
Concept Note

RBM Partnership to End Malaria: Country Regional Support Partners Committee Orientation of Malaria Programmes on Global Fund New Funding Model 4 Application Tools for Malaria Grants December 2022

1. Introduction

Context

The Global Fund is launching its next funding opportunity for the eligible malaria endemic countries in December 2022. The 2023 – 2025 Funding Cycle features a differentiated application process that requires countries to develop a funding application according to their needs and specific context. Each type of application will require different review and approval processes.

Application materials for the Global Fund’s 2023-2025 funding cycle [are now available on GF website](#), after going through extensive internal and external consultations and alignment with the new [2023-2028 Global Fund Strategy](#).

Many countries have malaria GF grants that end on 31 December 2023. It is expected that 47 (approx 80%) funding requests for malaria will be submitted in Window 1 and 2 (submission window deadlines indicated below).

Many countries will need to apply in the first submission window in order to avoid the services gap in January 2024.

The expected submission window deadlines are listed below. Additional windows will be announced once available.

Window 1 20 March 2023,
Window 2 29 May 2023,
Window 3 21 August 2023,

It is in this regard that The RBM Partnership to End Malaria, Country Regional Support Partners Committee (CRSPC) in collaboration with the Global Fund team and WHO, will convene an orientation workshop in mid December 2022 in order to prepare and support countries for the application process for the malaria grants.

2. Objectives and Outcomes

The main purpose of the orientation workshop is to provide more insights to the representatives of Malaria Programmes of eligible malaria endemic countries and interested partners on Global Fund application processes, orient on support tools, provide updates on technical recommendations, offer an exchange platform to countries for sharing their current challenges and past application processes experiences and provide an opportunity to work on application development plans, timelines and technical assistance needed.

This meeting is also an opportunity to present the tools and mechanisms available to support countries develop technically robust malaria concept notes that fit into their needs and specific contexts.

Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the workshop are to:

- Provide detailed information on the Global Fund differentiated application processes;
- Provide an overview of WHO technical recommendations for malaria;
- Support countries to develop their application development plans and timelines
- Review RBM Partnership to end malaria support tools including the programmatic and financial gap analysis template to be used to support the submission; and
- Compile and review the technical support needed through RBM/CRSPC.

Outcomes

The country Malaria Programmes:

- Understand the new and existing Global Fund application tools and materials;
- Updated on WHO technical recommendations for malaria;
- Develop the application development plans;
- Understand the RBM/CRSPC support tools including the use of the programmatic and financial gap analysis template;
- Identify the technical support needed through RBM/CRSPC.

3. Workshop Setup

All the Global Fund eligible countries for malaria for the funding cycle will be invited to participate in the orientation workshop (Annex 1). The workshop will be a hybrid (virtual and face to face) while observing all the protocols of COVID-19 protocols set by the UN and by countries.

RBM/CRSPC is planning to organize two separate back to back workshops, one for the English speaking countries and the other one for the mix of English, French and Portuguese

or other language speaking countries. The main reason for splitting into two meetings is to limit the number of attendants at each of the workshops as part of the mitigation measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission while in the workshop. In addition this will give the opportunity for the countries to easily interact among peers without language barriers and with little need for translation.

Tentative dates of the workshop:

The first meeting: 12-14 December 2022

The second meeting: 15-17 December 2022

4. Workshop Participants

During each of the sessions, the workshop participants for the face to face meeting will include for the following:

- National Malaria Programmes in Africa - National Malaria Programme Manager, Global Fund Focal Point, Monitoring and Evaluation focal point and WHO NPOs;
- National Malaria Programmes in Asia and Latin America - National Malaria Programme Manager and Global Fund Focal Point;
- RBM/CRSPC Consultants who will provide technical support during the application development;
- Global, regional and national level partners including PRs;
- Facilitators: WHO HQ, WHO AFRO, Regional Advisors, Multi-Country Assistance Teams;
- Facilitators: Global Fund Secretariat team;
- Facilitators; RBM Partnership Secretariat team and CRSPC co-chairs and Steering Committee members.

Members of the CCMs, Principal Recipients, civil society organisations, relevant personnel from Ministries of Health (e.g. RSSH, UHC etc) and other partners are encouraged to join through the virtual means.

The Zoom platform will be used for those connecting virtually. RBM will avail the links upon registration through RBM website endmalaria.org.

5. Methodology of the meeting

The method of work will be mainly:

- Key presentations updates on the new procedures, tools and applications materials

- Group exercise – in four groups to review the application materials for Programme Continuation, Tailored application for NSPs, Tailored application for Focused Portfolios & Transition or Full Application.

6. Language

- The first meeting will be conducted in English and there is no need for translation services since all the ivities are from English speaking countries.
- The second meeting is a mix of languages and will be conducted in both English and French with simultaneous translation in English, French and Portuguese.

7. Working documents

- [GF application materials available here](#)
- WHO updated guidelines available
- RBM Gap analysis template and guidance
- Applicant Guidance Materials available [here](#)
- Reference materials available [here](#)

8. Annexes:

Annex 1: Below is the table explaining the details of the workshop - details [here](#)

| | Sessions | Countries | # Participants (in person) | Tentative Dates |
|---|----------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Anglophone countries | 29 - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Eswatini, Ghana, Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Yemen, Zambia, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe | Expected total participants = 200 4 participants for Africa 2 Participants for others RBM, GF, WHO, and other Partners | 12-14 Dec 2022 |
| 2 | Mixed countries | 31 - Angola, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroun, CAR, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, DRC, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haïtí, Honduras, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Togo, Vanuatu, Venezuela. | Expected total participants = 200 4 participants for Africa 2 Participants for others RBM, GF, WHO, and other Partners | 15-17 Dec 2022 |

Annex 2: Tentative Agenda Items

Day 1

| Time | Agenda Item | Presenter/Method of Work |
|--------------|--|--------------------------|
| 08:00 | Registration | Secretariat |
| 08:30 | Workshop Opening Session, Introduction, Meeting Objectives, | CRSPC Co-Chairs |
| 09:00 | Global Fund Overview of Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding cycle - Differentiation - Country Dialogue and CCM eligibility - Prioritize Above Allocation Request - Sustainability - Catalytic funding | GF team |
| 10:00 | Coffee break and Group Photo | |
| 10:30 | GF session Continued... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q&A | GF team |
| 11:30 | Global Fund Overview of Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRG - Data tables - Q&A | GF team |
| 12:00 | RSSH | GF team |
| 13:00 | Lunch break | |
| 14:00 | Global Fund Overview of Application Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application key messages | GF team |
| 16:00 | Coffee break | |

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| 16:30 | Global overview of malaria situation and strategic direction | WHO |
| 17:30 | End of Day 1 | |

Day 2

| Time | Agenda Item | Presenter/Method of Work |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|
| 08:00 | WHO policy guidance and technical recommendations | WHO |
| 09:00 | WHO Technical Recommendations on sub-national tailoring | WHO |
| 10:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:30 | Overview of the Global Fund application materials/tools | GF team |
| 12:00 | CRSPC high level lessons learnt from previous concept note process. | CRSPC |
| 13:00 | Lunch break | |
| 14:00 | Review of the CRSPC Gap Analysis template | CRSPC |
| 16:00 | Coffee break | |
| 16:30 | Review of the CRSPC Gap Analysis template continued | CRSPC |
| 17:30 | End of Day 2 | |

Day 3

| Time | Agenda Item | | Presenter/Method of Work |
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| 08:00 | Data systems, M&E | | GF team |
| 09:00 | Group work: Review of application templates (4 groups): 1) Programme Continuation; 2) Full applications; 3) NSP applications1 4) Tailored Focus countries | Group work: country specific gap analysis and essential data table | GF team |
| 10:00 | Coffee break | | |
| 10:30 | Group work continued | | |
| 11:30 | Group work: Review of application templates (1): | Other groups country specific gap analysis and essential data table | GF team |
| 13:00 | Lunch break | | |
| 14:00 | Application process planning | | Individual country team work |
| 16:00 | Coffee break | | |
| 16:30 | Next Steps and Meeting Closure | | CRSPC Co-Chairs |