
UNAIDS support to countries in the New Funding Model of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

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Abbreviations

CCM	Country Coordinating Mechanism
CSS	Community Systems Strengthening
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EHRN	Eurasian Harm Reduction Network
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
HSS	Health Systems Strengthening
NFM	New Funding Model
NSP	National Strategic Plan
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief
PIP	Performance and Impact Profile
PR	Principal Recipient
RST	Regional Support Team
SR	Sub-Recipient
TRP	Technical Review Panel
TSF	Technical Support Facility
UCC	UNAIDS Country Coordinator
UNAIDS	United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WHO	World Health Organization

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The New Funding Model (NFM) is intended to allow the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) and the countries it supports to invest more strategically, to maximize available resources and to achieve the greatest impact. It presents key new features including a country dialogue and an iterative application process with an enhanced engagement of technical partners. UNAIDS support to countries in this context includes the provision of normative and technical guidance, technical assistance and coordination.

Setting strategic priorities through normative and technical guidance

At global level, UNAIDS and its cosponsors have been working with the GFATM and other partners to develop strong normative and technical guidance on latest developments and innovations and specifically on what constitutes smart, effective and efficient investment in AIDS.

Strategic investments for HIV programmes

UNAIDS developed essential guidance for countries to employ strategic investment thinking in HIV programmes:

- *UNAIDS 2013: Investing in HIV more strategically: a 4-step self-assessment and decision-making tool*
- *GFATM 2013: [Global Fund information note: strategic investments for HIV programs](#)*

Technical guidance: UNAIDS/WHO toolkit

UNAIDS developed a Guidance Document For Early and Interim Applicants for HIV Funding under the New Funding Model (*forthcoming*)

UNAIDS, WHO and other cosponsors are currently revising the resource kit¹ to support countries in their development of high quality requests for funding to the GFATM. It will include comprehensive guidance on 30 key technical and programmatic areas.

Guidance for CCMs

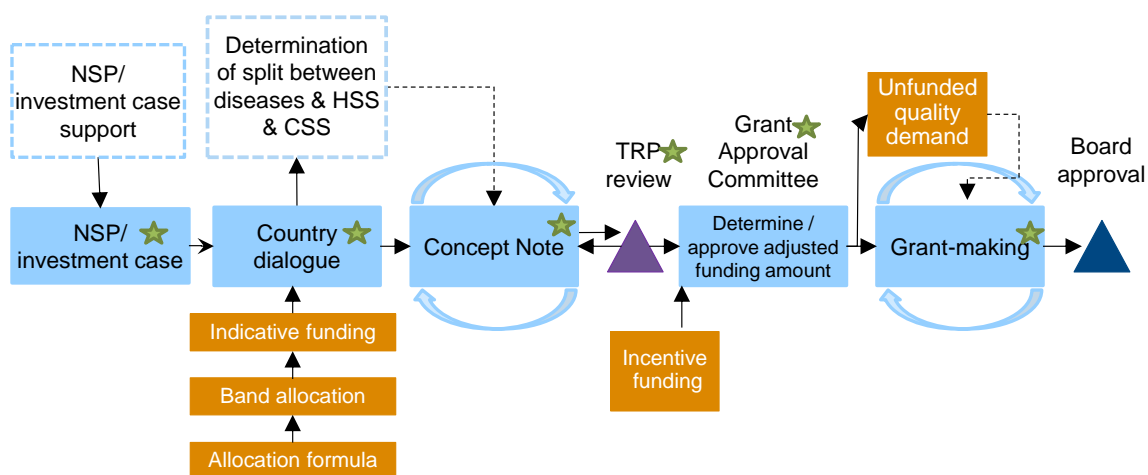
The Technical Support Facility (TSF) for East and Southern Africa is developing an action planning tool for CCMs to prepare their participation in the Global Fund's New Funding Model. It will be made available to other TSFs and partners for training purposes.

¹ The Round 11 resource kit is available here: <http://www.unaids.org/en/ourwork/programmebranch/programmeeffectivenessandcountriesupportdepartment/aideffectivenesscountrycapacitydivision/resourcekit/>


Technical assistance and coordination


At global and regional levels, UNAIDS and cosponsors are coordinating technical assistance with the GFATM Secretariat, PEPFAR, GIZ, the French 5% initiative and other multilateral and bilateral providers.


At country level, UNAIDS provides technical support at key stages of the NFM application process (diagram and table). Support is provided through Country Offices, seven Regional Support Teams (RSTs) and three regional Technical Support Facilities (TSFs) that operate in Asia and Pacific; East and Southern Africa; and West and Central Africa.





Graph: Overview the the New Funding Model of the GFATM

 **National Strategic Plans (NSPs) and investment cases** UNAIDS works with countries to develop strong national strategies and investment cases that include human rights, stigma and discrimination, gender, key populations and community issues and enable smart investment decisions. UNAIDS advocates for increased inclusiveness and sustainability.

 **Country dialogue** UNAIDS plays a pivotal role in convening the country dialogue as an objective and trusted party able to work with government, civil society, private sector and multi- and bi-lateral donors. In particular, UNAIDS provides leadership on applying a robust investment approach, increasing focus on key areas and enhancing outreach to civil society organizations, key affected populations and communities.

 **Concept note** UNAIDS provides support to country stakeholders to translate a strong national strategy or investment case into a concept note; to strengthen key areas; and to develop effective and equitable targeting and scale-up of basic programmes. UNAIDS provides key epidemiological and programmatic strategic information.

 **Review of application** UNAIDS provides technical advice and country intelligence to the Technical Review Panel (TRP) and the Grant Approval Committee of the Global Fund Secretariat.

 **Grant making and implementation** UNAIDS supports countries during the grant-making process and provides targeted technical support, e.g. to safeguard key strategic investments; and during grant implementation, e.g. to assess and strengthen the capacity of Principal Recipients (PRs) and Sub-Recipients (SRs), build capacity on risk management and strengthen the oversight capacity of CCMs.

UNAIDS support to early and interim applicants

UNAIDS is providing support to early and interim applicants. In early 2013, the Grant Approval Committee of the Global Fund provided highly positive feedback on three early NFM applications for HIV (El Salvador, Myanmar and Zimbabwe) and the role of partners in providing technical and normative guidance to ensure strategic investments.

El Salvador	The UNAIDS RST for Latin America supported country partners with the collection and analysis of supporting evidence and epidemiological data. UNAIDS provided key strategic information feeding into the Performance and Impact Profile. UNAIDS built on its work with civil society to support the country dialogue. The concept note is strategically focused on men who have sex with men, transgender populations and sex workers.
Myanmar	The UNAIDS Country Coordinator (UCC) co-led the concept note development team, facilitating strategic discussions on ways to overcome bottlenecks to the harm reduction programme. UNAIDS provided key strategic information feeding into the Performance and Impact Profile.
Zimbabwe	The UCC co-led a highly participatory country dialogue involving communities and key populations. UNAIDS Secretariat and co-sponsors provided additional technical support to the development of the concept note. UNAIDS provided key strategic information feeding into the Performance and Impact Profile. UNDP is PR in Zimbabwe.
Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	UNAIDS is involved in tri-lateral technical support to DRC with the Global Fund and PEPFAR. UNAIDS supports the mid-term review of the National Strategic Plan and of Global Fund grants to identify opportunities for more strategic investments and strengthened implementation arrangements.
Eurasian Harm reduction Network (EHRN)	The UNAIDS Europe and Central Asia RST supports EHRN with the collection of financial, programmatic and epidemiological information on harm reduction programmes in selected countries from the region, feeding into the concept note development. UNAIDS used its strong country networks to support the engagement of national stakeholders in the on-line and in-person regional dialogues initiated by EHRN.
Interim applicants	UNAIDS country and regional offices and co-sponsors are currently mapping technical support needs of interim applicants. UNAIDS already provides priority support to 9 HIV interim applicants (Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda).

UNAIDS will also help key stakeholders in countries document their experience as they apply through the New Funding Model. UNAIDS will bring lessons learned to the GFATM, thus contributing to adapt the final design of the NFM to the needs of countries.

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