

Operational Update

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Update on the Global Fund's 8th Replenishment and implications for GC8

Dear Colleagues,

First of all, we would like to thank our co-hosts, South Africa and the United Kingdom, our donors, partners and country partners for all your leadership and efforts towards the Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment.

Last week in Johannesburg, **the partnership raised US\$11.34 billion** for the next three-year cycle. And this is not the final number: a few key donors indicated they would pledge as soon as possible, and the Global Fund is actively following up to secure the final amount in time for country allocations. Once again, the results of your hard work achieved through Global Fund investments have been instrumental in sustaining donor commitment.

The Replenishment result - while still partial - reflects the changing realities shaping today's global health landscape. In this context, the Global Fund's unique partnership model remains strong, but there is no doubt that our approach to **Grant Cycle 8 (GC8)** must evolve. **With expected tighter funding, we must work smarter together.**

Most countries will receive reduced country allocations for GC8. Countries with higher economic capacity and lower disease burden will see a more significant reduction in their allocation. Countries will need to make difficult but necessary decisions to selectively target investments to protect HIV, TB and malaria outcomes and sustain momentum, and at the same time, **more rigorously use Global Fund investments in a catalytic manner in complementarity with domestic budgets and other funding.**

We will need to work together to adapt by: **accelerating transition timelines** and **working towards self-reliance** where applicable, **maximizing outcomes through prioritization and integration**; and by focusing on most at risk populations and expediting access to **innovations**.

The Global Fund will introduce changes in GC8 including revamping its approach to co-financing, sharpening the focus on transition planning, supporting public financial management, and further opening its pooled procurement mechanism, introducing pre-financing, so countries can buy quality-assured life-saving commodities at the lowest price.

In practical terms, the Global Fund will continue to support countries throughout preparations for the GC8 cycle, as follows:

1. GC8 applicant investment guidance and funding request forms will be published during the second half of December **on the [Global Fund website](#)**. These documents may undergo further refinement after the Global Fund Board meeting in February.
2. Global Fund sessions will provide additional information to support the in-country investment prioritization and subsequent development of funding requests. Information on how to register for the sessions is available [here](#).
3. Country allocation decisions will be finalized after the Board meeting and qualitative adjustment discussions in February.
4. Allocation letters will be shared with eligible countries that receive an allocation in March.

Once again, we thank you for your partnership and we look forward to working together during GC8. Do not hesitate to contact your Country Team if you have any questions.

Best Regards,
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