

# Operational Update

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Dear colleagues,

We would like to thank you, the countries we support through our grants, for all your efforts in implementing programs to fight the three diseases and to strengthen systems for health.

As many of you continue developing funding requests, signing grants, and reporting results, we recognize all the work done so far to accelerate implementation of grant activities to show the success of Global Fund investments.

We look forward to working with you and the broader Global Fund partnership to tell a compelling story in view of our next replenishment in 2025.

In this edition we would like to share updates on the following topics:

- Grant Life Cycle policy and processes
- New guidelines
- Health product management: procurement, quality assurance and C19RM
- Your participation

In addition, we would like to share a new YouTube channel: [Global Fund Implementing Country Resources](#), which hosts information sessions, system demos, and tutorials in English, French and Spanish. We will continue to add audiovisual content relevant to your work.

Thank you again for your commitment and look forward to our continued partnership.

The Operational Communications team at the Global Fund

# Grant Life Cycle policy and processes

## Revised Operational Policy Manual and web page

The [Operational Policy Manual](#) compiles all Global Fund operational policies across the grant life cycle. Its structure has been updated and internal operational procedures have been removed and listed separately for information. A [new web page](#) on the Global Fund website lists individual Operational Policy Notes (OPNs) to facilitate download by topic.

## Grant-making survey

For countries who have completed grant-making and already signed grants, we would appreciate to receive your feedback on how this process went. The following survey will take 15 minutes of your time: [Country Coordinating Mechanism \(CCM\) survey](#) and [Principal Recipient survey](#). For those who will go through grant-making in 2024, visit the grant-making section of the [Global Fund website](#).

## Principal Recipient reporting process

In 2024, the Global Fund's PR Reporting process is undergoing changes for all grants. These updates are based on lessons learned and best practices from previous grant life cycles, and include additional reporting flexibilities, integrated reporting and improved data quality. The requirements and process are described in the revised [OPN on Oversee Implementation and Monitor Performance](#). Information sessions on the **revised Pulse Checks** took place in March, with resources available below:

- **English (21 March):** [Recording](#), [Presentation](#)
- **French (28 March):** [Recording](#), [Presentation](#)

Information sessions on **Progress Update and Disbursement Request (PU/DR)** will follow later in the year. All PRs are encouraged to attend.

## Grant revisions policy update

The policy on revisions has been updated and this is the [summary of changes](#). The new [Revisions web page](#) includes policy documents, Partner Portal demos and resources from the information session held on 25 March ([Recording](#), Presentation: [English](#) and [French](#)).

# New guidelines

## HIV pediatric treatment

This [briefing note](#) ([French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)) describes key considerations for the introduction of pALD, a new product which aims to simplify treatment for children living with HIV, in Global Fund grants. It supports Global Fund Country Teams and Principal Recipients to make this shift.

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## Health product management

**[For action] Placing orders and procuring health products for C19RM.** We would like to remind Principal Recipients to approve purchase order requisitions through wambo.org by 30 April 2024. This will ensure that C19RM-funded health products can be fully delivered, handed over and paid for by the indicated C19RM implementation end-date. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the relevant Procurement Transaction Management country focal point.

**[Update] C19RM Health Product Segmentation Framework** ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)). Due to the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, funding from C19RM has transitioned to support investments in resilient and sustainable systems for health. The funding shifted to areas like surveillance system strengthening, laboratory and diagnostics, human resources for health and community systems strengthening, medical oxygen, respiratory care and therapeutics, and health product and waste management systems. The updated framework now reflects these areas and key updates include: (1) number of procurement channel categorizations reduced to two; (2) references to “product use” related to “optimal” and “limited use” removed; (3) categorization and lists of health products aligned with the product Master in the [C19RM Health Product Management Template](#), and (4) health products requests subject to special approval on a case-by-case basis.

**[New] Quality Assurance Policy for Vector Control Products and Related Equipment** ([English](#)). This new policy includes the updated requirements for malaria vector control products purchased with Global Fund resources. More information [here](#).

**[Update] Quality Assurance of Health Products.** This [web update](#) and [briefing note](#) provide information on the updates to the quality assurance policies below and their implications:

- Quality Assurance Policy for Pharmaceuticals ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#))
- Quality Assurance Policy for Medical Devices (including In Vitro Diagnostics) and Core Personal Protective Equipment ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#))
- Summary of Changes: Quality Assurance Policies on Pharmaceutical Products, Medical Devices and Personal Protective Equipment ([English](#))

**[New] Monitoring Quality of Insecticide-treated Nets.** This briefing note ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)) provides guidance for Principal Recipients to conduct post-market surveillance of insecticide-treated nets along the supply chain. [More information](#).

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## Your participation

- **Stories.** In preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> Replenishment the Global Fund will be working with implementing countries to identify the best stories of impact for HIV, TB and malaria, but also for strengthening health systems and preparing for pandemics that reflect impactful C19RM investments. If you have content you would like to share or other ideas, please write to [Operational Communications](#).
- **Microsite.** The Global Fund is currently piloting a microsite that will host content for implementing country audiences. If you would like to participate in the pilot phase to test the site please write to [Operational Communications](#).
- **Survey.** Please take a minute to answer [two quick questions](#) about the Operational Update.