The vision of the Global Fund is to achieve a world free of the burden of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. This can only happen with the significant engagement of all stakeholders, including civil society and community organizations.

In April 2014, the Board approved US$15 million for capacity building of civil society and community organizations so that they can engage meaningfully in Global Fund processes. The resulting Community, Rights and Gender Special Initiative is designed to respond to the needs of these organizations by enabling them to:

Access community, rights and gender expertise through short-term technical assistance during the country dialogue, concept note development and grant-making processes

Be informed of existing technical assistance and ways to engage with the Global Fund Secretariat and partners

Strengthen longer term capacity development and community mobilization

‘Within a short period of time we got recommendations from civil society to be included into the HIV concept note stage”

Country requester benefiting from technical assistance

Short-term technical assistance for civil society and community organizations

Civil society and community organizations can request short-term technical assistance and expertise in areas of human rights, gender and community systems strengthening.

The technical assistance is provided by global and regional civil society organizations that were selected through open tender bids.

List of 34 technical assistance providers

African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR)
AIDS Strategy Advocacy and Policy (ASAP)
Centro Regional de Asistencia Técnica para Latinoamérica y el Caribe (CRAT)
Amref Health Africa
Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM)
Asia Pacific Community Action and Partnership (APCAP)
Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations (APCASO)
Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC)
*Community Leadership and Action Collaborative (CLAC) which includes: MSMGF, ARASA, GATE, GNP+, INPUD, NSWP, ITPC Cayetano Heredia School of Public Health (UPCH) East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLWH (ECUO)
Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN)
Family Health International (FHI 360)
For Impacts in Social Health (FIS)
Heartland Alliance International
HIVOS
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
KELIN
Kenya NGOs Alliance Against Malaria (KeNAAM)
LBH Masyarakat
Nai Zindagi Trust (NVT)
New Dimensions Consulting Zimbabwe (NEDICO)
Partners In Health (PIH)
PATH
Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA HUB)
Southern African AIDS Trust (SAT)
The Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organizations (EANNASO)
The Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHRA)
University Research Co., (URC)
World AIDS Campaign International
Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights

To request technical assistance, organizations can either contact the Fund Portfolio Manager for their country and/or their regional platform.

The request form is available at www.theglobalfund.org
Partnership with Robert Carr Civil Society Networks Fund

Active in the area of HIV, the Robert Carr Civil Society Networks Fund (RCNF) is a joint initiative of donors and civil society networks to provide both programmatic and core funding to international civil society networks. In partner with the RCNF, the Global fund is funding eight global and regional key population networks to enhance the involvement of their constituencies in Global Fund processes and more broadly in disease responses.

List of grantees:
- AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA) and International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC)
- Asia Pacific Transgender Network (APTN)
- Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP)
- International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)
- International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) and the Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD)
- Consortium of Global MSM Networks
- Positive Network Consortium (PNC+)
- Youth LEAD

Regional Communication and Coordination Platforms

The regional communication and coordination platforms act as resource for civil society and community networks to understand how to access existing technical assistance and more broadly how to better engage in Global Fund related processes. Six civil society organizations act as hosts in the following regions:

**Eastern Europe and Central Asia:**

(EECA) Consortium

Consists of: the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and Alliance for Public Health in Ukraine (the Alliance Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia) in consortium with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN) and the East Europe and Central Asia Union of PLWH (ECUO).

Other partners include: Eurasian Network of People who Use Drugs (ENPUD), Sex Workers’ Rights Advocacy Network (SWAN), Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) and TB Europe Coalition.

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**Latin America and the Caribbean:**

Via Libre International

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**Francophone Africa:**

Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME)

Network of community-based organizations and nongovernmental organizations

13 focal points in Burkina Faso  
2 focal points in Niger and Guinea

Regional Platform contact:
Simon Kibore  
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**Anglophone Africa:**

Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organizations (EANNASO)

Regional network comprised of national networks of AIDS, TB and health promotion service organizations in eastern Africa.

Regional Platform contact:
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**Middle East and North Africa:**

International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC-MENA)

Network of treatment activists, people living with HIV and their supporters advocating for access to HIV treatment, care and prevention.

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**Asia Pacific:**

Asia Pacific Council of Aids Service Organizations (APCASO)

Network of community-based organizations and nongovernmental organizations in Asia.

13 focal points in 11 countries

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