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**Mandate**
The Global Fund is an international financing institution based on a unique partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and affected communities. The Global Fund was created to raise, manage and disburse large amounts of additional financing to fight three of the world’s most devastating diseases, and to direct those resources to areas of greatest need.

**Founding document**
The Framework Document of the Global Fund and the Bylaws are the governance documents of the Global Fund. When the Global Fund was created, it entered into an Administrative Services Agreement (ASA) with the WHO, whereby the WHO Secretariat provided administrative and financial services to the Global Fund, including employment of staff. On 1 January 2009, the Global Fund ended the ASA and became an autonomous organization, with all staff members becoming employees of the foundation (17th Board Meeting, Geneva, Decision Point GF/B17/DP20).

**Legal entity**
The Global Fund is registered as a Non-Profit Foundation in Switzerland and is recognised as an International Organization by national governments (Article 1, Bylaws). It has Public Charity status in the United States. It has signed a Headquarters Agreement with Switzerland and enjoys the same privileges and immunities as other international organizations within that country.

The World Bank is the trustee of funds contributed to the Global Fund (Article 16, By Laws).

**Membership**
The Global Fund operates as a multi-stakeholder international financial institution which brings together implementing government bodies, national civil society groups, the private sector, development partners (UN Agencies and bilateral agencies), and, in particular, communities affected by the diseases.

The Global Fund distributes funding to eligible countries according to disease areas using certain criteria. As of 2012, more than 120 countries were eligible for grants.

**Governance**
The main governing body of the Global Fund is the Board which consists of representatives of both donor and recipient countries, civil society, private sector, private foundations and the community affected by these diseases: [http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/board/members/](http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/board/members/).

The Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) operates as a national-level partnership of all key stakeholders. The CCM submits proposals to the Global Fund while nominating the entities responsible for implementation of the grants (the Principal Recipients), and is also responsible for overseeing the implementation work of the Principal Recipients.

The Secretariat is responsible for day-to-day operations including resource mobilization, managing grants, and providing financial, legal and administrative support. The Secretariat is headed by an Executive Director.

The Technical Review Panel is a group of independent international experts in these three diseases who review funding proposals and make recommendations to the Board.

**Diseases and technologies covered**
Technologies: medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, insecticide-treated bed nets and other health products

Disease areas: AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria

**Funding**
Funding of the Global Fund comes from voluntary financial contributions from all sectors - governments, the private sector, social enterprises, philanthropic foundations and individuals.

Funds are mobilized through a periodic replenishment model. Under the replenishment model, donors independently fix their contribution, and usually make a pledge over a certain period in time. Pledges are public, legally non-binding statements on planned contributions to the Global Fund. The current replenishment cycle covers the period 2011-2013.

**Experience in funding and managing R&D**
Funding R&D: The Global Fund does not fund R&D.


**Criteria to distribute funding publicly**
The Global Fund’s Eligibility, Counterpart Financing and Prioritization Policy explains the criteria of a country’s eligibility for funding.
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