

NGOs and CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION

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Background

The Technical Support Secretariat is facilitating a consultation process in order to inform the deliberations of the Transitional Working Group.

This consultation is one of a number of consultations that will take place.

Objectives of the consultation

The objective of the consultation is to gain specific NGO and Civil Society input, experience and views on how the New Global Fund should be structured and operate to ensure that its additional resources will support the scaling up of community level responses; be supportive of expanded efforts by NGOs, and produce concrete results for people in the response to HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.

The consultation will focus on the issues outlined in the Terms of Reference for the Transitional Working Group. Specific questions will be prepared by the TSS with inputs from TWG partners to help structure the consultation.

Early consultation with NGOs and Civil Society actors (at national and international level) and inputs coming from country consultations (NGOs and Civil Society are part of the country consultation process) will ensure that issues of interest to recipients are on the agenda for discussion.

Expected Outcomes

The consultation will help identify how the fund can best (i) match resources with people-oriented priorities and needs and (ii) identify and support innovative and community-based efforts additional to existing mechanisms and assistance.

Key outcomes will be:

- Involvement of NGOs and Civil Society actors at national and international level in the design of the Fund;
- Promoting dialogue on fund objectives and purpose to strengthen the partnership and consensus on these issues;
- Identifying criteria for NGOs project financing and co-financing, fund earmarking, and eligibility;
- Identifying simplified mechanisms and procedures for access to funding and project management.
- Conflict and disaster situations: The consultation will identify ways of operating in an effective way in conflict or disaster situations.

In addition, the Consultation will channel NGO's views on the following broader issues:

- Expansion of response: The consultation will contribute to identify how the global fund can maintain and strengthen preventive efforts (including awareness raising and behavioral change), establish criteria for the gradual roll-out of treatment and care, drug procurement, how to reach the poor etc.,. This includes improving geographical coverage (within countries and districts) in an equitable way. The consultation will help identify systems that are ready to go to scale and what could be done to help improve other systems.
- Improved coordination: The consultation will contribute to identify best practice to improve synergy rather than duplication amongst the many actors at

international and national level. (Governments, NGO's, multilateral agencies, bilateral donors, academia and traditional health workers).

- In addition the consultation will act as an opportunity to inform NGOs and Civil Society actors of progress on establishing the global fund so that they are ready to engage when it becomes operational

Location: Brussels

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Strategic and Technical advice: TSS NGO Team