

CONCEPT NOTE

JOINT REGIONAL DIALOGUE AMONG KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

THEME: *Sustaining the Gains through Regional Collaboration and Ensuring Global Fund investments have a lasting impact in the LAC region.*

**Port-of-Spain, Republic of Trinidad & Tobago
13 - 15 September 2022**

Introduction

2022 is a critical year for the Global Fund in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), since key processes are underway that will impact the response to the three diseases in the coming years: the development of the Global Fund 2023 to 2028 New Strategy, the Global Fund 7th Replenishment campaign, and preparations for the New Funding Model (NFM4). In addition, by September 2022, the first phase (2019-2022) of the multi-country community projects on HIV, ALEP/Key Populations in Latin America and in the Caribbean (Sustainability of services for Key Populations in the Caribbean) will have concluded and a second implementation period will begin in October 2022.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen the voices of communities and civil society in Global Fund processes, investing in a third phase of the Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI), former Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (CRG SI) for the period 2021-2023.

The primary objective of the CE SI is strengthened engagement of civil society and communities in Global Fund and related national processes. Engagement of community and civil society actors at all stages in the grant life cycle is critical in the design, development and implementation of effective responses to the three diseases and systems strengthening, ensuring that Global Fund investments evolve as responsive to those most impacted.

The CE SI works through the following three components:

- 1. Technical Assistance (TA) support to communities and civil society groups to engage in national processes linked to Global Fund investments.**
- 2. Long-term strengthening of HIV, TB and malaria organizations and networks and engagement funds for women and girls, and**
- 3. Regional Civil Society Platforms for Communication and Coordination.**

Via Libre was identified to continue providing Technical Assistance Support for the Latin American and Caribbean region under the initiative. This TA include the maintenance of the regional platform of LAC.

In parallel, the consortium of Sub-Recipients consisting of the PAN Caribbean Partnership against HIV and AIDS (PANCAP), the Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) and the Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral (COIN), submitted a funding request to the Global Fund to Fight Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV and AIDS (Global Fund) to continue providing sustainable prevention, treatment and care services for key populations in the Caribbean region. In response to this request, the Global Fund approved a budget of US\$6,500,000 for the implementation of a three-year Project (1 October 2022 – 30 September 2025).

About the Dialogue

The Global Fund in collaboration with the LAC platform and the consortium members of the Caribbean Multi-Country Grant collaborated to convene this forum which will provide a space for dialogue, learning, planning and coordination among Caribbean regional stakeholders involved in Global Fund processes.

These stakeholders include:

- Members of Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM) who represent communities affected by the three diseases as well as key and vulnerable populations from Belize, Jamaica, Haiti, Guyana and Suriname, Dominican Republic, Cuba as well as the OECS Regional Coordinating Mechanism.
- Members of Caribbean networks of key populations affected communities participating in multi-country Global Fund grant.
- National AIDS Programme (NAP) Managers.
- CSOs implementing grant activities.
- Partners involved in grant implementation or linked to regional processes and to the CRG SI, such as PANCAP/CVC/COIN, Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO), Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Caribbean Med Lab Foundation (CMLF), Cuban Centro Nacional de Educación Sexual (CENESEX), CRN+.

- Other key development partners or technical agencies that invest in regional programmes especially in improving the participation of civil society and communities in the Global Fund processes (e.g., Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), PEPFAR).
- Global Fund Secretariat representatives linked to the Caribbean processes and to the CE SI.

The purpose of organizing a single forum with a common agenda is to maximize learning, coordination and synergies across the national and regional multi-country contexts and the Technical Assistance priorities. Further, this will be an opportunity for a more responsible use of the economic resources and added value for the participants.

Forum Objectives:

1. To share experiences from the national programmes, civil society and communities' participation and engagement in Global Fund-related processes in the Caribbean.
 - Lessons learned from grant implementation and community participation experiences in the Caribbean.
2. To identify challenges for the response to the HIV, TB and malaria in the Caribbean.
3. To promote improved coordination among national programmes, development partners, civil society and communities and in their responses to HIV, TB and malaria across the Global Fund national and multi-country grants in the Caribbean, through sharing strategies and best practices as well as exchanging experiences.
 - Review lessons learned from 2019-2022 grant implementation
 - Identify coordination and synergy opportunities between country grants and multi-country grants.
 - Promote coordination with other stakeholders and partners in the region.
4. To improve civil society and communities' understanding of the Global Fund processes and that will have influence in the Caribbean.
 - Global Fund Strategy for 2023-2028
 - New Funding Model (NFM4).
 - Community Engagement minimum expectations
 - Requirements related to protection against sexual exploitation, assault and harassment.
5. To help improving access to technical assistance opportunities provided by the CE SI Technical Assistance Program and other Global Fund-related TA providers.

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DRAFT AGENDA

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIMES	SESSIONS	OBJECTIVES	LEADS
SESSION: OPENING FACILITATOR: Dr Shellon Bovell, Project Manager, The Global Fund, CARICOM Secretariat			
9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks		Dr Shellon Bovell
	Remarks		Mr Paul Bonilla, Fund Portfolio Manager, The Global Fund
	Remarks		Mr Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena, Technical Coordinator, LAC Platform
	Remarks		Dr Richard Amenyah, Director, UNAIDS Multi-Country Office
	Remarks		Ms Simone Jackson PEPFAR Coordinator, Caribbean Regional Program
	Remarks		Ms Diana Weekes, Board Member, Caribbean Regional Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (CRN+)
	Remarks		Ms Alison Drayton, Assistant Secretary General, Human and Social Development, CARICOM Secretariat

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	Keynote Address		Mr Ian Ramdahin, Permanent Secretary, National AIDS Coordinating Committee Secretariat (NACC), Ministry of Health, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	PHOTO SESSION WITH PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS		
10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	Introductions and Setting Expectations	Establish a framework for the meeting based on the combination of regional dialogue and the LAC Platform for coordination and support for meaningful community participation in the GF in the Caribbean.	Mr Ivan Cruickshank, Executive Director, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC)
10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.	State of the Art	HIV Contextual Framework in the Region	Dr Richard Amenyah
11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	BREAK		
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Implementers /Partners Panel - Reflections and Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements • Challenges • Lessons learned • Reflection on the importance of linking multi-country projects with national grants and programmes. • Community Engagement Challenges 	Improve coordination between the multi- country project and the Global Fund national grants and programmes, through a reflection on the learning from the previous phase (2019 to 2022).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Shellon Bovell • Mr Colin Kirton, Officer-in-Charge, PANCAP Coordinating Unit (PCU) • Mrs Sannia Laing Sutherland, Project Coordinator, Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC) • Mélissa Jaar Guérin, Project Manager, Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral (COIN) • Ms Sandra Jones, Advisor, HIV/STI, TB & Viral Hepatitis • Ms Valerie Wilson, Executive Director, Caribbean Med Labs Foundation (CMLF)

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12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	LUNCH		
1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	Updates from USAID/PEPFAR	To provide an overview of USAID/PEPFAR's support to the Region	Ms Simone Jackson, PEPFAR Coordinator Caribbean Regional Program
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<p>Mini grant experiences - Lessons learned and opportunities for improvement</p> <p>ABC Model Approach to Mini-Grants Technical Assistance</p>	To discuss the lessons learned from the experience of implementing mini-grants to CSOs during the implementation of the multi-country project and propose the way forward for the new cycle.	<p>Mr Ivan Cruickshank,</p> <p>Ms Vanessa Rosario Brito Programme Manager, Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral (COIN)</p> <p>Mr Sebastián Osorio, Manager, Instiglio Ms Cristina Mendoza, Associate, Instiglio</p>
3:45 p.m.–4:45p.m.	End of Term Evaluation (ETE) – Findings and Recommendations		Mr Luis Bernel, ETE Lead Evaluator
4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	CLOSING		

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIMES	SESSIONS	OBJECTIVES	LEADS
FACILITATOR: Mr Ivan Cruickshank, Executive Director, Caribbean Coalition of Vulnerable Communities (CVC)			
9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Opening/Recap		Mr Ivan Cruickshank
9:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	PANCAP-CVC-COIN Multi-Country Grant – Phase 2 - Sustainability of Services for Key Populations in the Caribbean (1 October 2022 - 30 September 2025)	To share the outline of the new grant and identify opportunities to maximize the Multi-country interventions at the national level	Dr Shellon Bovell
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Overview of the OECS Regional Global Fund Grant	To share the outline of the new OECS grant and identify opportunities to maximize synergies across grants and at the national level	Ms Joan Didier, Director, OECS RCM
10:30 a.m.–10:50 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK		
10:50 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Global Fund New Strategy 2023-2029 and the community engagement	To discuss new approaches to the Global Fund's New Strategy (NFM4) with implications for community engagement	Ms Rene Bangert, The Global Fund / Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI) Mr Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena, Technical Coordinator, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Platform (Vialibre) Liz Aldana, Technical Assistant, LAC Platform, (Vialibre)
12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	LUNCH		

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1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	Regional Initiative to Scale-Up Essential Prevention Service-Caribbean Multi-Country Global Fund Grant	To identify priorities in scale up prevention and lessons learned from grant implementation community participation experiences in the Caribbean	Dr Navindra Persaud and Ms Rachel Eersel, Lead Consultants, FHI360
2:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	Challenges and Opportunities for the Regional HIV Response at the Regional, National and Community Levels	To analyze the major challenges for the Caribbean in responding to HIV, TB and malaria and identify opportunities for donor support. Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prevention, ▪ Care and Treatment ▪ Human Rights including GBV and S&D ▪ Strategic Information 	Mr Ivan Cruickshank,
4:15 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.	Setting Priorities based on opportunities identified	To identify priority areas that are beneficial to national and regional interventions.	Dr. Shellon Bovell, Project Manager, Global Fund CARICOM Secretariat
5:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	CLOSING		

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

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FACILITATOR: Mr Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena, Technical Coordinator, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Platform, (Vialibre)			
9:00 a.m.– 9:15 a.m.	Opening/Recap		Mr Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena
9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI)TA Program LAC Platform Support Mechanism, NFM4 TA opportunities	To provide an overview of CE SI Technical Assistance Program opportunities for community engagement	Ms. Rene Bangert, Global Fund / CE SI Mr. Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena, Technical Coordinator, LAC Platform
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	BREAK		
10:50 a.m.–12:00 noon	Protection against sexual exploitation, assault and harassment	To review the requirements related to protection against sexual exploitation, assault and harassment	Ms. Rene Bangert
11:00 a.m.–11:30a.m.	Protection against sexual exploitation, assault and harassment	To review the requirements related to protection against sexual exploitation, assault and harassment	Ms Rene Bangert
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Safety and Security approaches for organizations working with Key Populations	To explore KVP CSO needs on Safety and Security in the Caribbean	Mr. Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena
12:00 noon–13:30 p.m.	LUNCH		
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Community Engagement	To explore and discuss the Community Engagement for the sustainable response to HIV and TB in the Caribbean	Ms Rene Bangert Mr Anuar Ismael Luna Cadena Liz Aldana
3:45 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.	Way Forward and Closing		Dr Shellon Bovell

