

MSM AND TRANSGENDER ENGAGEMENT IN GLOBAL FUND NEW FUNDING MODEL COUNTRY DIALOGUE

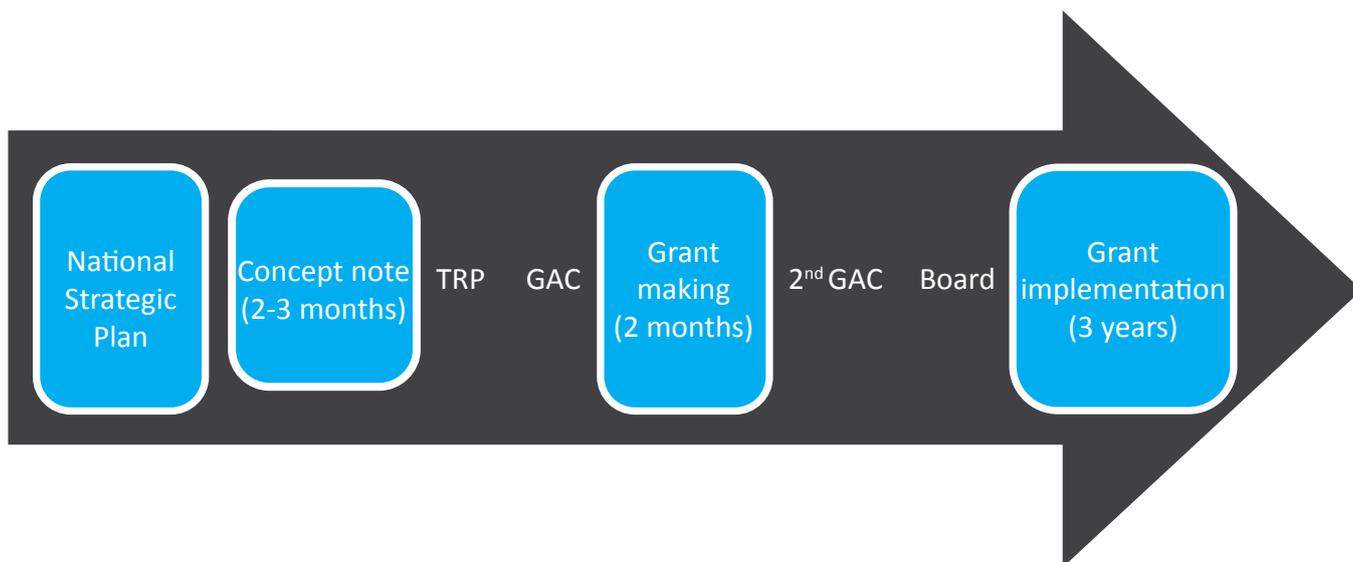


This resource guide is designed to assist civil society organizations in understanding the NFM and effectively engaging in country dialogue through all the key stages of the NFM.

In 2014, the Global Fund's New Funding Model (NFM) began operating. Inclusiveness of civil society and key affected populations (KAP) (including men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender people) is a key feature of the NFM.

Country Dialogue is the term used by the Global Fund to describe the inclusive, ongoing consultative processes at the country level that is meant to inform all stages of the NFM process. Therefore, the country dialogue process presents a significant opportunity for civil society organizations representing MSM and transgender people to be meaningfully involved in all the stages of the NFM.

The majority of applications will be standard applications made through one funding process managed by the CCM. CCMs are the country-level body that develops and submits funding applications for each disease (called "concept notes"), manages grant agreements, and nominates principal and sub-recipients. CCMs engage directly with the Global Fund Secretariat via the assigned Funds Portfolio Manager (FPM). CCMs are also responsible for in-country stakeholder engagement throughout the application process and life of the grant.



TRP = Technical review panel

GAC = Grant approval committee





PRIOR TO AND DURING ONGOING COUNTRY DIALOGUE

1. Engage with key contacts in the Global Fund (for example the CCM and FPM), UNAIDS, Government and civil society. Ensure you know key dates, such as when country dialogue meetings and submission of the concept note are planned. Since inclusion is a key feature of the NFM, it is important to keep regular and well documented communication with all key stakeholders.

2. Assess your organizational capacity:

- a. Is your organization capable of being a Principal Recipient or sub-recipient?
- b. How can your experiences inform National Strategic Plan development?
- c. What are your organization's activities and what has been the impact?
- d. What have been the legal and social barriers you have faced?
- e. How can your activities' costing, outcomes, feasibility and sustainability fit within a concept note?

3. Contact and meet up with other civil society members to develop consensus and a cohesive strategy for engagement with the NFM process. You can work towards producing recommendations for the national strategic plans and concept note. At this stage, you can:

- a. Identify and establish systems to communicate with other civil society members.
- b. Discuss how civil society should participate in the ongoing country dialogue and the various NFM stages.
- c. Identify who is best placed to be nominated as concept note drafters, principal recipients, and sub-recipients.
- d. Assess the current National Strategic Plan, identifying strengths and weaknesses ahead of your country dialogue.
- e. Identify the funding priorities, including gaps in funding.
- f. Identify and monitor legal or policy barriers to services related to the quality of services and/or program design.
- h. Identify what technical assistance is required.

DURING THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STAGE

4. Engage with the national government and other stakeholders:

- a. Provide guidance on successful approaches to key activities
- b. Critically assess the quality of KAP data and epidemiology.
- c. Consider National Strategic Plans and whether your country should develop a HIV Investment Strategy with UNAIDS. If so, consult with CCM and UNAIDS.

5. Meet with civil society and key populations to consider:

- a. What technical experts and support is available for concept note drafting.
- b. When key dates are, noting the planned date for concept note submissions.
- c. Consider early consultation with TRP regarding technical soundness.
- d. Consider contacting the CCM or FPM if not feeling engaged in the country dialogue.





6. Advocate for membership in the concept note drafting team.

7. Advocate for increased government investment in HIV, TB and health systems. Increased government investment will ensure compliance with the Global Fund's objective to establish sustainable funding through mandatory counterpart financing requirements and the "willingness to pay" incentive.

DURING THE CONCEPT NOTE DRAFTING STAGE

8. Identify who is nominated as the Principal Recipient, as CCMs have been advised to assign the Principal Recipient early in this stage.

9. Engage in concept note preparation, discussion and drafting, providing ongoing, meaningful and up-to-date input:

- a. Check the availability and inclusion of disease burden data related to KAP
- b. Help identify and monitor legal or policy barriers to services.
- c. Help identify key components related to community based service delivery and community systems strengthening efforts to be included in the funding request.
- d. Provide accurate and recent information on costs that can be used to develop the summary budget.
- e. Ensure that the prioritization of the requests for funding and the recommended interventions take into account the needs and perspectives of key population groups consistent with the socio-epidemiological context of the country.

DURING THE TRP/GAC REVIEW STAGE

10. Be available to provide input if there are queries from the TRP or GAC.

11. Prepare for grant-making stage, as the Principal Recipient is also encouraged to begin preparing for the grant-making stage now. Civil society organizations, individually and collectively, should begin:

- a. Preparing your proposals to act as sub-recipients.
- b. Assessing and improving your organizational capacity.
- c. Preparing detailed programmatic planning and costing to ensure that activities are implement-ready.

DURING THE GRANT-MAKING STAGE

12. Submit proposals to act as sub-recipients. Be prepared to make a case to the Principal Recipient why your organization is well positioned to deliver on a certain part of the program.

13. Provide input as required during the implementation design stage, including supporting the CCM to respond to TRP or Secretariat questions or clarifications.



DURING THE GAC/BOARD APPROVAL STAGE

14. Be available to provide input or support Delegations to the board to address any outstanding concerns relating to your country's concept note.

DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE

15. Meet with key country dialogue members to update on progress of implementation. If your organization is not a sub recipient or sub-sub recipient, work with other community groups to monitor implementation and document evidence to inform advocacy.

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