

Operational Update

Achieving Global Goals Together

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1. Achieving Global Goals Together

On 5 October 2022, the Global Fund organized a high-level roundtable entitled “Achieving Global Goals Together”. The event provided a unique opportunity for a high-level dialogue among leadership of CCMs, PRs and the Global Fund to discuss collaborative efforts to fight HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and build resilient and sustainable systems for health.

The following resources are now available:

- **Recording of the session:** [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)
- **Presentation:** [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Portuguese](#)

2. PAXLOVID Now Available through Global Fund Support

The new COVID-19 oral antiviral medicine nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, better known as PAXLOVID, is now available to be procured through C19RM Global Fund support.

Paxlovid is strongly recommended by WHO to treat non-severe cases of COVID-19, who are at high risk of hospital admission. PAXLOVID needs to be administered while the disease is at its early stages, meaning that prompt and accurate testing is essential for a successful outcome, as well as a good linkage to the care provision, for assessment and prescription of the drug.

Country Teams can support implementing countries with decisions to reprogram C19RM funds to introduce newly recommended therapeutics or scale-up of “test and treat”. The end goal is to accelerate service delivery and scale-up of novel treatments targeted to the

most vulnerable and high-risk populations in high-burden settings, with still-low vaccination coverage.

Principal Recipients interested in purchasing the new medicine can contact Global Fund Country Teams directly to receive the contractual details of the agreement.

Terms and conditions differ from those currently used for other health products and are applicable between PRs and i+solutions, the Global Fund's procurement service agent in charge of PPM orders relating to PAXLOVID. PRs will have to accept these terms and conditions in their agreement through a purchase order with i+solutions.

3. Updated Guidelines on Emergency Funds

The Global Fund has updated its [Guidelines on its Emergency Fund](#) as part of ongoing efforts to mitigate disruptions that specific emergency situations can have on essential prevention and treatment services for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

This Emergency Fund supports eligible applicants to continue with the provision and continuity of essential prevention, testing and treatment services for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria when reinvestment of existing Grant Funds is not possible or will take too much time.

The guidelines include the following changes:

- Updated definition of eligible emergencies to align with the revised approach of Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC).
- Increased emphasis on the fact that funds from the Emergency Fund are channeled through existing grants and implemented by existing Principal Recipients and sub-recipients in a country.
- In exceptional circumstances when existing implementers are not able to undertake the Emergency Fund support, one of the international organizations pre-qualified by the Global Fund may be brought in as a new sub-recipient or under an existing grant or as PR.
- Clarifications on the role of the Country Coordinating Mechanisms in developing Emergency Fund requests.
- Streamlined review and approval process.
- Updated timelines for additional funding revision to integrate the Emergency Fund funding and to complete grant signing.
- The updated list of pre-qualified implementers.
- Enhanced procedural guidance and editorial clarifications.

4. CCM Evolution: New Integrated Performance Framework and eLearning Course

The Global Fund is introducing new tools and learning resources for Country Coordination Mechanisms (CCMs), Principal Recipients (PRs) and Local Fund Agents (LFAs) to support key interventions through the CCM Evolution Strategic Initiative in 2022-23.

Integrated Performance Framework

The Integrated Performance Framework (IPF) ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)) aims to strengthen annual CCMs' performance and eligibility against criteria 3-6 in the CCM Policy ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#) | [Русский](#)). The new IPF process will improve the triangulation of information, enhance dialogue and allow for consistent reviews of performance across all CCMs worldwide.

A series of webinars for CCM leadership and secretariats will explain how to use and incorporate the IPF in the existing annual review process, and to present the resources (invitations will be shared soon):

- English: Tuesday, 18 October 2022, 10:00-12:00 (CEST)
- French: Tuesday, 25 October 2022, 14:00-16:00 (CEST)
- Spanish: Monday, 7 November 2022, 16:00-18:00 (CET)

CCMs are also encouraged to refer to this Briefing Note ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)) and this presentation ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#)). All resources are available on the [CCM Eligibility page](#) of the Global Fund website.

CCM Evolution eLearning Course

A new CCM Evolution online course is available for CCM members, PRs, LFAs and in-country partners to help strengthen the work of CCMs and program implementation. The course is composed of four modules corresponding with the core responsibilities of CCMs:

- [Module 1: CCM Operations](#). Well-functioning operations enable CCMs to perform their core duties. This module explains the roles of different stakeholders in carrying out operations, and the steps for evaluating CCMs secretariats.
- [Module 2: CCM Oversight](#). Oversight focuses on key financial, programmatic and management aspects of the grant portfolio and their contribution to the national health response. This module explains the concept of oversight and how CCMs can implement this core function.

- [Module 3: CCM Positioning](#). Positioning refers to how CCMs find their optimal place in relation to decision-making in the broader health system. The module explains this key CCM function and the steps to implement it.
- **Module 4: CCM Engagement**. Under development (to be released in early 2023).

The CCM Evolution course can be accessed in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish on the Global Fund [iLearn](#) platform. Login required (register [here](#) if you do not have one).
