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Information Session: Pulse Checks

6 October 2021

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1 What are Pulse Checks?

Key Messages

Operational oversight is being strengthened, with a view to improve performance and results for the people we serve.

- More frequent and better-quality data enables implementing countries and partners to anticipate issues, unblock bottlenecks and course-correct to support problem solving.
- Complementary initiatives are being rolled out to strengthen results and performance of HIV, TB and malaria grants, as well as C19RM.
- The new tools put greater emphasis on the importance of data and data quality, and increased responsibility for data ownership and accountability.

Pulse Checks are a new reporting tool to enable access to timely and quality information.

	Complementary initiatives are being rolled out*	**Information on HIV, TB, and Malaria Grants**	**Information on C19RM Funds**
Strengthened PR reporting	Streamlined PU/DR	✓	✓
	Pulse Checks	✓	✓
	Procurement Progress Updates		✓
Strengthened assurance	**Supply Chain & Health Services Spot Checks** (45 countries)	✓	✓
	Mandatory minimum assurances		✓
	Demand driven, risk-based assurances		✓

Pulse Checks: a quarterly tool that provides visibility into Global Fund investments for decision-making.

From 4 Oct 2021, PRs from High-Impact and Core portfolios are required to submit Pulse Checks

1

Improved visibility on:

- HIV, TB, malaria, and RSSH investments.
- How C19RM investments contribute to mitigating COVID-19 disruptions.

2

Support timely identification of emerging risks and issues to enable more agile decision-making for course correction.

3

Three sections:

- Self-evaluation of implementation progress and disruption.
- Selected coverage indicators.
- Financial reporting.

Over time, the quarterly Pulse Checks will phase out two existing monthly tools. For now, they will run in parallel with Progress Updates.

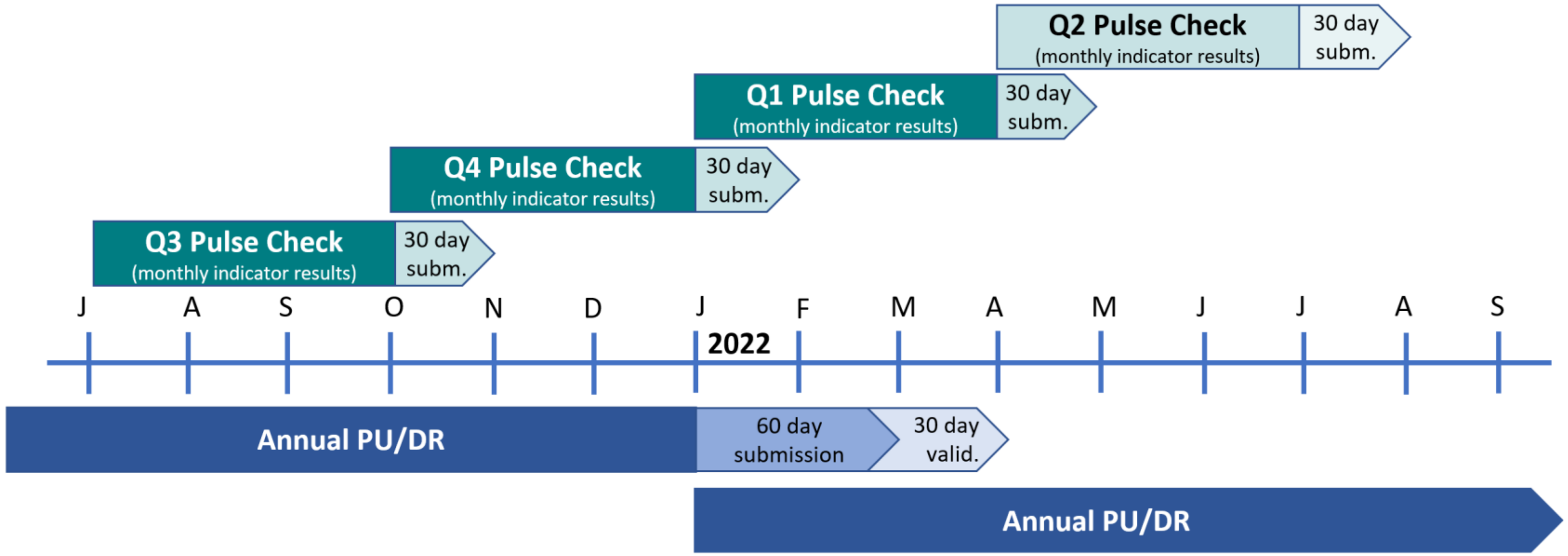
Countries already completing the COVID-19 Indicator Monitoring Survey are asked to continue such completion until further notice.

This tool is expected to be discontinued in the next 6 months.

The Pulse Check integrates the COVID-19 Monitoring Tool (currently completed by LFAs).

LFAs will receive a separate communication on the date the last survey submission is expected, likely by end 2021.

Faster receipt of Pulse Check results (no LFA verification except by request from Country Teams) will provide **more frequent insights during PU/DR verification periods** (Jan-Mar, Jul-Sep)



Pulse Check Timelines

	September		October					November				
	20-24	27-30	1	4-8	11-15	18-22	25-29	1-5	8-12	15-19	22-26	29-30
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Launch												

Issuance from 4 October

Deadline: 5 November

Launch:	From 4 October 2021
Due Date:	5 November 2021
Reporting Period:	1 July – 30 September 2021

To support rapid analysis and decision-making, timely Pulse Check submissions are critical

2 What will Principal Recipients report through the Pulse Checks?

What are PRs of High Impact and Core portfolios asked to report on?

1. **PR Self-evaluation** of:

- Implementation progress
  - HIV, TB and malaria modules.
  - C19RM interventions*.
- Coordination with national COVID-19 response.
- Disruptions due to COVID-19.

*** Only grants with C19RM 2021 funding are asked to report on C19RM interventions and financial metrics.**

2. Selected **coverage indicators**:

- A subset of programmatic indicators plus self-assessment as to whether PRs are on track to meet programmatic targets.

3. **Financial reporting** on:

- Expenditure and forecast for HIV, TB and malaria grants and C19RM*.

Detailed user guidance will be available on:
https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/implementation/

Section 1. PR Self-evaluation (1/3)

A. Implementation progress of HIV, TB, malaria and resilient and sustainable systems for health grant activities		
Module	**Principal Recipient response** Link to Definitions	**Comments** Provide an update on each module, including: • implementation progress of key interventions (considering service delivery, financial absorption, health product procurement and supply chain management) • implementation bottlenecks, including disruptions as a result of COVID-19
Prevention		
Differentiated		
Treatment, care and support		
Program management		
RSSH: Community systems		

On track
Off-track with minor issues
Off-track with major issues
Module at risk

PR self-evaluation of **implementation progress of each module**

Defined rating scale to guide PRs

Short narrative update on implementation progress of each module

Section 1. PR Self-evaluation (2/3)

B. Implementation progress of C19RM investments in reinforcement of national COVID-19 responses, HTM mitigation, and HSS/CSS

Module	Interventions	Principal Recipient response Link to Definitions	Comments Please provide an update on each intervention, including: • implementation progress (considering service delivery, financial absorption, health product procurement and supply chain management) • implementation bottlenecks, including disruptions as a result of COVID-19
COVID-19	*[COVID-19 control and containment]*		
	Country-level coordination and planning	On track Off-track with minor issues Off-track with major issues Intervention at risk	
	Case management, clinical operations		
	Infection prevention and control and p		
	COVID Diagnostics and testing		
	Surveillance: Epidemiological investigation and contact tracing		
	[Mitigation for disease programs]		
	Mitigation for Malaria programs		
	Mitigation for HIV programs		
	Mitigation for TB programs		
	[Health and community systems]		
	COVID-19 CSS: Community-led advocacy and researc		
	Health products and waste management		
	Laboratory systems		

Defined rating scale to guide PRs

Short narrative update on implementation progress of each intervention

PR self-evaluation of **implementation progress of each C19RM intervention***

*** Only grants with C19RM 2021 funding report on C19RM interventions**

Section 1. PR Self-evaluation (3/3)

C. Cross-cutting enablers

	Principal Recipient response Link to Definitions	Comments If answered 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree', please explain why:
My organization is collaborating systematically and effectively with the national COVID-19 response coordinating body on implementation of Global Fund-funded COVID-19 interventions		

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

PR self-evaluation of **coordination with national COVID-19 response** coordinating body

	Level of disruption due to COVID-19 Link to Definitions	Comments If answered 'moderate', 'high', 'very high' or 'don't know' please describe the disruption:
Lab services (HIV, TB, and / or COVID-19)		
Logistics management information system reporting		
National stock levels - COVID-19 (Ag – Rapid Diagnostic Tests Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests, Personal Protective Eq		
National stock levels - HIV (major ARV (Antiretroviral) regimens, HIV RTKs (Rapid Test Kits), VL (Viral Load) reagents		
National stock levels - Malaria Artemisinin Combination Therapy (ACTs)		
National stock levels - TB (Drug Susceptible (DS)-TB and Drug Resistant (DR)-TB drugs, GX cartridges)		
Quality assurance / Quality control of health products		
Warehousing and distribution (HIV, TB, malaria and / or COVID-19 commodities)		

- No/Limited
- Moderate
- High
- Very high
- Don't know
- Not Applicable

PR self-evaluation of **disruption due to COVID-19**
(questions integrated from LFA COVID Monitoring Tool)

Section 2. Selected Coverage Indicators

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Indicator code	Indicator name	Country:	Upcoming Performance Framework target	Performance Framework target reporting period	Cumulation type	Scope of target	Oct-2021	Nov-2021	Dec-2021	Oct-Dec-2021	Comments
CM-1a(M)	Number of suspected malaria cases that receive a parasitological test at public sector health facilities										
	Target	Se			Non ...ve	Geographic National, 100% of national program target					
	Indicator results										
	Number of reports received in the month										
	Number of reports expected in the month										
TCP-1(M)	Number of notified cases of all forms of TB-(i.e. bacteriologically ... ed), includes new and relapse cases										
	Target	Senegal	7316	1 Jul. 2021 - 31 Dec. 2021	Non cumulative	Geographic National, 100% of national program target					
	Indicator results										
	Number of reports received in the month										
	Number of reports expected in the month										

Selected indicators from the PF
(list adopted from the COVID-19 Indicator Monitoring Survey)

Monthly or quarterly periodicity, depending on the indicator

Results and reports received, with corresponding PF target included as a reference

Section 3. Financial Reporting

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Cumulative data until:

Sep-21

Item No.	Description	Total Grant Funds	C19RM Funds	HIV, TB, Malaria, RSSH Funds	Comments
3	**Use of funds by the Principal Recipient (breakdown of amounts)**	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	
3.1	Payment for expenditures				
3.2	Disbursement to sub-recipients				
3.3	Principal Recipient open advances				
4	**Closing balances**				
4.1	Principal Recipient closing cash balance			EUR 0.00	
4.2	Sub-recipient open advances			EUR 0.00	
6	**Forecast for next quarter**	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	
6.1	Payment for expenditures			EUR 0.00	
6.2	Disbursement to sub-recipients			EUR 0.00	

Selected financial metrics, for both Total Grant Funds and C19RM Funds*

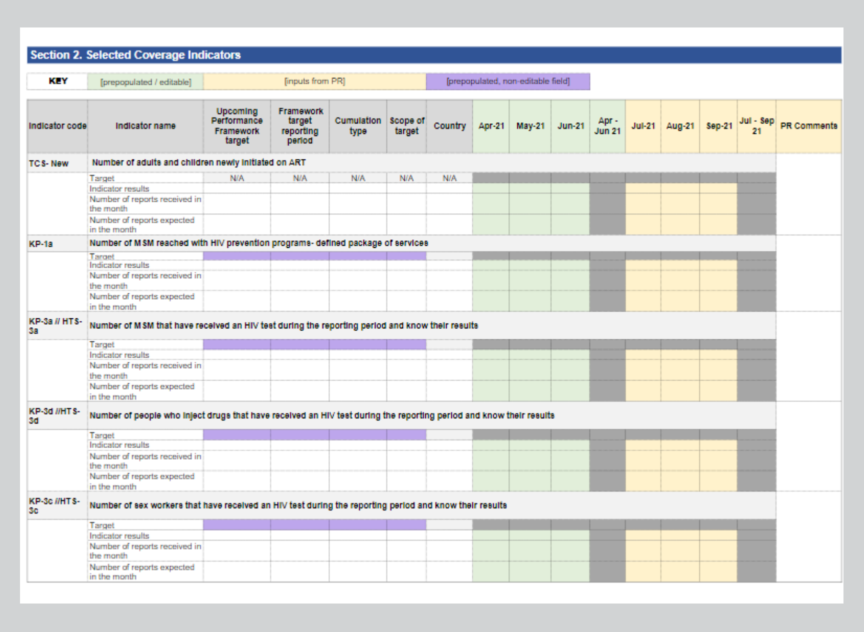
*** Only grants with C19RM 2021 funding report on C19RM interventions**

3 How are Pulse Checks managed in the Global Fund Partner Portal?

There are two options to submit the Pulse Checks.

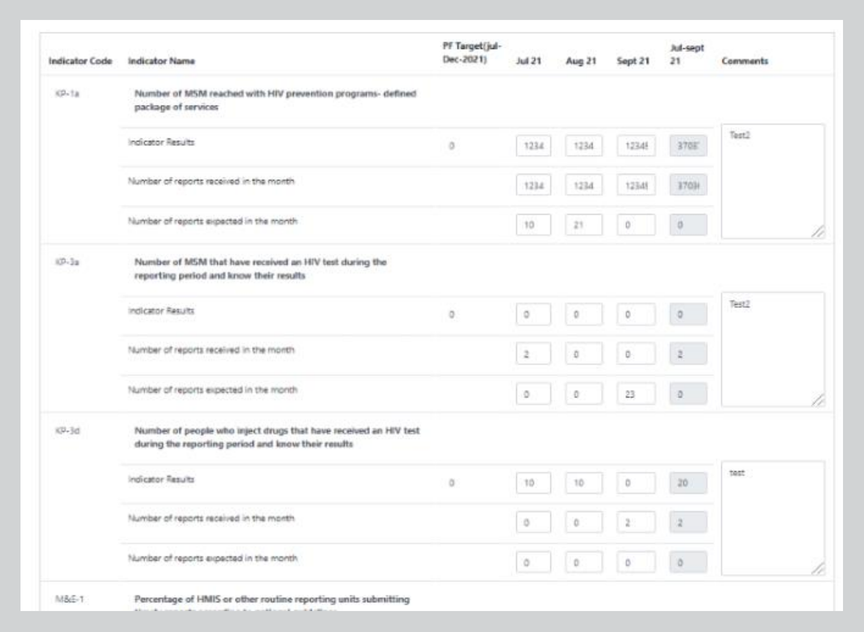
Option 1: Excel Form

Principal Recipients download and then attach the completed Pulse Check Excel form through the Global Fund Partner Portal.



Option 2: Online Form (pilot*)

Principal Recipients enter data through an online form on the Global Fund Partner Portal.



* **Most Principal Recipients will be submitting Pulse Checks using the Excel form.**
Currently only 10 Principal Recipients have been identified to pilot the online form.
More Principal Recipients can opt-in to the online Pulse Check in the future.

Both the Excel form and online form require PRs to access the Partner Portal. PRs have been asked to nominate Pulse Check contacts.

PRs who have not yet nominated contacts need to do so immediately to be able to complete Pulse Checks.

Current Grant Entity Data (GED) contacts can access an online GED form that was shared in September in order to submit Pulse Check contacts.

Roles & Responsibilities	
Editors	• Are authorized by the Principal Recipient to access the Partner Portal to download the Pulse Check Excel form. Once completed, they will attach the Excel form back into the Portal • Can fill in data on the Pulse Check page of the Partner Portal • Are not able to submit the completed Excel or online form to the Global Fund
Submitters	• Have the same rights as the editors (to download and attach the Pulse Check Excel form or complete data in the Pulse Check online form within the Partner Portal) • In addition, they are duly authorized by the Principal Recipient to submit the Pulse Check Excel or online form to the Global Fund via the Partner Portal

Please note that each organization must **assign at least one submitter.** Additional submitters and editors can be indicated as needed.

Pulse Checks will be sent to PRs, who will receive an email notification to access, complete and submit the Excel form or the online form.

Pulse Check process

GENERATE PULSE CHECK | COMPLETE & SUBMIT | REVIEW & VALIDATE DATA

Option 1: Excel form

Download → Attach → Import (automated)

Option 2: Online form (pilot)

Complete → Submit

<u>GENERATE PULSE CHECK – The Global Fund</u>

1. Prepare the Pulse Check, review data quality against grant documents (modules, interventions, coverage indicators) and send to PR.

<u>COMPLETE & SUBMIT – Principal Recipient</u>

4. Download Pulse Check Excel form from Partner Portal
5. Complete Pulse Check (Excel form / online form)
6. Attach Pulse Check Excel form
7. Submit Pulse Check to Global Fund (Excel form / online form)

<u>REVIEW AND VALIDATE – The Global Fund</u>

8. Review completeness, **consult with PR for updates or clarifications as needed**, and validate.

COMPLETE and SUBMIT – PRs access and submit Pulse Checks via the Partner Portal (Excel form approach)

For
Option 1: Excel form
all steps performed by the Principal Recipient

1. Download Pulse Check Excel form from Partner Portal

Grant Name	Pulse Check Reporting Period Start Date	Pulse Check Reporting Period End Date	Due Date	Updated By	Updated On
Not Started					1
SEN-Z-MOH	October 01, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 31, 2022	Plaikessi Kouadjani	September 20, 2021 11:20:25 AM
In Progress					0
Submitted To Country Team					7

Pulse Check Reporting Period Start Date	Oct 1, 2021	Status	In progress
Pulse Check Reporting Period End Date	Dec 30, 2021	Reporting Due Date	Jan 31, 2022

Download Excel Template | Attach Excel Template | Submit Pulse Check

Password For Excel ijwmBpNn QSE_M_UNOPS_PCRP_1030_Pulse CheckSubmitted_2.xlsx

2. Complete Pulse Check Excel form

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Version 1	Language:	English	

Grant Information

Country:	Afghanistan	Implementation Period Start Date:	1-Jan-21
Grant Name/Number:	AFG-H-UNDP	Implementation Period End Date:	31-Dec-23
(Disease) Component	HIV/AIDS	Principal Recipient:	United Nations Development Programme

3. Attach Pulse Check Excel form

4. Submit Pulse Check to Global Fund

COMPLETE and SUBMIT – PRs access and submit Pulse Checks via the Partner Portal (online form - pilot approach)

1. Complete the Pulse Check

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Principal Recipient Self-Evaluation | Selected Coverage Indicators | Financial Reporting

Click to expand each sections

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Provide an update on each module, including:

- Implementation progress of key interventions (considering service delivery, financial absorption, health product procurement and supply chain management)
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Module	Principal Recipient Response	Comments
Case management	Off-track with minor issues	s

For
Option 2: Online form (pilot)
all steps performed by the Principal Recipient

2. Submit Pulse Check to Global Fund

Pulse Check Reporting Period Start Date	**Oct 1, 2021**	Status	**In progress**
Pulse Check Reporting Period End Date	**Dec 30, 2021**	Reporting Due Date	**Jan 31, 2022**

Submit Pulse Check

Brief system demo

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HOME ORGANIZATION INFORMATION PULSE CHECK

Pulse Check

Grant Name	Pulse Check Reporting Period Start Date	Pulse Check Reporting Period End Date	Due Date	Updated By	Updated On
Not Started					1
UGA-C-TASO	October 01, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 31, 2022	Patrick Manlutac	September 29, 2021 4:40:00 PM
In Progress					1
SOM-H-UNICEF	July 01, 2021	September 30, 2021	October 31, 2021	Sujatha Narayanaswamy	September 28, 2021 9:38:00 PM
Submitted To Country Team					13
THA-C-DDC	October 01, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 31, 2022	Abubakar Ibrahim	September 20, 2021 8:25:00 PM
THA-C-RTF	October 01, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 31, 2022	Abubakar Ibrahim	September 20, 2021 8:53:00 PM
ETH-H-HAPCO	October 01, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 31, 2022	George Sakvarelidze	September 17, 2021 8:21:00 PM

4 How are Principal Recipients supported throughout the Pulse Check process?

A support team will respond to PR Pulse Check questions in three languages.

Email: Country.Support@theglobalfund.org

Support will be provided by email Monday through Friday.
Response times vary depending on the volume of requests and time zones.

Other resources:

Principal Recipient Information Sessions	
English	30 September 6 October
French	6 October 7 October
Spanish	On request

- More information on: https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/implementation/
- Pulse Check guidance manual: Forthcoming

External Satisfaction Survey 2021

We take this opportunity to remind Principal Recipients to complete this survey.

The Global Fund is committed to the continuous improvement of its processes and procedures. As a partnership, it is important to hear from you on overall satisfaction in the support received from the Global Fund secretariat in 2021, including communications, collaboration and efficiency and effectiveness of the support received.

Note: The deadline to complete the survey has been extended until **8 October 2021**.

Access the survey here:

English | Español | Français

The survey will take approximately **eight minutes** to complete.

5 Questions?

Thank you!

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