WHO GLOBAL TB PROGRAMME

PARTNERING WITH THE GLOBAL FUND

GLOBAL FUND SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL FOR TB PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

During the past decade, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund) has become the largest external funder of tuberculosis (TB) care and control efforts, providing over US$ 3.9 billion in international donor funding for TB since 2002. WHO supports country application processes to the Global Fund new funding model and assists its Member States in implementing interventions. In 2014, nearly 80% of concept notes submitted were approved for funding.

Given that countries rely heavily on WHO to provide assistance during grant making and implementation, this will remain the main focus of Global TB Programme support over 2015-16.

WHO GLOBAL TB PROGRAMME ROLES TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT OF GLOBAL FUND INVESTMENTS

POLICY GUIDANCE AND STRATEGIC ADVICE
- Defines global TB strategy and targets and provides guidance on their adaptation at country level.
- Develops policies and strategies to guide countries in effective TB prevention, diagnosis and treatment, including for HIV-associated TB and multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB), as well as the roll out of new diagnostic technologies and active case finding.
- Leads development of normative work to assist countries in the development of robust concept notes including single TB and HIV concept notes, and to facilitate their systematic review and strengthening.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT COORDINATION
- With WHO regional and country offices, facilitates country dialogue by convening a global network of TB technical partners for effective technical support and coordination.
- Supports the key elements required for Global Fund concept notes, in close collaboration with partners: Joint monitoring missions; Epidemiological assessments; Development of national strategic plans; Financial gap analysis; Strategic gap analysis and prioritization
- Provides support to grant-making by working with countries, the Global Fund Secretariat and partners to build capacity at all levels
- Provides support to grant implementation through ongoing monitoring and coordination of technical assistance with the Global Fund secretariat and partners

MONITORING AND EVALUATION, IMPACT MEASUREMENT AND FUNDING FORECASTS
- Strengthens measurement of TB disease burden and associated assessments of impact, via national TB prevalence surveys and improved TB surveillance.
- Provides standardized guidance on the epidemiological reviews required for concept note development.
- Provides guidance on definition of indicators and targets for inclusion in national strategic plans and concept notes.
- Provides critical epidemiological, programmatic and financial data required by the Global Fund, including for country impact profiles, key performance indicators, indicative funding allocations and replenishment efforts.
- Provides estimates of lives saved by TB interventions.
- Provides strategic input and advice, including for Global Fund guidance on monitoring and evaluation, and country impact ratings.
- Promotes and supports pharmacovigilance related to new and repurposed drugs for TB treatment.

ROLL-OUT OF INNOVATIONS
- Supports piloting of innovative approaches, such as to engage hospitals, strengthen community and private sector engagement, safely introduce new TB drugs, and promote integration with maternal and child health services.

See over for actions to support success of the New Funding Model
**WHO GLOBAL TB PROGRAMME SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES IN THE NEW FUNDING MODEL**

**WHO GLOBAL TB PROGRAMME ROLE**

- **National Strategic Plan determined by country**
- **Concept Note**
- **TRP**
- **GAC**
- **Grant Making**
- **2nd GAC**
- **Grant Implementation**

**Country Dialogue:** WHO plays a key role in convening country dialogue as an objective and trusted party able to work with government, civil society, private sector, partners and other stakeholders and multi- and bi-lateral donors.

**National Strategic Plan (NSP):** In collaboration with TB partners, WHO provides technical assistance to countries for developing robust national strategic plans:
- The National Strategic Plan toolkit and WHO’s TB budgeting and costing tool provide steps for countries to develop strong national strategic plans in line with the End TB Strategy.
- Epidemiological and impact assessments are required for all countries applying for Global Fund support. Guidelines have been developed by WHO on how to undertake these assessments.
- Joint monitoring and epidemiological assessment missions are organized by WHO in coordination with partners to support country programmes in reviewing implementation; providing guidance for concept note development; prioritizing critical interventions; and identifying funding needs and gaps.
- Training workshops for National TB Programme (NTP) managers, technical partners and consultants are organized on Global Fund processes.

**Concept Note:** In collaboration with TB partners,
- WHO supports countries in translating national strategic plans into prioritized concept notes, including single TB and HIV concept notes.
- WHO provides the Global Fund with strategic and technical inputs to Global Fund guidance documents, as well as data on disease burden, financing and unit costs.
- WHO undertakes review of concept notes (including single TB and HIV concept notes) prior to submission, on request from countries and the Global Fund secretariat, and provides strategic inputs to strengthen technical components.

**Grant making:**
- WHO supports countries during the grant-making stage by coordinating technical assistance for the development of monitoring and evaluation plans; procurement and supply management plans; and operational scale-up plans for specific intervention areas. WHO also provides support to revise existing work plans.

**Grant implementation:**
- WHO provides continuous technical assistance and coordinates country missions to support the implementation of grants.
- WHO engages with and provides input to Global Fund country teams and stakeholders on the impact profiles and grant performance ratings. For all countries who have had TB funding approved by the Global Fund Board, WHO has provided data and support for impact assessments.

**WHO PROVIDES STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL ADVICE, DATA AND COUNTRY INTELLIGENCE**

WHO regional, country offices and headquarters organize briefings and provide advice through:
- TB/HIV working group (co-hosted by WHO, UNAIDS and the Global Fund)
- TB Situation Room
- WHO/Global Fund Technical Assistance Steering Committee
- Global Fund Technical Assistance Task Force (hosted by WHO)
- Global Fund bodies: Technical Review Panel (TRP), the Grant Approvals Committee (GAC), the Strategy, Investment and Impact Committee (SIIC) and the Technical Evaluation Reference Group

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