

Country Coordinating Mechanism Guidance Note: Engagement

Annex 3 – Technical and Development Partner Engagement on Country Coordinating Mechanisms

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Purpose and audience of this guidance note

- This guidance supports Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs¹) to capitalize on the **engagement from technical and development partners²**, who play a crucial role in the Global Fund model.

Definition of Technical and Development Partners

- The definition of partners in the Global Fund context is vast; for the purpose of this guidance note, partners are those based in-country providing support to enhance countries' ability to increase the impact of Global Fund investments. This includes technical agencies, development organizations and bilateral partners referred to as technical and development partners.
- These partners can have a significant impact on overall health financing and strengthening health sector development. As members of CCMs, they are able to proactively build powerful links connecting CCMs to important in-country health coordinating bodies and relevant multisectoral platforms.

Principles of Partner engagement

- **Program Design and Coordination:** CCM members from the partnership constituency can contribute to CCM prioritization of health interventions by providing a full picture of health programming across donors and governments. In-country insight from these partners during funding request preparation improves program coordination, helps identify synergies and reduces overlap with other in-country programs to improve efficiency.
- **Technical Assistance Access:** Partners are an invaluable source of information on types of technical assistance (TA) available both to strengthen CCMs and for grant-related support and can facilitate the modalities of accessing the TA.³
- **Strengthening CCM Leadership Role:** Partnership representatives can reinforce the positioning of CCMs in the health response by providing dedicated staff for CCM membership to support resource mobilization and advocacy efforts. They also feedback crucial country information to their Head Offices allowing bilateral partners and technical agencies to advocate for country needs at the Global Fund Headquarter level.

¹ For purposes of this paper, CCMs includes Regional Coordinating Mechanisms (RCMs) as further defined in the [CCM Policy](#).

² Overall CCM engagement guidance can be found in the [CCM Guidance Note: Engagement](#)

³ Further details on how partners support TA can be found here – [Technical Cooperation](#)

Drivers of effective Partnership

- **Solicit input** actively and request feedback from the constituency, particularly from exchanges that are occurring outside of the CCM platform, both in-country and with partners' headquarters.
- **Positioning:** take advantage of partners' membership on other health sector coordination bodies to ensure linkages and alignment with national health responses. Harness partners' engagement in multisectoral development planning at country level to ensure linkages to cross-cutting, multisectoral issues to reach SDG 3. This is particularly relevant in emergency settings when all stakeholders in-country work together to strengthen the national response. For example, while COVID-19 national response coordination is led by government leaders, they are supported by partner response mechanisms and/or platforms.
- **Leverage expertise:** invite partners to share good practices (tools for performance improvement, decision-making procedures, tools for monitoring grants).
- **Diplomatic role:** foster relationships with partners to enable them to facilitate and influence a more integrated and strategic approach across all partners, government and civil society.
- **Information sharing on planned assurance activities:** where technical and development partners undertake assurance activities such as special studies, surveys, joint program reviews, patient cohort analysis, Data Quality Audits, Health Facility Assessments, audits, health systems evaluations etc. that may offer information useful to provide assurance on investments, partners are encouraged to share these reports with the CCM.