

Our Reference / Subject Line:

**Update for PRs on placing orders and procuring COVID-19 Products in 2021**

22 January 2021

Dear Principal Recipient:

The Global Fund continues to support countries to process requisitions efficiently and ensure products for the three diseases and COVID-19 are delivered as close to the promised dates as possible.

**For C19RM funding all requisitions are required to be placed by 30 January 2021 and approved by 12 February 2021 in wambo.org. See more details below.**

## **Placement of Orders for COVID-19 Products Financed through C19RM**

The [COVID-19 Response Mechanism \(C19RM\)](#) can be used for health products that can be delivered until 30 June 2021, regardless of which grant/allocation utilization periods they are integrated into. This means that all products need to be delivered before that date. There is no allowance for slippage for C19RM. **All requisitions are required to be placed by 30 January 2021 and approved by 12 February 2021 in wambo.org.**

Noting that all remaining funds approved for the procurement of health products including for COVID-19 diagnostics, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and others must be translated into orders as soon as possible to allow for:

- **Supply to be secured** noting that some products remain or may become scarcer on the global market which will be signified by increasing lead-times. It is particularly important to secure volumes for antigen RDTs where the demand in high-income countries is very high and for gloves where the global supply is limited.
- **Products to be delivered** well before 30 June 2021– when sea freight can be considered as an option - especially for PPE as airfreight is extremely expensive compared to the low product cost of bulky PPE products.

Therefore, for C19RM funds, to secure supply and ensure delivering the best value in time, all requisitions will need to be placed in wambo.org by the end of January and fully approved by 12<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. Submissions and approvals later than this may not be delivered in time.

For grants ending this year, which have remaining funds approved under grant flexibilities to mitigate COVID-19, Principal Recipients should consult the [Category and Product-level Procurement and Delivery Planning Guide](#) to ensure that orders are placed in time and delivered before the grant ends.

## Guidance on Placing Orders for New Grants in 2021

To optimize demand and deliveries in 2021 we are recommending countries to:

- **Adopt a staggered deliveries strategy for large volumes.** Instead of placing a single order of full year quantity for a large volume product, we are asking countries, **whenever possible, to split their orders by product category in 2-3 requisitions in the full calendar year** to have efficient logistics and warehouse space utilisation, better shelf-life and timely availability of needed products.
- **Place orders as soon as possible** to secure the production slots and avoid stockouts due to any unforeseen delays. **For grants ending in 2021, requests should be placed early enough to be delivered before the grant end-date and before the needed delivery date**, should there be any unforeseen delays as a result of the impact of COVID-19 control measures. Countries are requested to carefully review the [Category and Product-level Procurement and Delivery Planning Guide](#) before placing an order.

For more information on PPE and other updates on health product supply please visit our website.

- [Procuring COVID-19 Health Product Supply](#)
  - [COVID-19 Diagnostics](#)
  - [PPE information](#)
  - Category and Product-Level Procurement and Delivery Planning Guide: Indicative Lead Times [English](#) | [Français](#)
- [COVID-19 Impact on Core Health Product Supplies and Support for current deliveries](#)