

Operational Update

GC7 tools, C19RM updates, dual-AI nets, updated resources

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Dear colleagues,

It is a busy period for the Global Fund partnership, and we would like to thank you for all your hard work. In this update we are providing links to a range of new and updated resources for funding request development, grant-making and C19RM, as follows:

- The [Register of Unfunded Quality Demand 2023-2025](#) and the [Matching Funds Tracker](#) have been updated with items from Windows 1 and 2.
 - Documents from funding requests recommended to grant-making are now available on the [Data Explorer](#), as a useful reference for future applicants.
 - [TRP review windows and submission dates for 2024](#) can be found on the Global Fund website – a seventh Window is anticipated to be held in early 2025.
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- Grant-making resources include the Principal Recipient Handbook ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)), Partner Portal Guide ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)), Partner Portal demonstrations ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)), the grant-making [video](#), an e-learning module ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)) and a reminder on community engagement.

This update also includes information on [dual-active ingredient nets](#), an upcoming information session on grant revisions for C19RM, updated [Grant Regulations](#) and the latest TB Quarterly Update ([English](#) | [French](#)).

We hope these resources are useful for your work, and we thank you for your continued engagement, collaboration and commitment.

Best regards,
The Global Fund

Grant Cycle 7 (GC7)

Applying for funding: Updated materials

The following resources have been updated to reflect recommendations made by the Technical Review Panel (TRP) during Window 2.

- The [Register of Unfunded Quality Demand 2023-2025](#) and the [Matching Funds Tracker](#) (available on the [Catalytic Matching Funds page](#)) now include items from Windows 1 and 2. These can be filtered by region, country and component and will be updated in the coming weeks to reflect items from Window 3.
- **Funding request documents.** The Global Fund [Data Explorer](#) now includes documents from applicants whose funding requests have been recommended to grant-making in Windows 1 and 2. These documents, which include the funding request narrative, performance framework and other annexes, may be an insightful reference for applicants who are drafting or planning submissions to the Global Fund.
 - To access these documents:
 1. Search for a country using the main search bar of the [Data Explorer](#).
 2. Click the 'Access to Funding' tab.
 3. Click the cloud icon next to the desired funding request.
 - Funding requests from Window 3 will be available in the coming weeks.

- **TRP review windows and submission dates for 2024.** Deadlines for applicants to submit funding requests for Windows 4, 5 and 6 of the 2023-2025 allocation period are available [here](#). A seventh Window is anticipated to be held in early 2025 – the exact date will be shared in a future Operational Update.

Contact your Country Team if you have questions related to these resources or any other funding request forms and materials.

Grant-making in Grant Cycle 7: Resources

The [grant-making section](#) on the Global Fund website has been updated and consolidates resources for in-country partners for Grant Cycle 7. New or updated resources include:

- **The Principal Recipient Handbook for Grant-making (August 2023)**, which outlines responsibilities and key considerations for this stage of the cycle and guides PRs through the different steps of grant-making. Available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **An e-learning module (July 2023)** that provides an end-to-end overview of grant-making and is particularly helpful for new colleagues or those new to grant-making. Available on iLearn in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **The Partner Portal guidance (May 2023).** PRs use the Global Fund Partner Portal to view the progress of grant-making, download documents and forms shared by the Global Fund, submit final grant documents and manage Grant Entity Data.
 - **The Partner Portal Guide** ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)) details how PRs can access and carry out key actions.
 - **New Partner Portal demonstrations** ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)) show how to download, attach and submit grant-making documents.
- **A grant-making video for GC7** that summarizes key changes for this cycle and explains how PRs and other in-country partners collaborate to design a quality, implementation-ready grant. Available in [English](#). French and Spanish forthcoming.
- **A grant-making survey.** PRs and CCMs that have recently participated in grant-making will shortly receive an invitation to take a confidential survey to help the Global Fund improve grant-making for Grant Cycle 8.
 - Take the survey (for PRs): [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)
 - Take the survey (for CCMs): [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)

Reminder: New requirements for community engagement during grant-making

Meaningful engagement of community and civil society representatives in the design, implementation and oversight of grants is essential to ensure effective disease responses and achieve program outcomes. As part of the new requirements in GC7, CCMs need to convene at least two meetings during grant-making for the PR to brief and receive feedback from the CCM, including civil society representatives.

Other materials

Operational Guidance for Grant Budgeting

The Operational Guidance for Grant Budgeting is now available in [French](#) (in addition to [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and is part of the Updated Guidelines for Grant Budgeting that was published in February 2023. [More information](#)

Information session recordings and presentations

The Global Fund website now includes recordings and presentations from past information sessions. [More information](#)

C19RM updates

Information session: Grant revisions for C19RM reinvestments

To guide PRs on the grant revision process for C19RM reinvestments, an information session will be held on Wednesday, **25 October, 9:30 to 11:00** (Central European Time). The session will explain how PRs can handle these revisions via the Global Fund Partner Portal, including how to complete and submit the online C19RM Performance Framework when applicable.

Wednesday, 25 October 2023, 9:30 to 11:00 (Central European Time)

[Link to join the session](#) (meeting ID: 241 669 402 465 | Passcode: VDAgtu)

Accelerating the introduction of new nets through Global Fund grants

To accelerate access to the newest and most effective tools to fight malaria, the Global Fund is working to introduce and scale up dual-active ingredient nets, by securing sustainable pricing and shorter lead times on four of the most commonly used sizes and colors with standard accessories and packaging.

Implementing partners are strongly encouraged to adopt one of the four standard net specifications to maximize the impact of malaria investments. Please contact your Country Team for a copy of the technical briefing note that describes the specifications. [More information](#)

Other resources

Updated Grant Regulations

The Global Fund Grant Regulations have been updated as of 14 June 2023 and will be incorporated into Framework Agreements between the Global Fund and Grantees as follows.

- **Grant Regulations [Version 2]** ([English](#) | French forthcoming)
This version published in 2023 is applicable to all grants governed by Framework Agreements amended or executed **after 14 June 2023**.
- **Grant Regulations [Version 1]** ([English](#) | French forthcoming)
This version published in 2014 is applicable to all grants governed by Framework Agreements amended or executed **before 14 June 2023**.

In all cases, the English version of the Grant Regulations takes precedence. Global Fund Country Teams will be in touch with Grantees in the coming months to discuss amendments to already signed Framework Agreements to incorporate the Grant Regulations [Version 2]. Any new Framework Agreements will be signed with the Grant Regulations [Version 2] incorporated by reference.

TB Quarterly Update

The latest TB Quarterly Update was published in September and highlights best practices, case studies and innovative approaches to finding and treating missing people with TB.

[English version](#) | [French version](#)