

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - FINANCING MECHANISMS FOR COVID-19 RESPONSES

# INTRODUCTION

- The Global Fund has made up to US\$1 billion available to support countries to respond to COVID-19
- Funds are being directed through two channels: *grant flexibilities* (up to US\$500 million), and the *COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM)* (up to US\$500 million)
- How countries access these funds differs from the standard Global Fund funding request (FR) process
- The process **also differs between these two distinct funding streams**
- Communities and civil society should be aware of these differences to optimize efforts to ensure engagement

# COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING

## GRANT FLEXIBILITIES

- Not *additional* funding
- Up to 10% of total value of *existing grant*
- 5% (maximum) from **savings** and 5% (maximum) from **reprogramming**
- Countries encouraged to utilize **savings first** before seeking reprogramming
- Countries encouraged to use grant flexibilities before applying for C19RM funds
- Request **submitted by PR, not CCM**; CCM endorsement encouraged
- Secretariat approval time: 5 working days

## C19RM

- *Additional* funding
- Up to 10% of 2020-2022 total allocation (minus any funds already accessed via grant flexibilities)
- Request **submitted by CCM**, not PR
- Normal CCM eligibility requirements remain in place
- Communities and civil society **must be engaged** in request development
- Suggested deadline: **31 May 2020**
- Secretariat approval time: 10 working days

**For C19RM requests, CCM eligibility requirements  
remain in place**

# STATUS OF GRANT FLEXIBILITIES FUNDING

- Launched in mid-March
- **87 requests** totaling US\$ 129 million **approved and integrated into grants**
- Majority of funds are from **cost savings** (US\$113 million), *not* **grant reprogramming**
- Major focus **on COVID epidemic preparedness (diagnostics, PPE)** in requests submitted

# REQUESTS TO DATE IN LAC- FLEXIBILITIES

4.4 MILLION HAS BEEN  
REQUESTED FOR SUPPORT  
TO 13 COUNTRIES  
THROUGH THE  
FLEXIBILITIES OD SAVINGS  
AND REPROGRAMING

	HIV	H/T	Malaria	TB		
Belize		10,315				10,315
Bolivia	300,897			20,765		321,662
Colombia	453,217					453,217
Cuba	584,030					584,030
Dominican Republic	294,083					294,083
El Salvador			99,998	208,738		308,736
Guatemala	1,238,613		276,032	292,472		1,807,117
Haiti		38,384				38,384
Multicountry LAC MCC		92,298				92,298
Nicaragua	213,729			99,158		312,887
Panama		100,000				100,000
Suriname			100,000			100,000
Venezuela	7,320					7,320

# SOME EXAMPLES OF FUNDING

**El Salvador** is fighting COVID-19 and mitigating impact on TB programs by purchasing surgical masks, N95 respirator masks, alcohol gel and thermometers.

**Honduras** is mitigating impact on malaria programs and fighting COVID-19 by purchasing 25,000 surgical masks and 5,000 N95 respirator masks and by utilizing four ventilators and a mobile X-ray machine.

**Cuba** is strengthening the molecular diagnosis of COVID-19 in regional laboratories; purchasing gloves, face shields, masks and gowns; and mitigating impact on HIV programs.

**Suriname** is advancing the procurement of for P. vivax medicines in anticipation of a global rush on goods and commodities including antimalarials as well as procurement of laboratory supplies to enable and strengthen laboratory diagnosis.

We know of additional requests incoming from Guyana and Suriname as well from the Caribbean.

# STATUS OF C19RM FUNDING

- Launched in late-April
- Application materials and guidance notes made available
- CCMs *encouraged* to submit requests **by 31 May – BUT CAN SUBMIT AT ANY TIME**
- No requests submitted as at today 20<sup>th</sup> of May
- An estimated 65 requests projected to be received before 31 May
- Secretariat review and approval **within 10 working days** from submission
- **Community and CS engagement is required in the development of C19RM requests**

# WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- For both the grant flexibilities and C19RM streams, proposed activities must fall within one or more of three areas:
  1. Interventions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on HIV, TB and malaria programs
  2. Actions to reinforce the response to COVID-19
  3. Initiatives to make urgent improvements in health and community systems
- All proposed activities **must reflect Global Fund and/or technical partner guidance**
- Minimum human rights standards **must be maintained**
- C19RM requests include **two priority levels**: ‘Priority 1: Primary Funding Request’ and Priority 2: Additional Funding Request’

# WHAT CAN BE FUNDED UNDER C19RM

**Reflect available technical partner guidance and global fund information notes**

**Some examples/Not exhaustive and will need to make sense within your specific country context**

- Strengthening/adapting community led HIV services delivery models for sex workers, gay and other men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, trans people (eg: OST access, community led ARV delivery)
- Community led and based monitoring of HIV, TB, Malaria and/or COVID responses
- Community mobilization and advocacy
- Integration of COVID prevention and support into community led and based HIV, TB and malaria responses
- Human rights related monitoring, access to justice, legal literacy, addressing stigma and discrimination, health provider and police training on rights and medical ethics

**All of these have to of course be linked to the overall achievement of targets within your grants**

# WHO CAN BE FUNDED?

- C19RM requests must include assigned PRs and SRs for each activity listed
- PRs and SRs must be *current* **Global Fund** grant recipients

# WHAT IF COMMUNITIES & CIVIL SOCIETY ARE BEING EXCLUDED?

- Reach out to the CCM leadership and PRs to get information about where the process is, how they can contribute and bring ideas.
- Speak to get also support from other partners on the ground (community representatives, technical partner representatives – UNAIDS, PAHO, WFP, etc)
- Notify the country Fund Portfolio Manager if you have concerns after exhausting other channels
- Notify the GF CCM Hub
- Notify Community, Rights and Gender department

# RESOURCES\*

## Funding Request Instructions & Documents

- [Guidance Notes on Responding to COVID-19](#)
- [Funding Request Instructions Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#)
- [C19RM Funding Request Form](#)
- [Q&A: Supporting Countries and Grants during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Q&A: C19RM](#)

## Global Fund COVID-19 Guidance

- [COVID-19 Information Note: HIV](#)
- [COVID-19: Priorities for HIV Support](#)
- [COVID-19 Information Note: Malaria](#)
- [COVID-19 Information Note: TB](#)
- [COVID-19 Information Note: RSSH](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Note: Human Rights](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Note: CRG](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Summary: Ensuring Continuity of Core Country Coordinating Mechanism Responsibilities](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidance Note: Virtual Inclusive Dialogue](#)

## Technical Partner Guidance

- Links to a full range of partner guidance can be found at:
- [partner guidance COVID](#)