

SUMMARY FOR NEW GFF COUNTRIES

Overview

- The Global Financing Facility (GFF) is a promising opportunity for leveraging additional platform-focused resources to advance malaria goals. In its first 5 years, the GFF has contributed to malaria goals via iCCM, the prevention of malaria in pregnancy, salary support and supervision, laboratory upgrades, and data systems.
- The GFF Trust Fund includes over \$1 billion USD and has leveraged an additional \$4.7 billion USD in domestic loans to fund maternal and child health interventions.
- In contrast to the major malaria grant mechanisms, the GFF is part of a primarily loan-driven financing mechanism that brings together the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health, with the aim of increasing domestic expenditure for RMNCAH-N. A non-earmarked grant (typically \$10-30 million over 5 years) is provided by the GFF Trust Fund as an incentive for borrowing World Bank International Development Assistance (IDA)/ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loans for health.

The process for securing GFF resources requires five key steps



1. Attending Country Platform Meetings

- The GFF is coordinated via a **Multi-Stakeholder Country Platform**, which plays a central role in developing, implementing, and monitoring GFF activities.
- The Country Platform is not a technical body and thus does not support strategy development for one specific disease area but rather facilitates linkages and synergies across multiple areas.
- **Action Steps:** a) Reach out to **GFF Country Liaison Officer** and request more information on the Country Platform; b) Designate one person within NMCP as the **GFF NMCP Focal Point** responsible for attending Country Platform meetings.



2. Contributing to Investment Case Development

- The **GFF Investment Case** aims to address duplication of financing by serving as a comprehensive plan for all RMNCH-N needs.
- Malaria-GFF synergies to prioritize in the investment case include:
 1. Integrated community case management;
 2. Malaria in pregnancy;
 3. Human resources; and
 4. Disease surveillance and vital statistics
- **Action Steps:** a) Focus on gaps related to these four malaria-GFF synergies in investment case; b) Communicate benefits of malaria investments in terms of improvements to overall child and reproductive health.



3. Conducting Proactive Advocacy During Prioritization

- **The investment case prioritization phase is the most important for unlocking GFF resources for malaria**, with final decisions taken jointly by the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health.
- Establishing a regular cadence of meetings with key internal Ministry of Health decision-makers is critical to influencing the prioritization process.
- **Action Step:** meet with appointed **Ministry of Health GFF Chair** and **World Bank Task Team Leader** and communicate malaria-GFF synergies, emphasizing the burden malaria places on overall health system capacity.



4. Completing World Bank Project Appraisal Documents

- **Project Appraisal Documents (PADs)** are the official World Bank documents used to define objectives and terms of IDA loans. PADs serve as the detailed funding document (similar to a Global Fund Concept Note) and include financing objectives, implementation arrangements, M&E plan, and financial disbursement schedule.
- **Action Step:** Support World Bank consultants/staff writing PADs to ensure inclusion of malaria-related activities and indicators.



5. Supporting Implementation

- The **Ministry of Health**, as the primary recipient and implementing agency of the GFF, is responsible for execution of both IDA/IBRD and GFF funds.
- Activities are managed through existing Ministry procurement and payment channels and integrated with government systems.
- **Action Step:** Appoint a **GFF NMCP Focal Point** to stay abreast of progress, coordinate between GFF and other malaria donor contributions, and report back on any implementation changes.

Lessons Learned from Current GFF Countries

- **Lesson 1:** Strong collaboration between the malaria and reproductive health departments catalyzes malaria program opportunities within the GFF.
- **Lesson 2:** Engaging in the GFF Country Platform supports the malaria community's commitment to a horizontal, system-building approach to elimination.
- **Lesson 3:** Approaching the GFF from a health-financing perspective, not a technical perspective, leads to more impactful resource mobilization.
- **Lesson 4:** The GFF is not for all countries. Make an intentional engagement decision and engagement plan using the worksheet (Appendix A) provided in the guide.

For more information, review the full GFF Guide [here](#).