

Country Coordinating Mechanism Evolution: Enhancing Partnership and Sustainability of Health Governance

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To enhance the Global Fund's contribution to health governance and increase the impact of investments, Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) and Regional Coordinating Mechanisms (RCMs) provide a solid and inclusive foundation. The CCM Evolution Strategic Initiative (2020-2023) is a catalytic opportunity to improve core responsibilities of inclusive **oversight**, meaningful **engagement**, aligned **positioning** with national structures and sustainable governance **operations**.

The CCM Evolution started with a pilot phase implemented from 2018 to 2019. The next phase, launching in September 2020, incorporates lessons learned from the 18 pilot countries and consultations with more than 680 stakeholders. Additional **approaches adapted for the current COVID-19 context** have also been incorporated within the next phase which expands to approximately 100 CCMs and RCMs.

Evolution Overview: Objectives, Principles and Results

- **Objective:** Equip CCMs to carry out core operations of inclusive oversight and meaningful engagement in alignment with national structures for sustained health governance
- **Principles:**
 - *Differentiate the approach* by clustering countries based on needs and investment focus
 - *Allow sufficient time* to ensure change through well-paced interventions and refinement based on results
 - Change business as usual through equipping CCMs (moving away from cyclical, fly in/fly out technical assistance), streamlining processes and investing in results
 - Deliver on the diseases through strategic positioning and national alignment of health governance
- **Results:** Like the pilot, measuring progress is part of the Evolution model with a baseline threshold and a monitoring of results through streamlined metrics and learning.

Implementation

Implementation of the CCM Evolution in country follows a multistep process involving various partners working together. The specific activities in the steps will be tailored to the country context.



Timelines

Implementation will be rolled out to groups of CCMs in waves in 2020 and early 2021.

- **September – December 2020 (for waves 0 and 1):** The CCM Hub and Country Teams will work with CCMs and partners to determine the best timing for establishing thresholds (360 survey, key informant interviews) and induction.
- **Early 2021:** Information on waves 2 and 3 will be available early 2021.
- **2023:** The CCM Evolution approach will be mainstreamed which includes but is not limited to:
 - **Equipped CCMs** to carry out core responsibilities (*country/regional level*)
 - **Updated policies and approaches** that streamline assessments and reporting into performance management (*Secretariat level*)
 - **Increased alignment with national structures** and partner platforms to sustain, effective health governance (*country/regional level with support and cooperation with countries, partners and the Global Fund*)