach/import.** PRs can now attach and import the Budget Excel file through the Grant-making module in the Partner Portal. A visualization of the Summary Budget is available upon import.
- **PF and Health Product Management Template (HPMT):** PRs complete these online
- **Automated Data Quality Checks (DQCs) in the Partner Portal.** DQCs for the Budget run automatically upon import, while DQCs run on demand for the online PF and HPMT. PRs address DQCs prior to submission.
- **PF and Budget finalization.** PRs share the completed PF and Budget with the CCM for review through the Partner Portal. CCMs review the Budget excel as well as an Excel extract of the PF. CCMs can request PR resubmission where required.
- **HPMT finalization.** PRs share the completed HPMT directly with the Global Fund, at the time of TRP submission. PRs optionally share the HPMT extract with the CCM through the Partner Portal.

CCM reviews PR-submitted PF and Budget (new functionality, step 10)

- **Funding Request application package.** CCMs attach the remaining documents required for the application package (excluding the PR-prepared PF and Budget, which are automatically included). The functionality for the CCM to submit the Grant-ready Funding Request to the Global Fund (Step 12) is forthcoming.

Classic Funding Request. The traditional Funding Request completed by the CCM, with a high-level PF and Budget, reviewed by the Global Fund's Technical Review Panel (TRP) before initiating grant negotiations.*

Funding Request application package. CCMs can now attach the application package in the Partner Portal, including the PF and Budget Excel files. The functionality for the CCM to submit the Classic Funding Request to the Global Fund (Step 12) is forthcoming.

Access the Partner Portal early. All PRs and CCMs are encouraged to log in to the Partner Portal as soon as possible to familiarize themselves with the Funding Request and Grant-making functionalities, allow for timely resolution of any issues identified, and support the timely and efficient submission for Window 1 and Window 2 TRP deadlines.

System Guidance

- [Partner Portal user manual](#) for CCMs and PRs for Grant-ready and Classic Funding Requests ([French](#) and [Spanish](#) versions)
- [Partner Portal demo videos](#)

* Clarification: Grant negotiations start following the funding request submission to the TRP (and not after TRP review).