

# Integrated Molecular PCR Technologies Procurement

**Engagement Session  
27 June 2024**



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# Agenda, June 27

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| 13:00 – 13:45 | <b>Welcome &amp; Global Fund updates</b>   |     |   |
|               | 1. Opening remarks   | 15m | Hui Yang / Head, Supply Operations – The Global Fund  |
|               | 2. NextGen Market Shaping  | 15m | Ellie Marsh / Senior Manager, Strategy, Procedure and Innovation – The Global Fund  |
|               | 3. Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)  | 15m | Lin (Roger) Li / Senior Manager, Direct Sourcing – The Global Fund  |
| 13:45 – 15:00 | <b>Disease and technical updates</b>   |     |   |
|               | 4. HIV Update  | 20m | David Maman / Senior Disease Advisor, TAP – HIV – The Global Fund   |
|               | 5. TB Update   | 20m | Grania Brigden / Senior Disease Advisor, TAP –TB – The Global Fund  |
|               | 6. WHO Prequalification  | 20m | Anne-Laure Page & Susie Braniff / WHO PQ program  |
|               | 7. Global Fund QA and ERPD   | 15m | René Becker-Burgos / Specialist, Diagnostic Products Quality Assurance – The Global Fund  |
| 15:00 – 15:10 | <i>Break</i>   |     |   |
| 15:10 – 15:30 | <b>Partner's Molecular PCR Strategies</b>  |     |   |
|               | 8. PEPFAR Sourcing Strategy  | 20m | Matthew Wattleworth & Konrad Bradley / Senior Laboratory Systems Advisors, USAID  |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | <b>Global Fund Molecular Technologies Procurement Strategy &amp; Tender Timeline</b> |     |   |
|               | 9. Molecular PCR Technologies Sourcing Strategy 2024-2026                            | 30m | Aziz Jafarov, Mustafa al Samaraee, / Health Technologies Team – The Global Fund<br>Thomas Schuster / Health Technologies Team – The Global Fund |
|               | 10. Request for Proposals (RFP) Approach, Timeline & Due Diligence                   | 15m | Artem Lazurenko / Specialist, Integrity Due Diligence (IDD), Ethics Office – The Global Fund  |
|               | 11. Q&A / Discussion   | 15m | All   |



# Opening Remarks

Hui Yang

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# Executive Summary

## The Global Fund Diagnostics Procurement

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The Global Fund's overall **two-phase Diagnostics Procurement approach** was launched in December 2023. The two-phase approach was adopted to **appreciate the different nature and specific market dynamic patterns** between Rapid Tests and Molecular PCR Tests.

**Phase 1** covered Rapid Diagnostics Tests (RDTs) for HIV, Malaria and Co-Infections. This phase is at the final stage.

**Phase 2** now covers Molecular Technologies, with latest updates on **procurement strategy, reflecting on key objectives, opportunities, challenges and timeline.**

- The expected goal is to **promote equitable access** to molecular HIV, TB and Co-Infections tests and to promote the **implementation of innovative procurement modalities.**
- It will effectively support the creation of a **platform for integrated use of multiplexing technologies** across the targeted diseases.

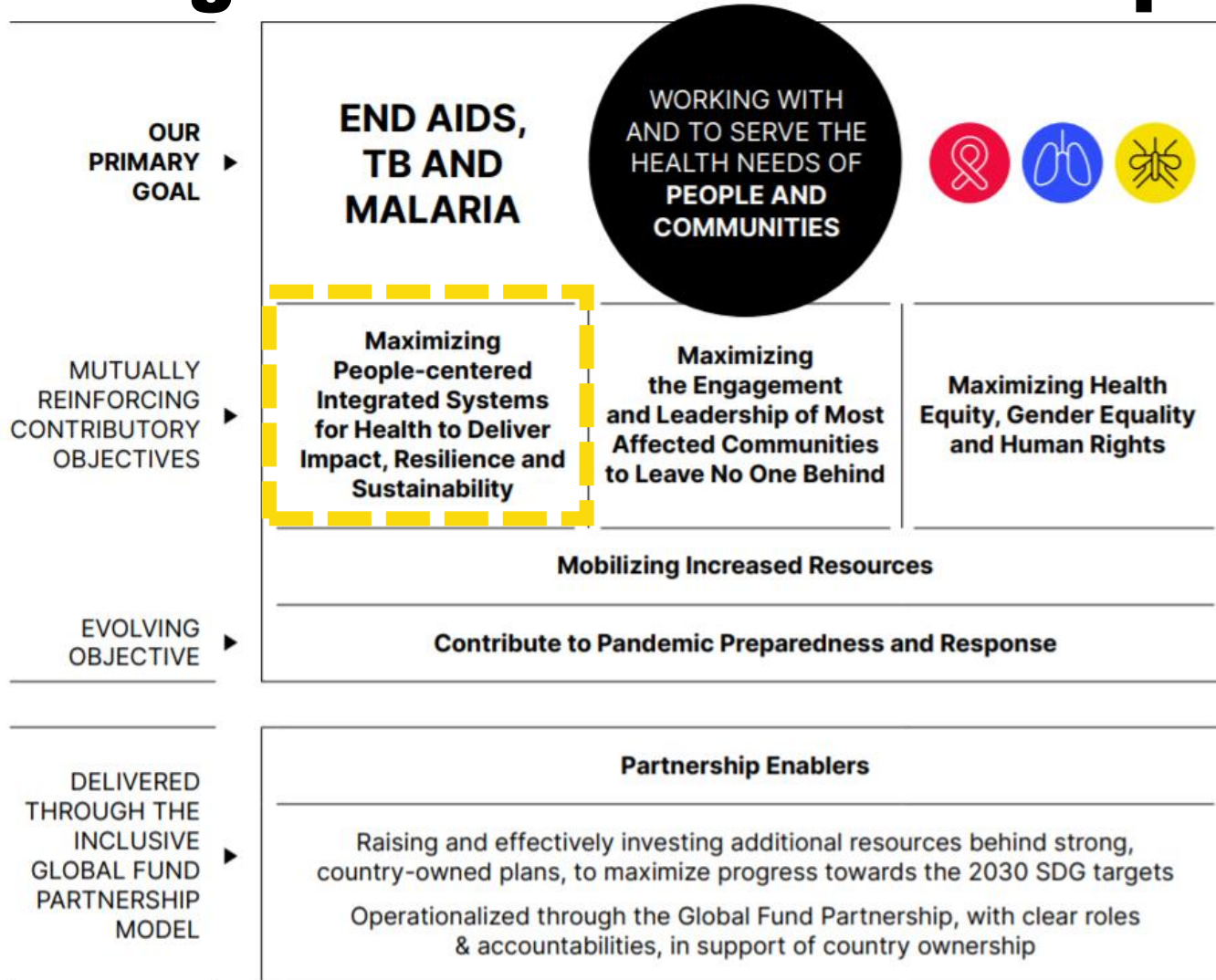


# **Next Generation Market Shaping (2023-2028)**

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# 2023 - 2028 Global Fund Strategy: Fighting Pandemics and Building a Healthier and More Equitable World

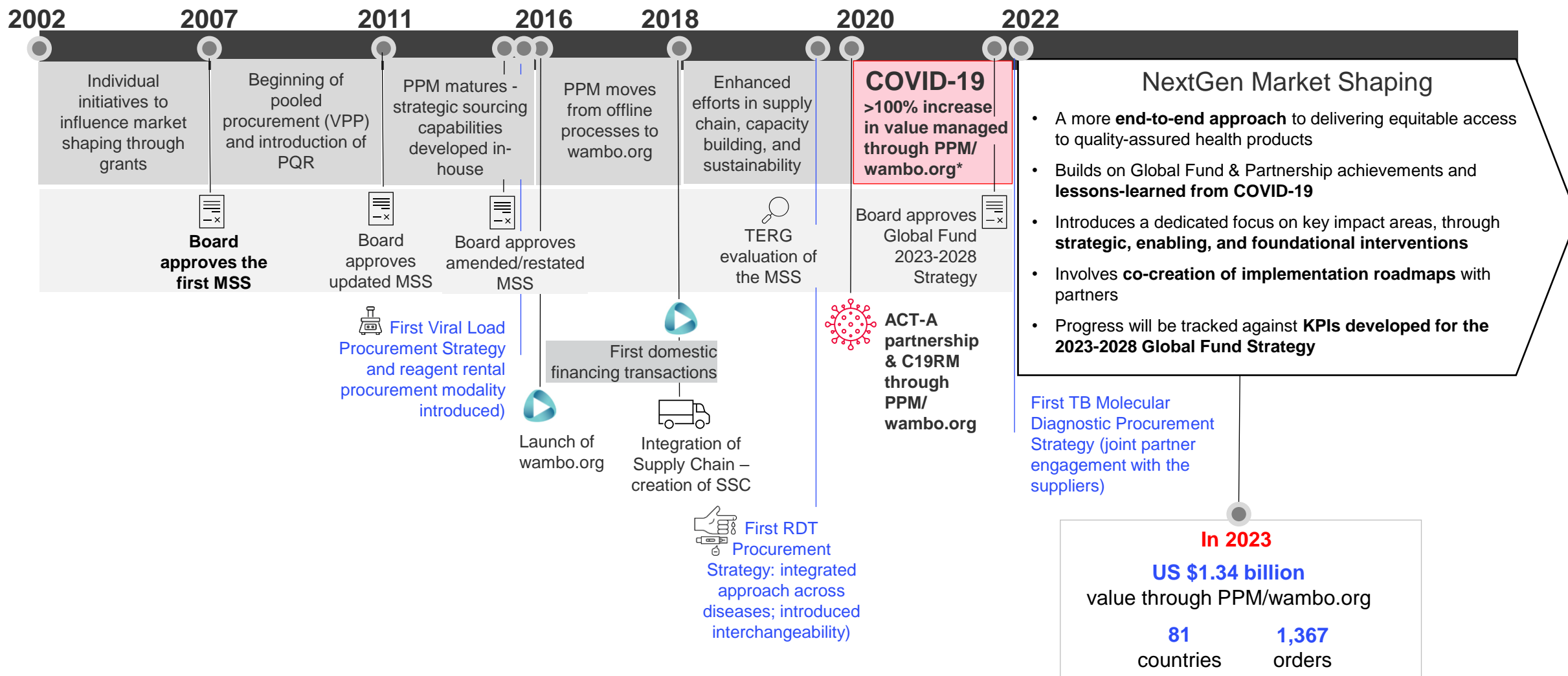


Equitable access to quality assured health products and innovations is critical to deliver on more resilient and people-centered integrated systems for health.

Health products remain the number one tool to address HIV, TB and malaria, and for ending the three diseases.

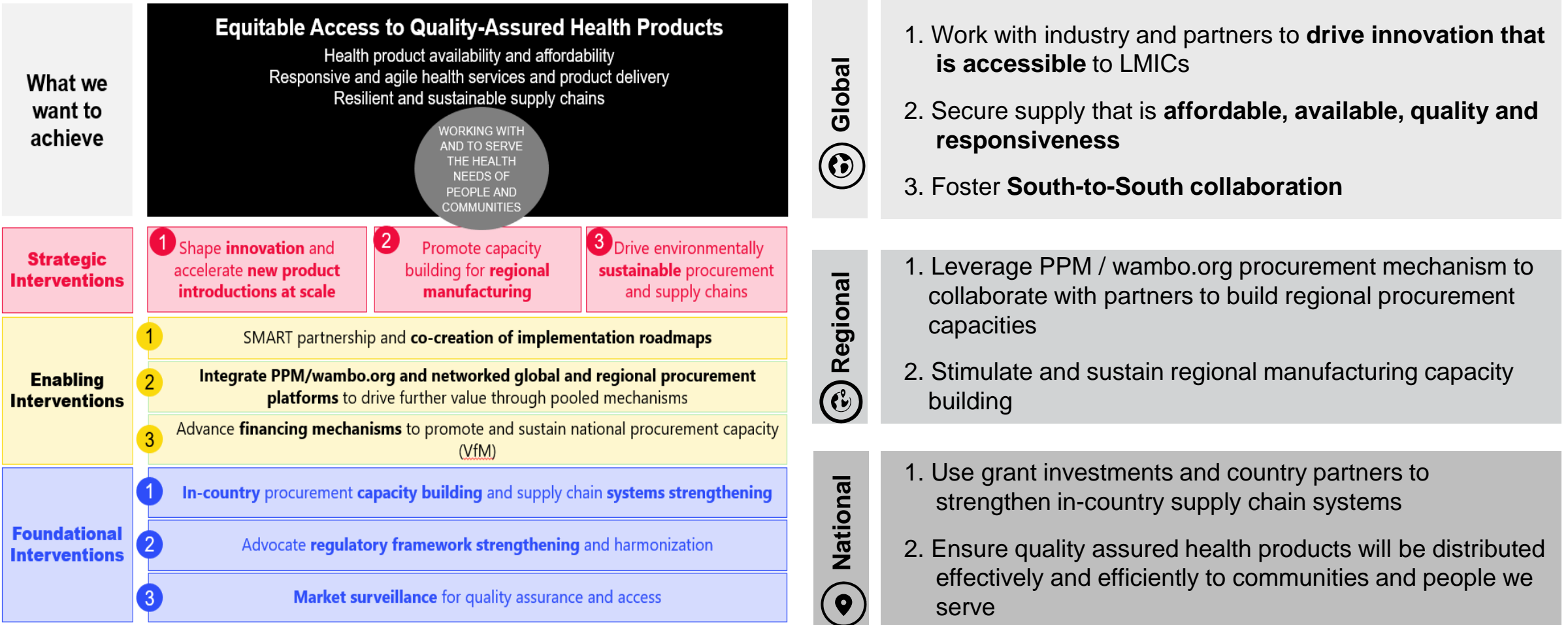


# Evolution of the Global Fund's Market Shaping partnership efforts, including for diagnostics





# Global Fund's NextGen Market Shaping approach to drive equitable access to quality health products



# The NextGen Market Shaping approach is reflected in GF's sourcing strategies

The success of the NextGen Market Shaping approach is **dependent on the contribution of, and partnership with, industry**. This will require industry to:



**Be responsive to Global Fund tenders**



**Continue to invest in Point of Care innovation to expand access to testing**



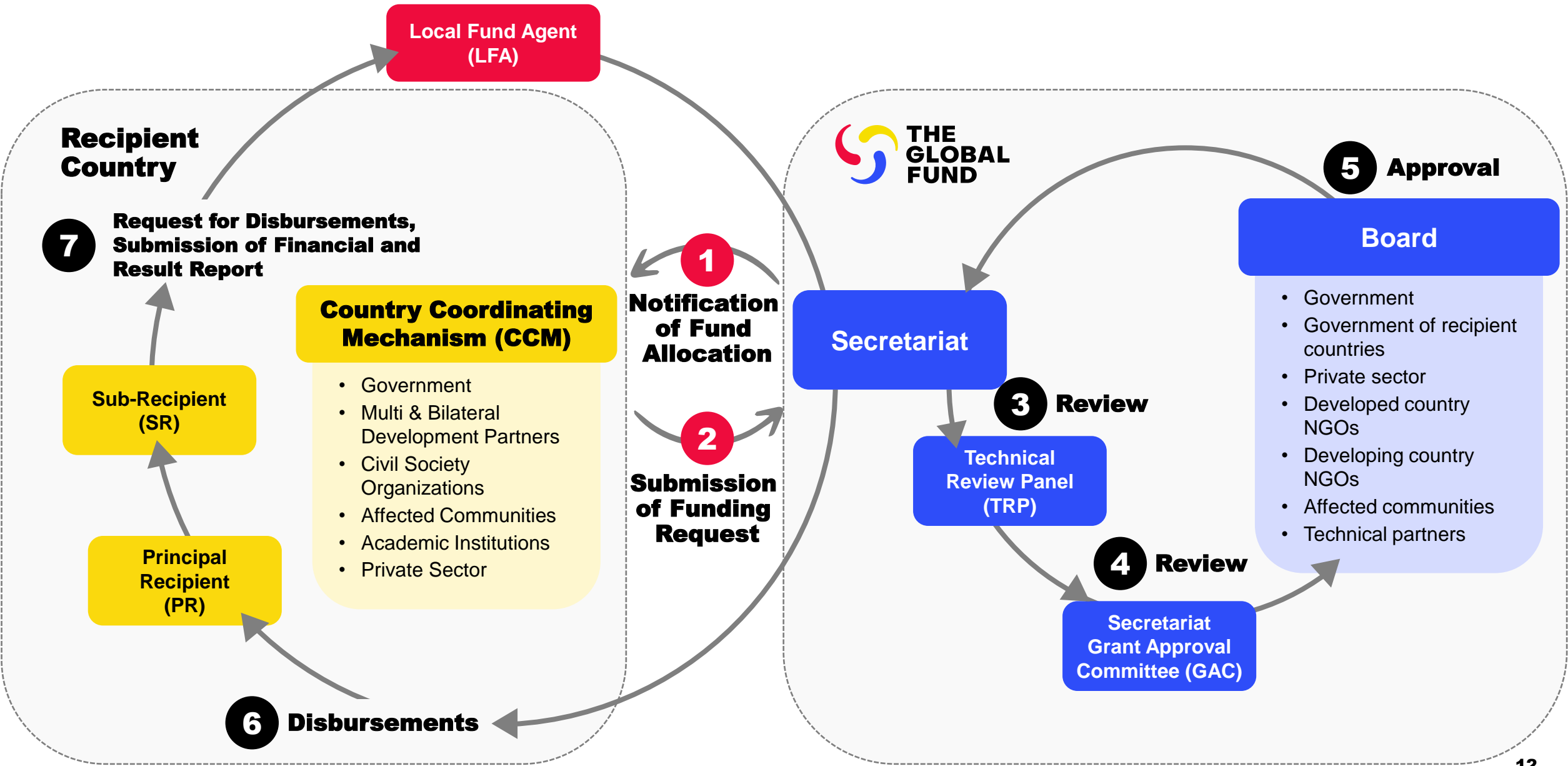
**Adopt sustainable, all-inclusive pricing approaches that deliver value for money and increased transparency**



# Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM)

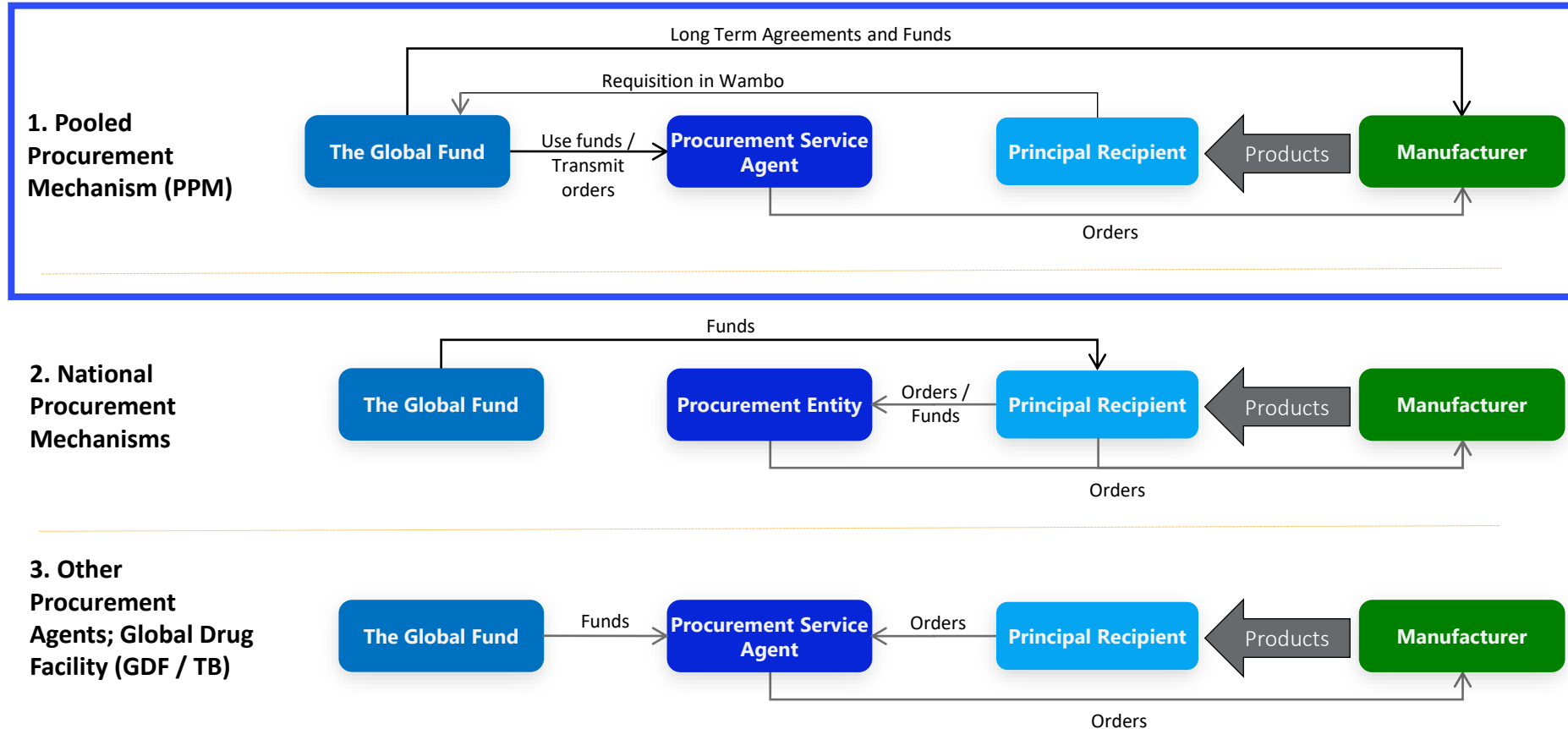
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# How the Global Fund operates

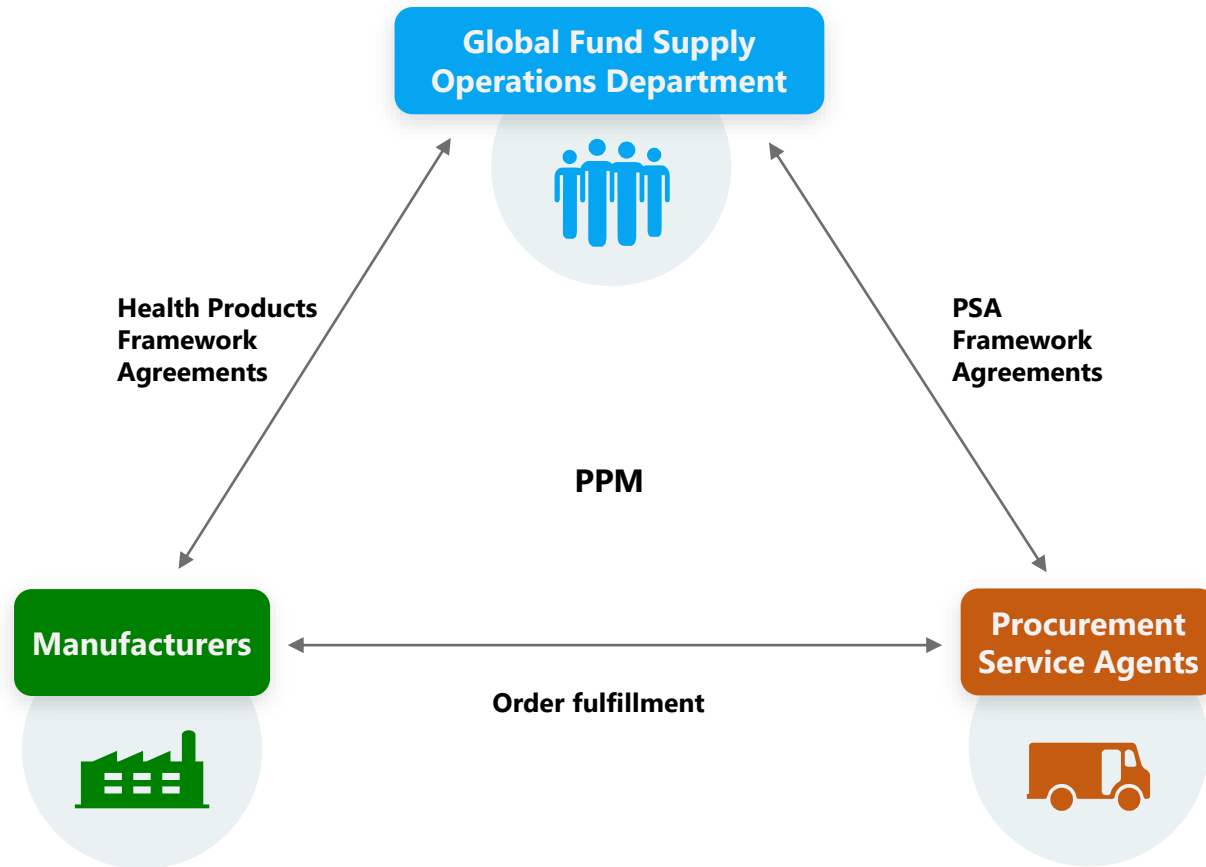


# Procurement Channels and Routes to Market

There are a number of procurement channels - with the Pooled Procurement Mechanism (PPM) representing around 60% total Global Fund health product spend



# PPM holds long-term Framework Agreements with suppliers for key categories: ARV, ACT, ITN & RDT



The Global Fund aggregates order volumes to leverage our spending power and achieve value-for-money:

- Competitive tenders to select manufacturers
- <https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/health-products/>
- Require adherence to GF quality assurance policies  
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/>
- Stringent performance management through contract implementation

## Procurement Service Agents:

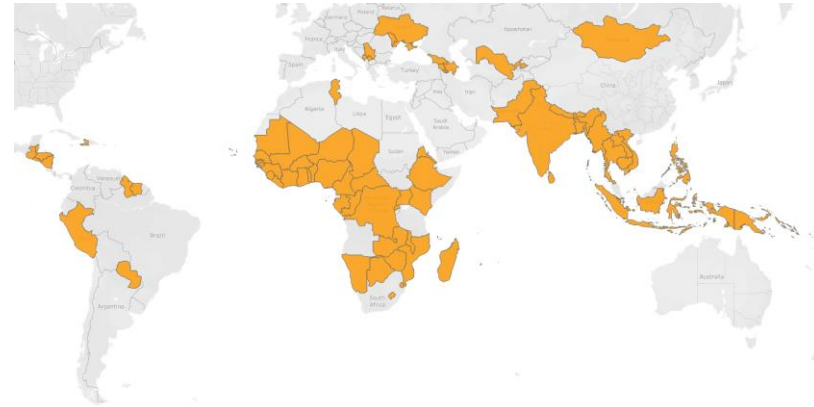
- Liaise with framework agreement manufacturer
- Manage procurement for other categories and non-catalogue items where needed
- Provide logistics estimates and ensure delivery to country per the the agreed incoterm

# Overview PPM: More than 81 countries served in 2023 through PPM/Wambo

There are a number of nearly 5,000 shipments of needed health products delivered despite global supply chain disruptions in 2023

Since its creation, PPM/wambo.org has connected **452 PR users** from **108 organizations** in **81 countries**

(including **organizations** from **28 countries** for non-grant funded transactions)



Overall **user satisfaction** with the Wambo platform: **95%**



0-6



7-8






9-10

Scale: 0 = Not satisfied at all to 10 = Fully satisfied

**Tracked nearly 5000 shipments**  
from shipping to delivery

**Tracked 4,954 shipments**  
from shipping to delivery

|             |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| count       | 1,979 by sea  | 2,656 by air  | 319 by road and rail  |
| volume m3   | 85%   | 4%  | 11%   |
| value (USD) | 982 Mn  | 228 Mn  | 94 Mn   |



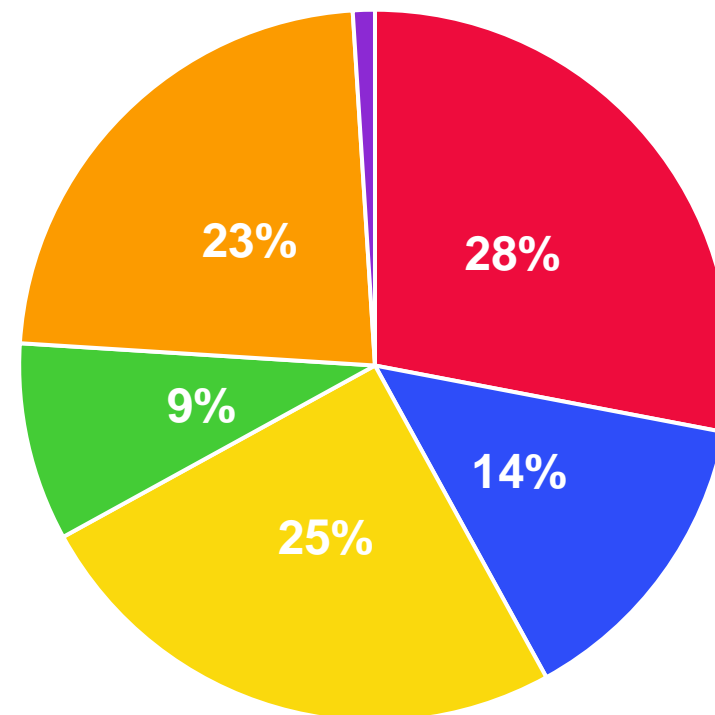
# Overview PPM: USD 1.34bn orders placed in 2023 through PPM/Wambo

PPM operates at a significant scale – largest LMIC buyer in many categories

- In 2023, PPM processed 1,367 Purchase Orders **\$1.34 bn** to more than 80 countries in all continents
- **Diagnostics** (RDTs and machine-based technologies) are a significant spend
- **ARVs** category – enough to treat **8.3 million people on 1st line ART**
- **ITNs** – in 2023, PPM procured **115 million bed-nets** including new generation innovative nets)

Volume per Product Category (%)

■ Diagnostics ■ C19RM ■ ARV ■ ANTM ■ ITN ■ Non-Health



# The Responsible Procurement Framework - realising our ambitions and achieving our goals.

To date, the Global Fund's Supply Operations Department has put many of these **principles into action** through the adoption of a **responsible procurement approach, yielding significant results:**

- **Artemisinin EHS Compliance:** The Global Fund mitigated EHS risks and incentivized best practices by leveraging 3 year volume allocations
- **Adoption of Standards:** Global Fund LTAs require suppliers to comply with international environment, health & safety standards. The number of insecticide-treated net manufacturers whose systems meet ISO standards for environmental management (14001:2015) and occupational health & safety (ISO 45001:2018) has increased by 19% since 2020.
- **Packaging Waste:** The Global Fund strives to reduce packaging waste across categories.

Nevertheless, **a systematic approach** was needed to realize the Global Fund's sustainability ambitions.

The Global Fund is building on our successes to date through the implementation of our **“Responsible Procurement Framework” (RPF)**.

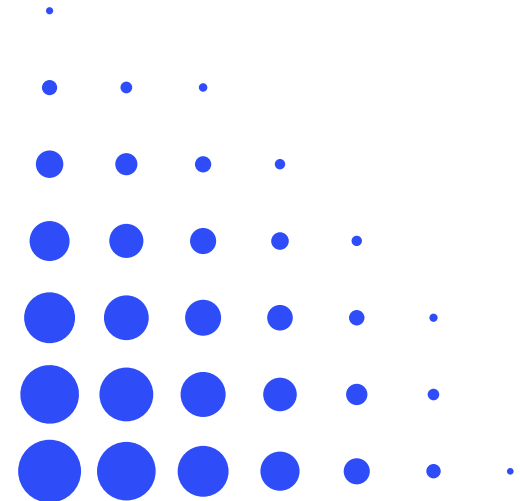
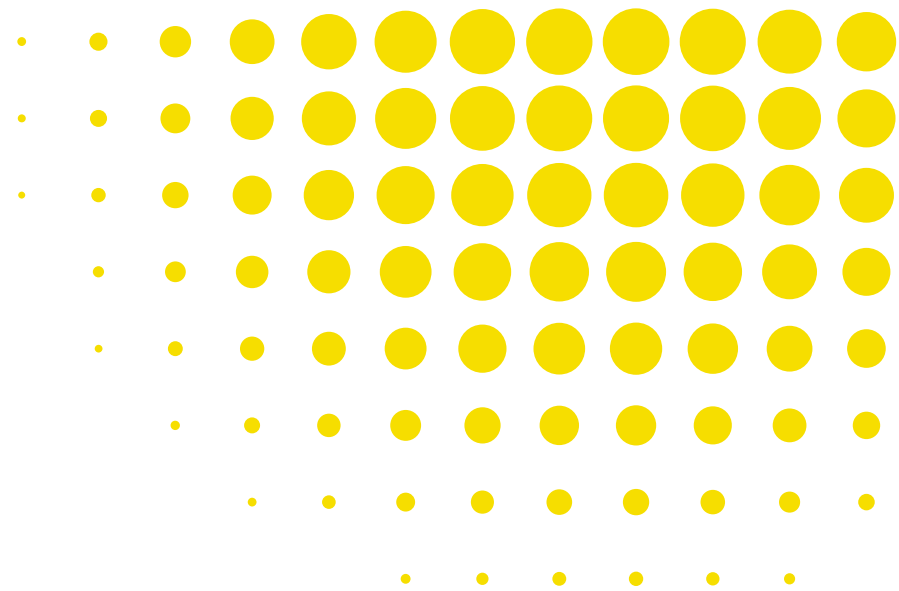
The RPF is -

- Based on the Triple-Bottom-Line framework.
- Developed in consultation with the UN informal Interagency Task Team on Sustainable Procurement in the Health Sector (SPHS).
- Endorsed by the Global Fund Management Executive Committee.
- A Secretariat-level operational guide for Global Fund sourcing; allowing buyers to identify, monitor, mitigate sustainability risks.

Suppliers may be expected to -

- Provide baseline sustainability & metric information.
- Strive to minimize the environmental impact of your activities\*.
- Align with internationally recognized standards (e.g. ISO) where required.
- Support the Global Fund's sustainability ambitions.

# Disease and Technical Updates





# HIV Updates

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# Global Fund Strategy 2023-2028: END AIDS sub-objectives

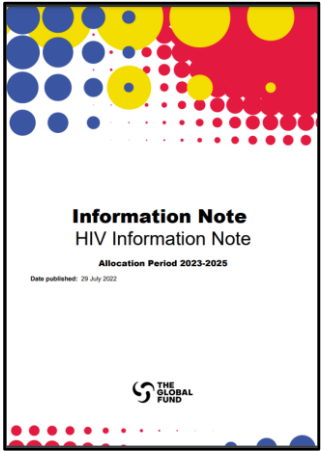
1. Accelerate access to and effective use of precision combination prevention, with behavioral, biomedical, and structural components tailored to the needs of populations at high risk of HIV infection, especially KVP
  - Close gaps in HIV prevention coverage
  - **Accelerate access to and use of new HIV prevention options**
  - Evolve and expand the range of platforms for access to and delivery of people-centered HIV prevention
2. Provide quality, people-centered diagnosis, treatment and care, to improve well-being for PLHIV, prevent premature mortality and eliminate HIV transmission
  - Optimize diagnostic pathways
  - Differentiate and scale up quality HIV treatment services
  - Integrate services to prevent, identify, and treat advanced HIV disease, comorbidities, and coinfections
  - Evolve care pathways to strengthen therapeutic alliances between the people in care and the health and community systems
  - **Accelerate the introduction of diagnostics, therapeutics, technologies, and service delivery innovations**
3. Advocate for and promote legislative, practice, program and policy changes to reduce HIV-related stigma, discrimination, criminalization, other barriers and inequities and uphold the rights of PLHIV and KVP

# Epidemiological Update & Consequences for Molecular Diagnostic

- **29.8M (76%) people living with HIV were receiving ART** in 2022, including 17M in ESA
- Most of the **patients have been transitioned to DTG based regimen.**
  - Second line regimens are at least five times more expensive than TLD
  - Patients with 2 high viral load on DTG based regimens are less likely than patients on NNRTI to have resistance for the moment.
- **Viral Load (Program Essentials)** is increasing with the number of patients
- **Genotyping needs especially for DTG resistance for surveillance and clinical Mgt is also increasing**
- However, it was estimated that only **63% of children living with HIV** aged 0-14 were diagnosed in 2022 (**37% in WCA**). In the absence of treatment, it is estimated that 50% of the children who acquired HIV at birth will have died by the age of 2.
- **Need for EID is also increasing.**

# Key HIV Resources for Funding Requests

## Updates for the 2023-2025 Allocation Period



### HIV Information Note

The RSSH, TB and Malaria Information Notes are also available [here](#).

### Program Essentials

- **Critical interventions needed to achieve outcomes and impact**
- Program Essentials are **key evidence-based interventions and approaches** to address the ambitious goals set out in **the HIV, TB, and Malaria global strategies**.
- Elements **recommended by technical partners** (WHO, UNAIDS, Stop TB, RBM) and further described in their respective technical guidelines
- When part of national programs, **Program Essentials will support countries to achieve their national targets**. They can be funded by either The Global Fund or other sources.

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### Additional Resources

#### 1. Technical Briefs

Technical Briefs will be published [here](#). These resources will include additional detail on specific topics (HIV Service Delivery in COE, Health & Longevity, HIV, Human Rights and Gender Equality).

#### 2. Global Guidelines

Links to all key technical guidance documents are in footnotes of the HIV Information Note.



# HIV Investment priorities for GC7

## Program Essentials

- CD4 and viral load testing, and diagnosis of common comorbidity and coinfections are available for management of HIV
- HIV testing, including early infant diagnosis (EID) is available for all HIV-exposed infants.

## Eligible investments for GC7:

- From PMTCT to Integrated Approach towards Triple Elimination of HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B
  - HBV Viral Load for PMTCT eligibility is now eligible.
- HCV Viral Load for PLHIV and Key Populations, especially people who use drugs.
- Molecular diagnosis for HPV (for PLHIV), for STI Mgt (for PLHIV and Key Populations)

## Investment Priorities

- **Integration:** We favor investment in multi disease platforms
- **Devices need to be able to handle DBS for both Viral Load and EID:**
  - HIV Viral Load monitoring is not usually not an emergency and most of the time doesn't require same day results.
  - Conservation and transportation for plasma requires cold chain.
- **Genotyping ?? Connectivity??**



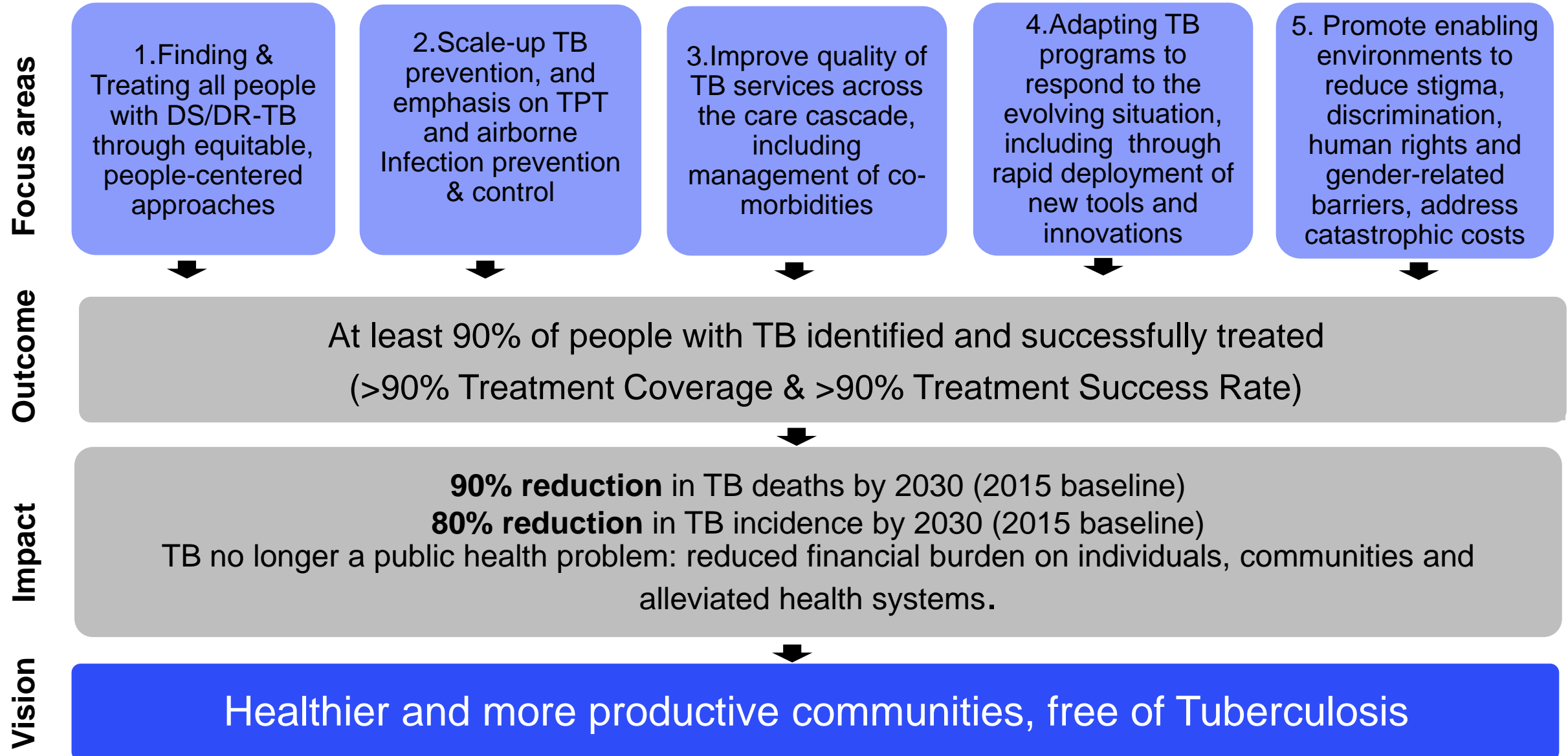
# Tuberculosis Update

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# Global Fund TB priority areas and expected results

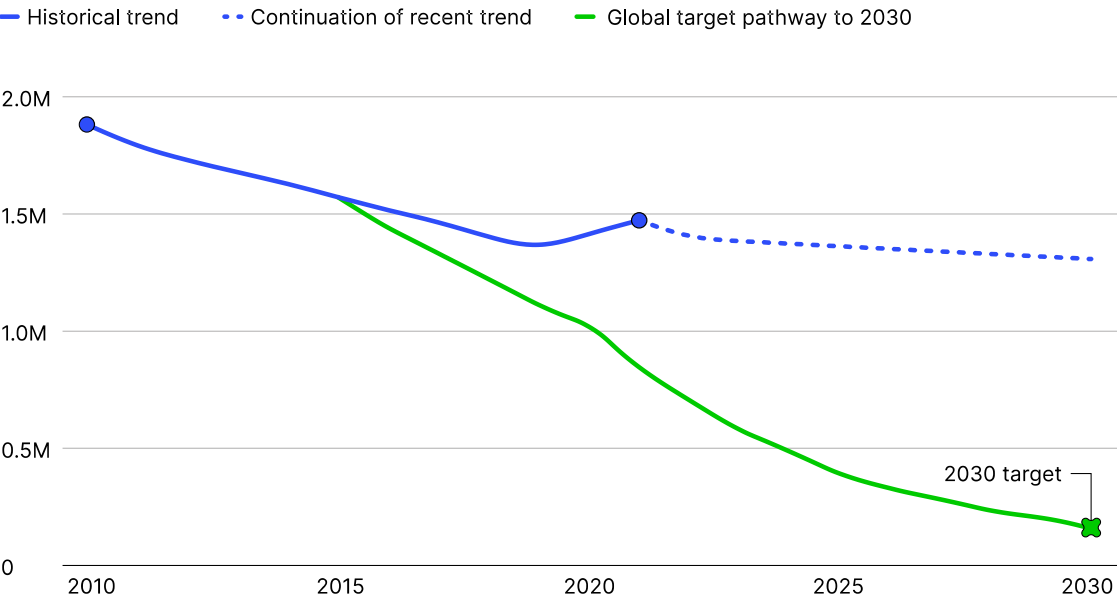


# Tuberculosis: State of the Fight

## Very slow progress towards global targets

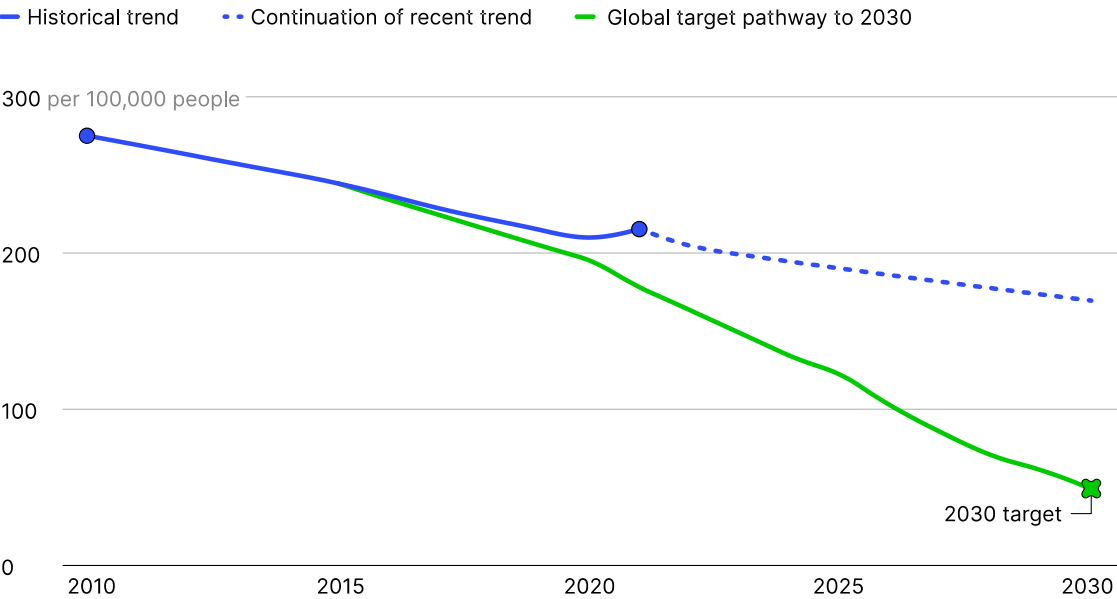
### TB deaths: progress towards the WHO target\*

In countries where the Global Fund invests



### TB incidence rate: progress towards the WHO target

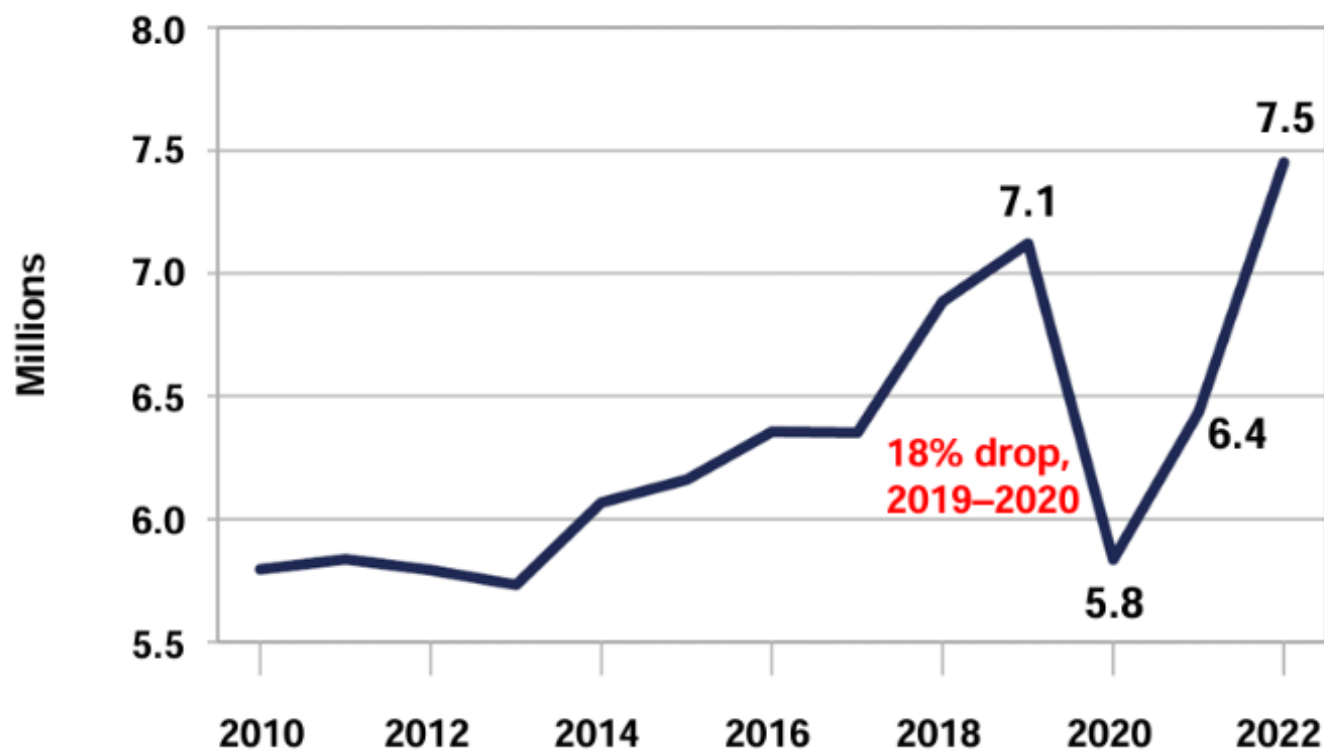
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\*TB deaths include HIV-positive. “Continuation of recent trend” projection is based on reverting to pre-COVID-19 (2014-2019) trends. “Global target pathway to 2030” is based on targets from the WHO End TB Strategy. Countries eligible for Global Fund support in 2022.

# Global recovery in reported number of people newly diagnosed with TB

**7.5 million in 2022:** highest number since WHO started global TB monitoring in mid-1990s



# TB: Results

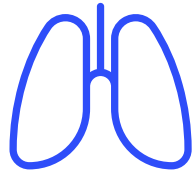
Key TB results in 2022 in countries where the Global Fund invests:



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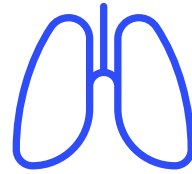
People treated for TB.



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**331K**

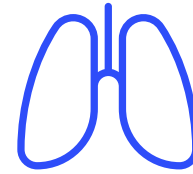
HIV-positive TB patients on antiretroviral therapy.



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**118K**

People on treatment for drug-resistant TB.

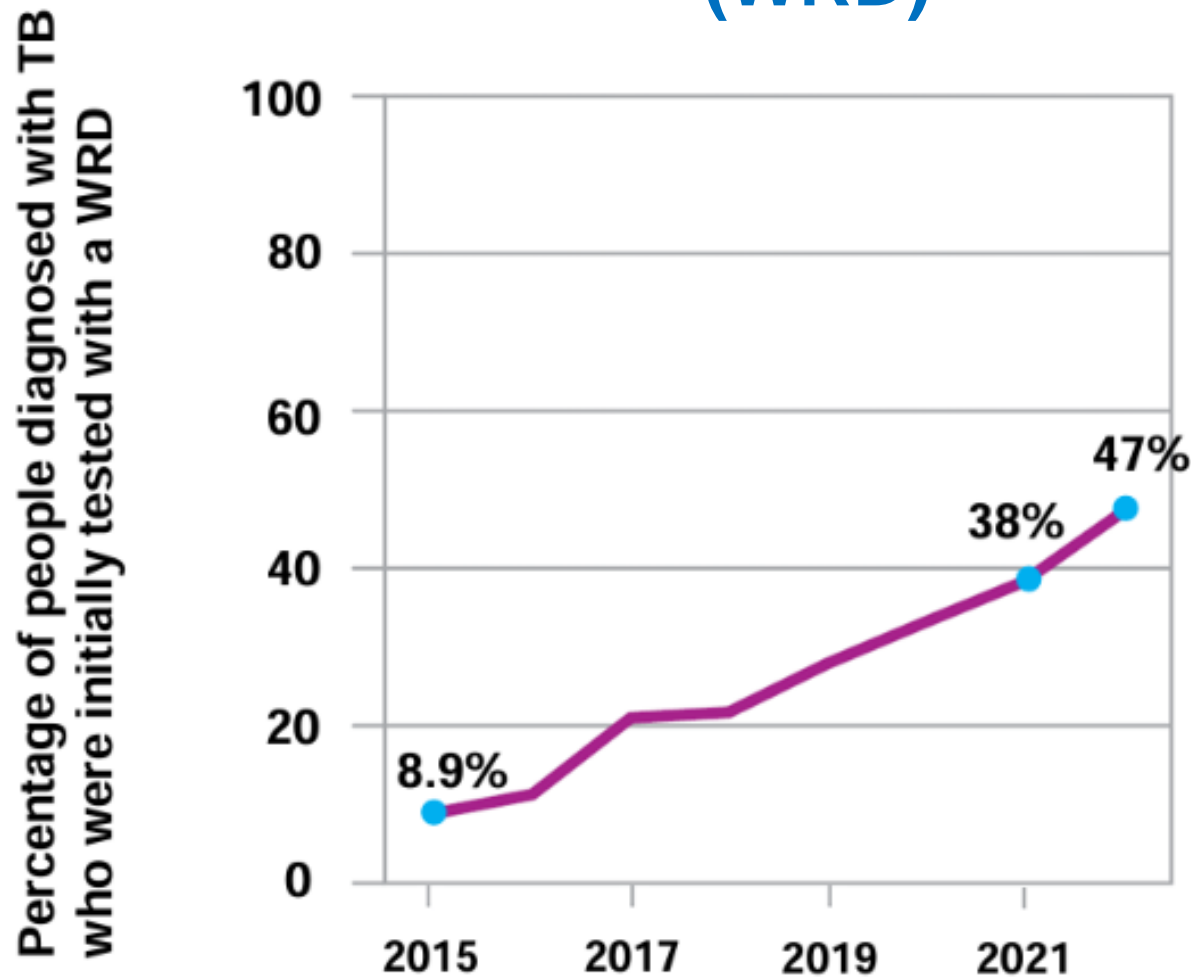


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**1.5M**

People exposed to TB received TB preventive therapy.

# Coverage of WHO recommended Rapid Molecular Diagnostics (WRD)



WRD: WHO-recommended rapid diagnostic test



# Implementation of GC 07: TB Program Essentials

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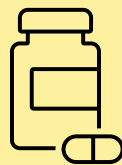
Program Essentials were introduced in GC7 as a strategic lever to support the **equitable access** to highly **impactful interventions**

## 1.TB Screening & Diagnosis



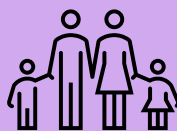
- Systematic screening using CXR +/- CAD
- Rapid molecular assays as first diagnostic test
- Testing for at least rifampicin resistance in bacteriologically confirmed TB
- Efficient TB diagnostic networks

## 2.TB Treatment & Care



- Child friendly formulations, 4-month regimen for non-severe DS-TB in children
- Shorter all-oral regimens for DR-TB
- People-centered support for treatment completion

## 3.TB Prevention



- TB Preventive Therapy available for all eligible people: PLHIV, children, eligible household contacts of people with bacteriologically confirmed TB.
- Shorter TB Preventive Therapy regimens

## 4.TB/HIV Collaborative Activities



- All PLHIV with active TB started on ART early as per recommendations

## 5.Cross-cutting areas



- Real-time digital case-based TB surveillance
- Private sector engagement
- Decentralized, community & home-based people centered services
- Human rights & gender-responsive programming

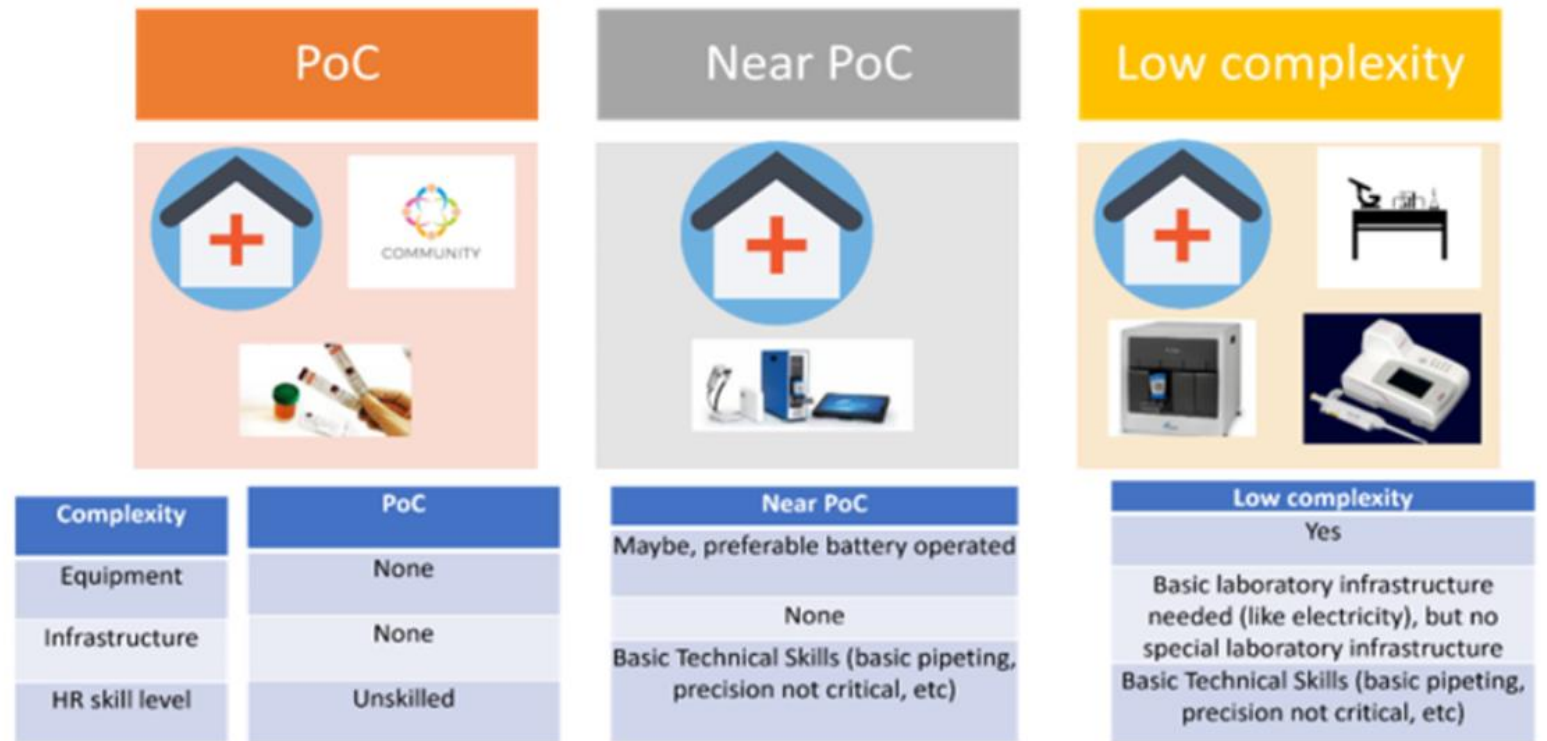
# TB Diagnostics

## Need a near Point of Care or true Point of Care test

**Current TB diagnostic tests are not true point of care tests**

**The current TB diagnostic network has issues with:**

- Majority of tests require lab infrastructure/electricity to run and/or recharge
- Require sample that is difficult to obtain (Sputum/stool – for children)
- Where is it POC (urinary LAM test) it is for a sub section of the at risk population.





# WHO Prequalification

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WHO

27 June 2024

# Update on Prequalification of In Vitro Diagnostics





# Outline

- Overview of the prequalification (PQ) assessment pathway
- PQ assessment updates
  - Technical Specifications
  - Product dossier assessment
  - Performance Evaluation
  - Specific information for molecular IVDs



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# WHO prequalification (PQ) for IVDs



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## PQ of IVDs: Aim & Scope

- The aim of PQDx is to promote and facilitate **access** to safe, appropriate and affordable IVDs of good quality
- Focus is placed **on IVDs for priority diseases** and their suitability for use in **resource-limited settings**
- The **scope** of IVDs eligible for PQ continues to expand
- Currently 117 IVDs are prequalified

PQ List available at: <https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vitro-diagnostics/prequalified-vitro-diagnostics>

HIV

Malaria

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis B

HPV

G6PD

Cholera

Syphilis

Tuberculosis NAT

SARS-CoV-2

Blood Glucose meters and test strips

HbA1c POC analysers

Haemoglobin POC

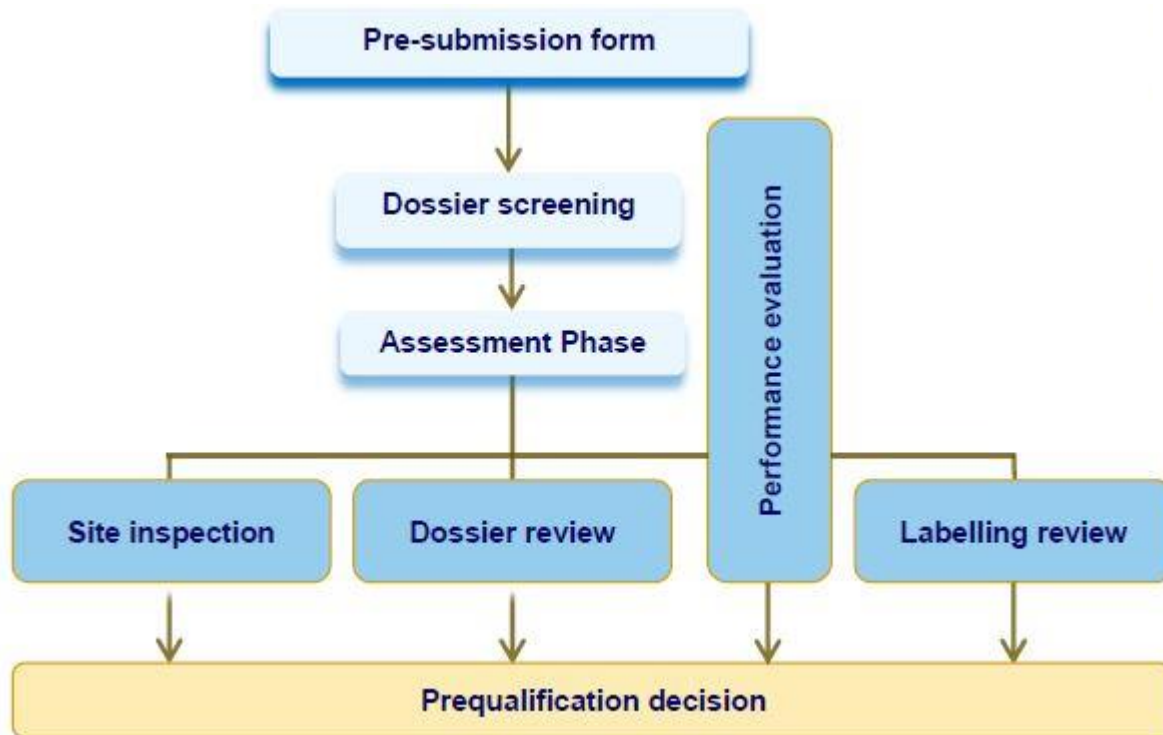
TB LAM

C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhoeae,  
Trichomonas V



# PQ Application Process

**UPDATE:** ePQS to launch in 2024



## Pre-submission

- Manufacturer completes the pre-submission form
- WHO schedules a pre-submission meeting
- WHO screens the pre-submission form to determine if product is eligible & type of assessment (full or abridged)

## PQ assessment

- Review of product dossier (full or abridged)
- Performance evaluation
- Site Inspection
- Labelling review



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# Prequalification decision



For IVDs that meet PQ requirements

- The product is added to the list of WHO prequalified IVDs
- The public report is prepared & published

→ IVD is eligible for WHO and UN procurement & CRP



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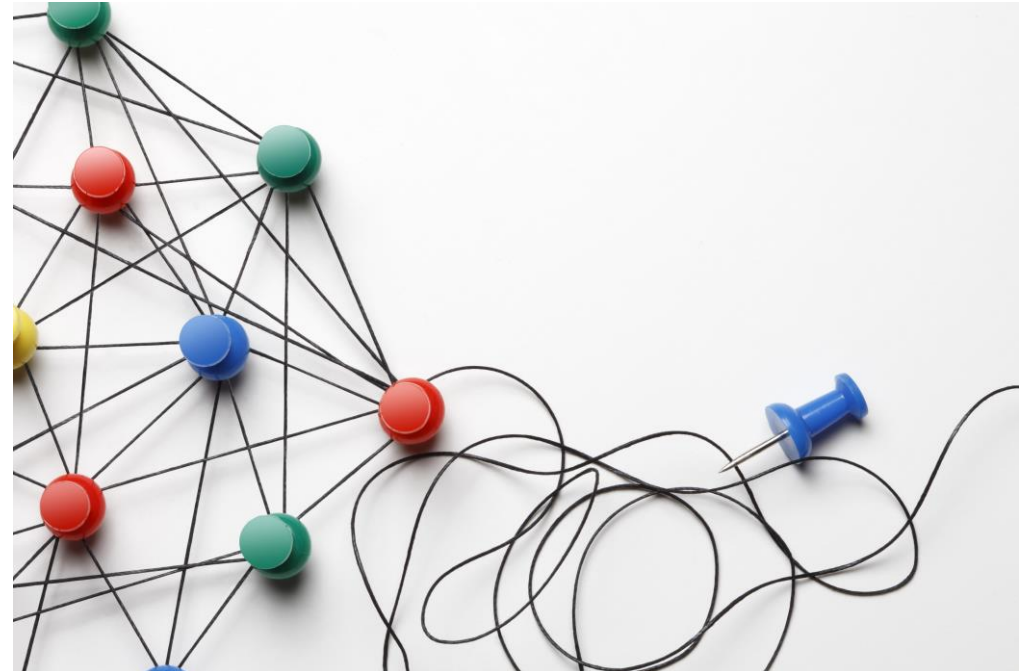


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# Post-PQ Activities - Ongoing requirements to maintain PQ listing

## Manufacturer must comply with:

- Commitments to PQ
- Annual reporting
  - Sales data, complaints, Field Safety Correction Notices (FSCN)
- Change reporting
- Post market surveillance obligations
- Ongoing compliance with TSS
- Routine site inspections



# PQ IVD Assessment Updates



# WHO PQ Technical Specifications Series (TSS)

- Each TSS document is tailored to a specific pathogen/type of assay
  - Requirements that address needs of Member States in LMIC
  - Requirements that relate to general performance characteristics
- Summarize minimum performance requirements for WHO prequalification, to establish:
  - Performance validation criteria
  - Appropriate reference methods and reference materials
- Clarify requirements:
  - Manufacturers
  - Assessors

TSS developed in alignment with relevant international and national standards, literature and best practise (e.g., CLSI, IMDRF, FDA, ISO ..)

- Deviations might be due to additional requirements to demonstrate
- Suitability of the IVD in resource limited settings
- Lessons learned
- Scientific evidence/experience/disease programme

# Technical specifications (TSS) Updates

## Documents in development

- **TSS-22** Haemoglobin point of care analysers
- **TSS-23** RDTs to detect mycobacterial lipoarabinomannan (LAM) antigen
- **TSS-3** Malaria rapid diagnostic tests (update HRP2/3 deletion)

## Technical Consultation August 2024

- IVDs for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Trichomonas vaginalis* NAT (TSS-24)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and *Chlamydia trachomatis* RDTs (TSS-25 / 26)
- Self testing requirements for syphilis RDTs (TSS-27)

## Recently published TSS

### TSS-18

HbA1c point of care analysers for professional use

### TSS-19

IVD medical devices for monitoring of blood glucose in capillary blood

### TSS-20

IVD medical devices used for the qualitative detection of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid

### TSS-21

SARS-CoV-2 antigen rapid diagnostic tests for professional use and self-testing

<https://extranet.who.int/pqweb/vitro-diagnostics/technical-specifications-series>



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## Product dossier assessment

- Technical review of manufacturer's evidence of quality, safety & performance
    - Performed by subject matter experts
  - Analyzing the relevance of the data in the dossier
    - Reliable data that supports the manufacturers claims of quality, safety and performance
    - Appropriate & well-designed validation studies
  - Review of completeness, accuracy and consistency of data over IVD life-cycle
    - From initial product design, through validation, manufacture, quality control and release onto the market
- Are the specifications in the TSS met?
- Has the manufacturer considered the use of the product in RLS



# Dossier assessment Update

Subject matter experts work in teams to review product dossiers and corrective action plans



Assessment sessions were piloted by PQT-IVD in 2023

- Increase pool of technical experts
- Ensure standardization of technical reviews conducted
- Capacity building

Sessions held every second month

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 26 Feb – 1 March | 4. 26 – 30 August  |
| 2. 22 – 26 April    | 5. 7 – 11 October  |
| 3. 10 – 14 June     | 6. 9 – 13 December |

- Materials for review received 15 days prior to an assessment session will be available for assessment
- Between session dossier & CAP review will also be arranged as needed



# Performance Evaluations

Verification of a subset of manufacturer's claim

- Generally, for molecular tests
  - Analytical evaluation
    - Limit of detection
    - Precision
    - Linearity, if applicable
    - Subtype/genotype/resistance panels
    - Cross-contamination / carry-over
  - Clinical evaluation
    - Sensitivity/specificity
    - Correlation with comparator method for quantitative tests
- Performance evaluation required for different specimen types if not equivalent (even if introduced as change request)

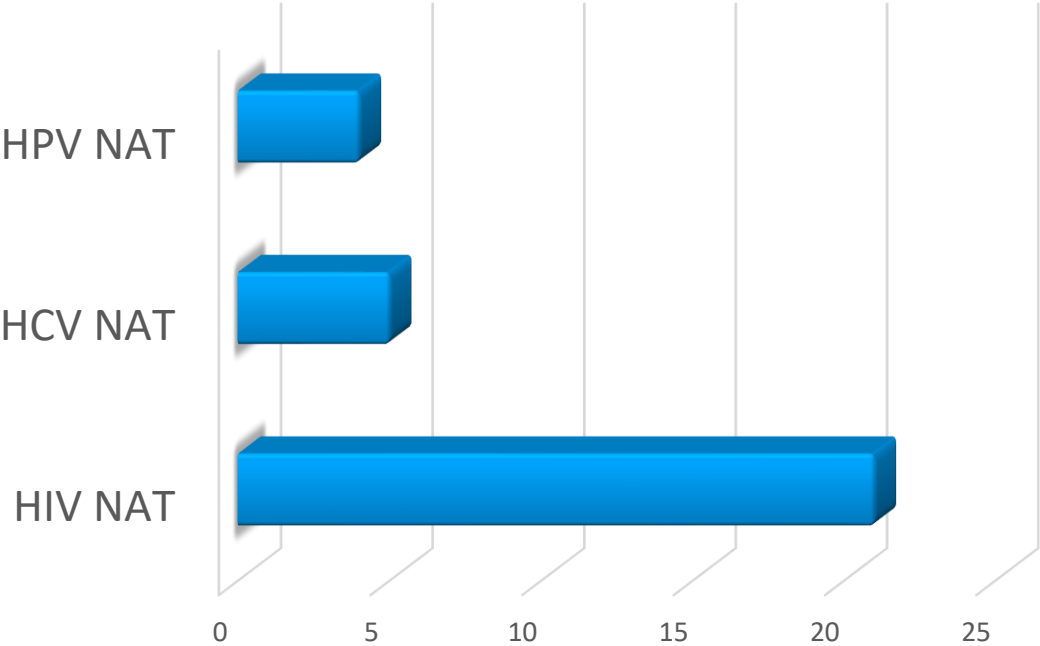
## New protocols

- Evaluation of TB NAT with or without drug resistance
- Evaluation of TB NAT for drug resistance
- Evaluation of SARS-CoV-2 NAT (*in progress*)

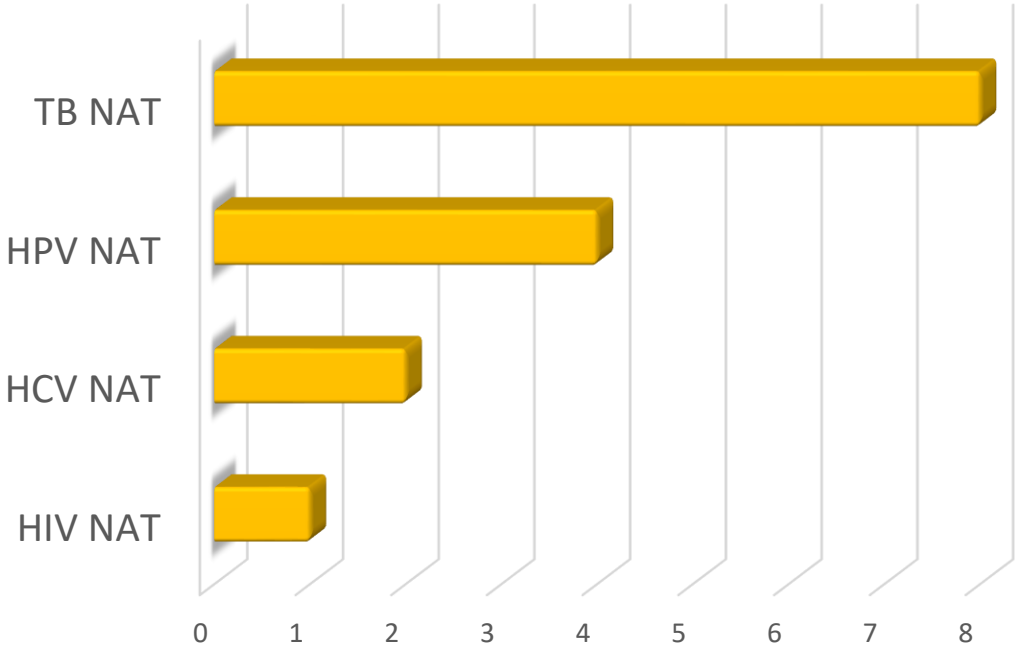
# Prequalification of molecular IVDs

PQ Pipeline now open for SARS-CoV-2 molecular tests

Prequalified

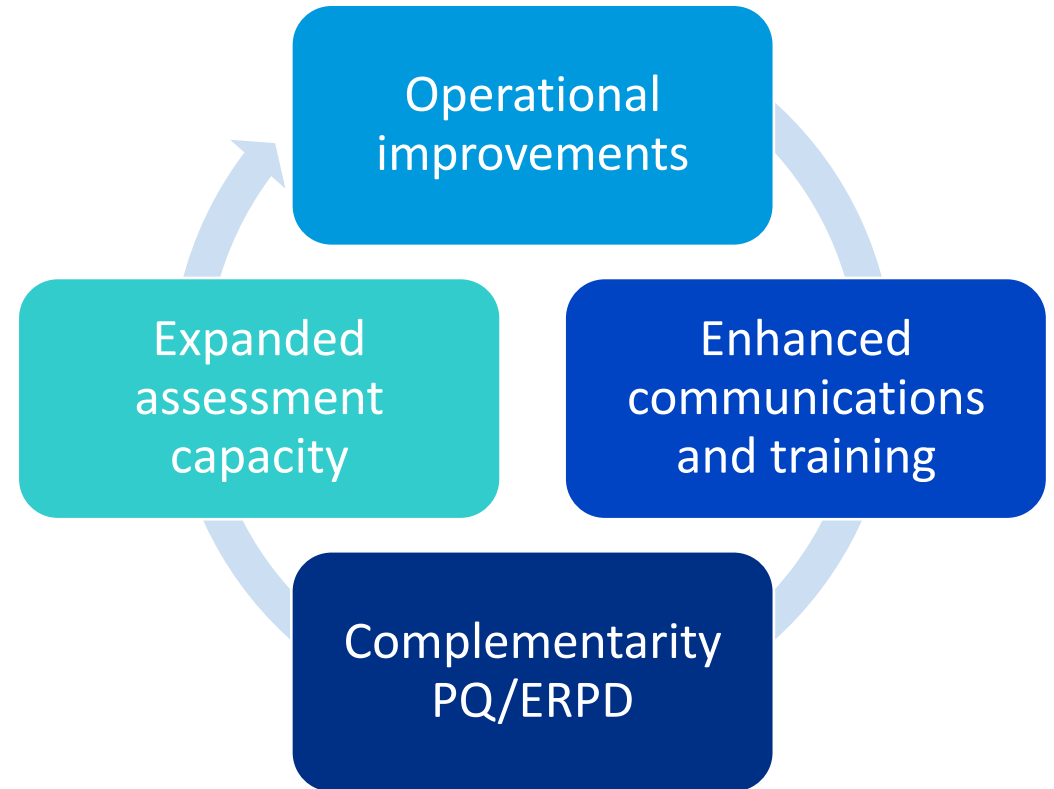


Under assessment



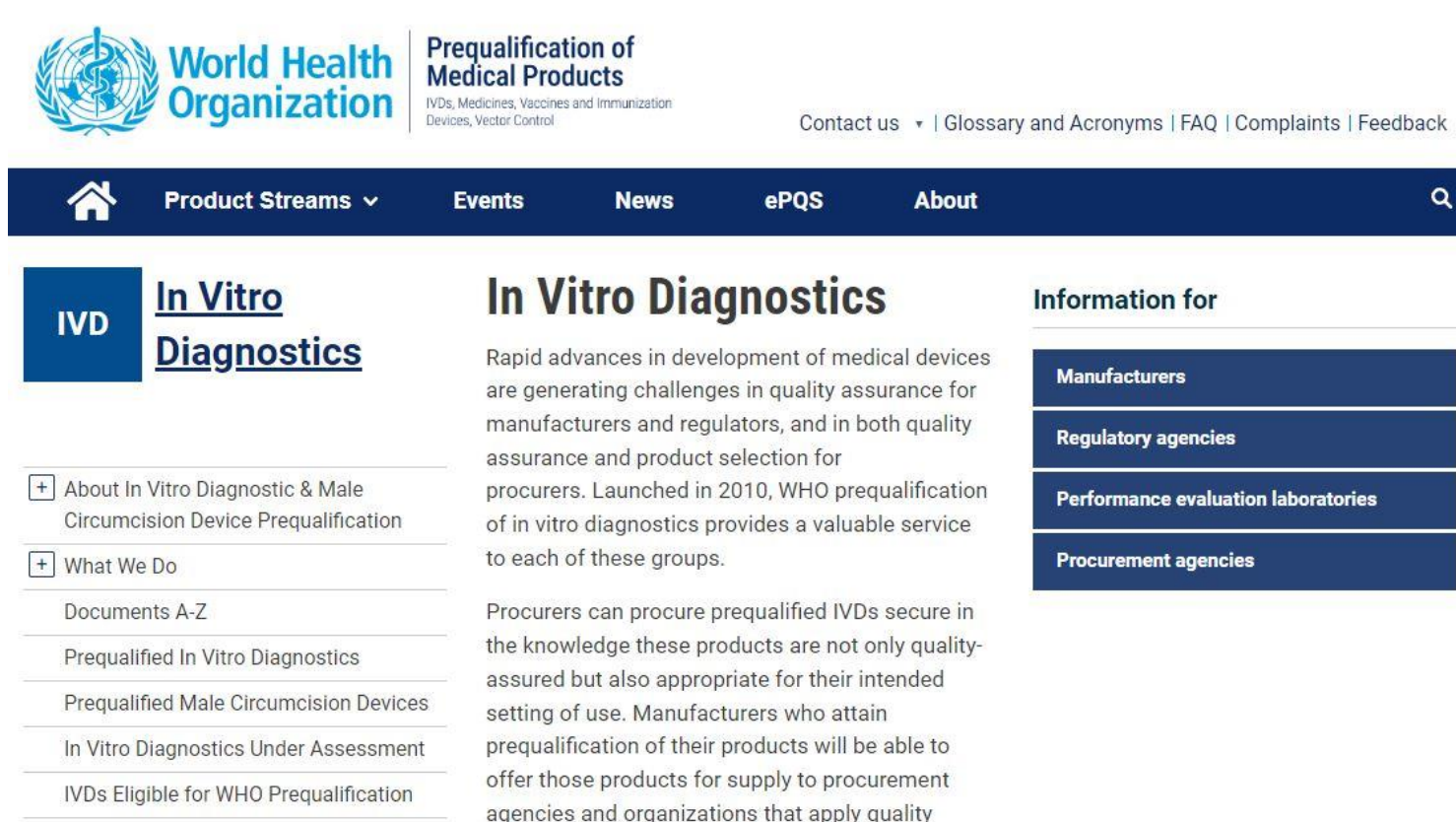
# PQ IVD Process enhancements are ongoing

- Review of the change assessment procedure
- Further modelling on abridged PQ assessment
- Development of additional guidance
  - Open platform PCR
- Collaboration with mature NRAs enhanced
- Lab network expansion
- Exploring collaboration with CABs
- Expansion of ERPDP scope
  - Transitioning products through QA with a progressive approach: no QA → ERPDP → PQ



# Updates are available on the PQ-IVD webpage

<https://extranet.who.int/prequal/vitro-diagnostics>



The screenshot shows the WHO Prequalification of Medical Products website. The header includes the WHO logo, the text "World Health Organization", and "Prequalification of Medical Products" with a subtitle "IVDs, Medicines, Vaccines and Immunization Devices, Vector Control". Navigation links include "Contact us", "Glossary and Acronyms", "FAQ", "Complaints", and "Feedback". A dark blue navigation bar contains icons for Home, Product Streams, Events, News, ePQS, and About, along with a search icon. The main content area is titled "In Vitro Diagnostics" and features a sidebar with a blue "IVD" button and a link to "In Vitro Diagnostics". The sidebar also lists links for "About In Vitro Diagnostic & Male Circumcision Device Prequalification", "What We Do", "Documents A-Z", "Prequalified In Vitro Diagnostics", "Prequalified Male Circumcision Devices", "In Vitro Diagnostics Under Assessment", and "IVDs Eligible for WHO Prequalification". The main text describes the challenges in quality assurance for manufacturers and regulators, and mentions that WHO prequalification of in vitro diagnostics provides a valuable service. It also states that procurers can procure prequalified IVDs secure in the knowledge these products are not only quality-assured but also appropriate for their intended setting of use. A section titled "Information for" lists four categories: Manufacturers, Regulatory agencies, Performance evaluation laboratories, and Procurement agencies.

## PQDx webinars

- Monthly webinars scheduled
- Focus on specific topics: technical, but not only
- Keeping you informed on ongoing work, upcoming changes etc.
- Webinars recorded and posted on the website for extended outreach





# Thank You

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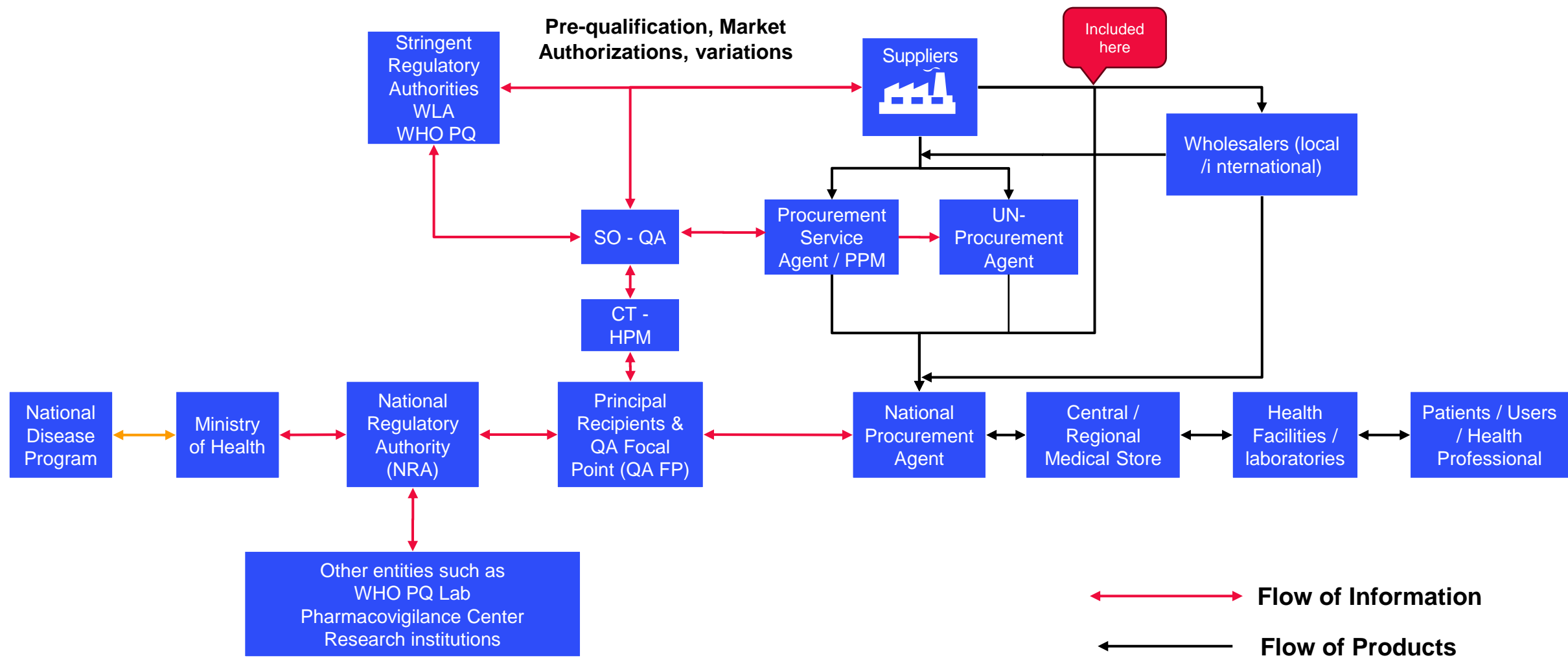
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# **Global Fund Quality Assurance and ERPD**

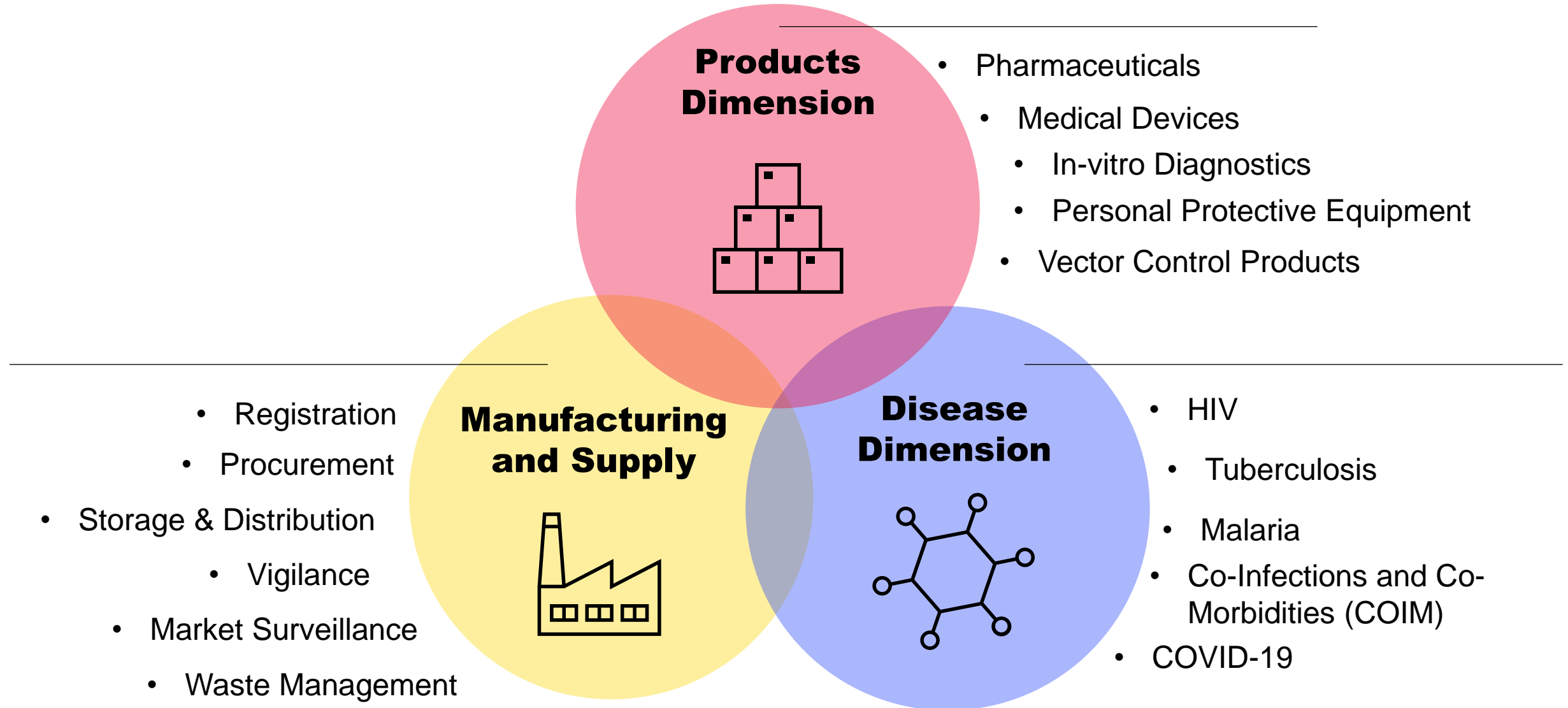
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# Quality Assurance Ecosystem



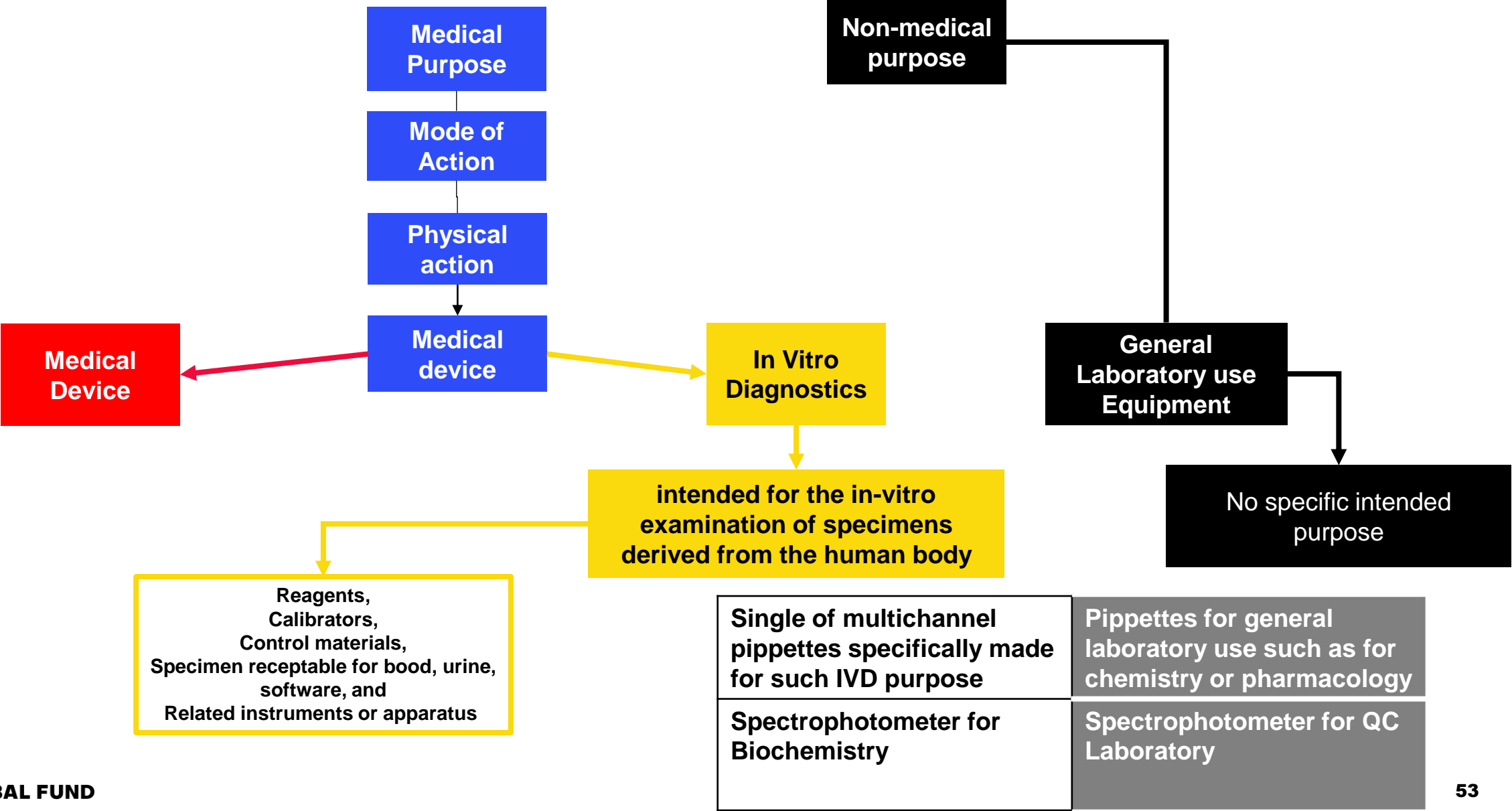


# Scope of quality assurance requirements





# The QA Policy Framework covers a broad range of Medical devices



# Stringent Mechanisms for procurement of core Health Products

## Reliance on stringent mechanism in addition to national mechanism

| MA Mechanism                                  | Description  | Practices  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Stringent Regulatory Authorities (SRA)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robust legal/regulatory environment</li><li>• ICH Requirements</li><li>• Experienced &amp; Skilled Staff in Quality/Safety/Environment</li><li>• Applicable in the procurement of core FPP</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular GMP inspection as per related regulation</li><li>• Mutual Recognition Agreement</li><li>• Prioritization based on risks</li></ul>                |
| <b>WHO PQ program</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program managed by WHO</li><li>• WHO requirements</li><li>• Experienced &amp; Skilled Staff</li><li>• Applicable to core FPP, IVD, VCP</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular inspection as per WHO PQ Procedure</li><li>• Consideration of stringent assessment decisions for FPP and IVDs</li><li>• Dossier review</li></ul> |
| <b>WHO TB program recommendation</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program managed by WHO Global TB Program</li><li>• Applicable exclusively to TB IVDs</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WHO GRADE process</li></ul>  |

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| <b>GHTF RA</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RA of founding members of GHTF i.e USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and EU including UK</li><li>• Robust legal/regulatory environment</li><li>• Applicable in procurement of MDs (including IVDs) and core PPE</li><li>• Experienced &amp; Skilled</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular GMP inspection as per related regulation</li><li>• Prioritization based on risks</li></ul>  |
| <b>WHO Listed Authority (WLA)</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance evaluation process conducted by WHO to designate a RA or RRS as a WLA</li><li>• RA or RRSs must have attained ML 3 to be eligible for consideration as a WLA</li><li>• Applicable in procurement of core FPP and MDs</li></ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meets WHO standards and other internationally recognized standards</li><li>• Listing includes scope of designation, products and / or regulatory function</li><li>• Risk-based approach used to renew listing</li></ul> |
| <b>Expert Review Panel (ERP/ERPD)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mechanism used upon Global Fund request</li><li>• Panel of external technical experts</li><li>• Used for introduction of innovative products</li><li>• Supported by WHO</li><li>• Applicable for core FPP, MDs (including IVDs), VCPs</li></ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assesses abbreviated product dossiers</li><li>• Clear analysis of benefits and potential risks</li><li>• Product categorization with specified risk mitigation measures</li></ul>                                       |

# Procurement of Medical Devices (Including IVDs) and core PPE – 1/3

## Medical Devices classification

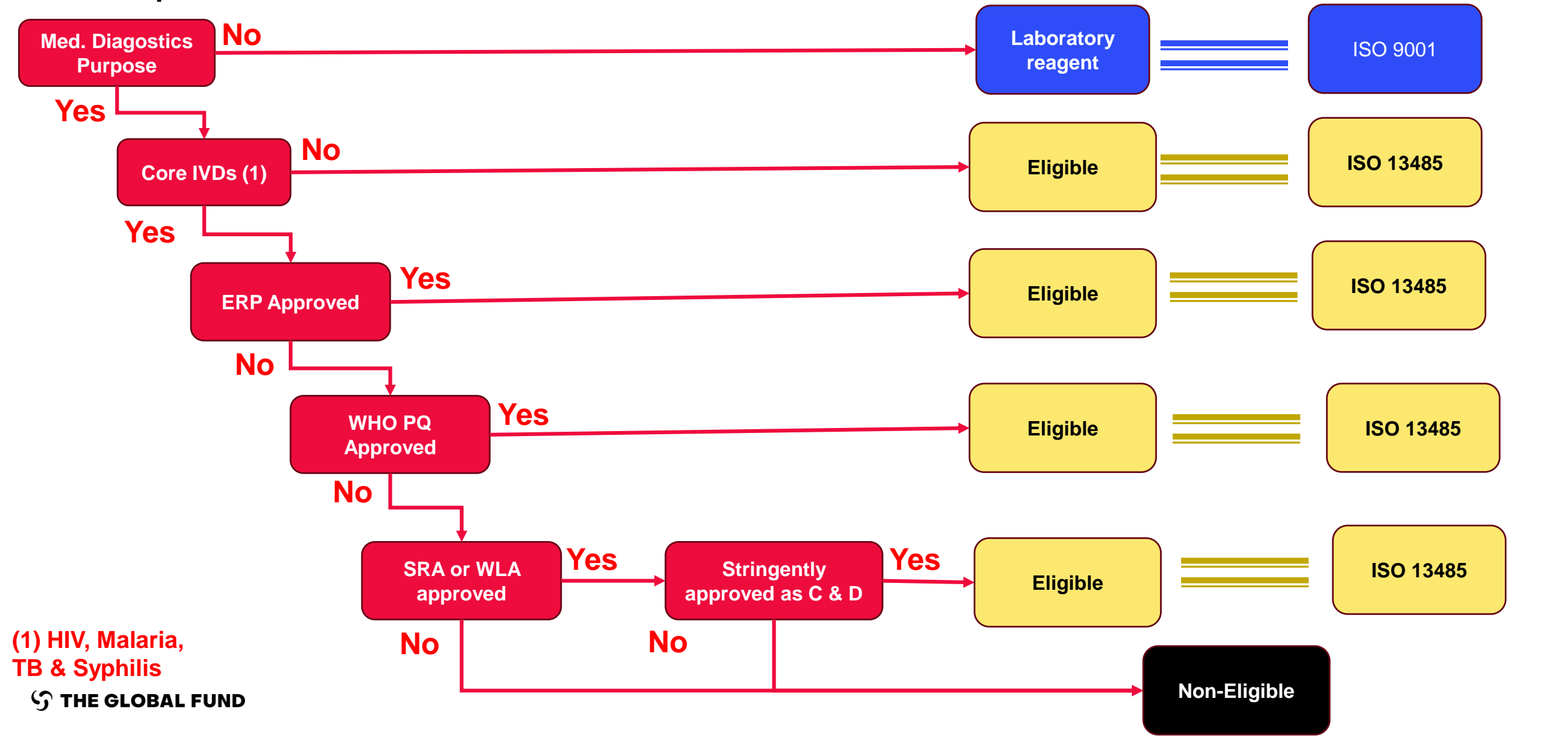
- Medical Devices are classified per the globally harmonized principles<sup>1</sup> of the Medical Devices classification consisting of 4 classes; A,B,C and D where A represents the lowest risk and D the highest
- Depending on the intended purpose, the risk classification can change
- When Class C or D, stringent requirements must be complied with

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.imdrf.org/sites/default/files/docs/ghtf/final/sg1/technical-docs/ghtf-sg1-n77-2012-principles-medical-devices-classification-121102.pdf>

| Class | Risk level      | MDs examples          |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| A     | Low             | Laryngoscope          |
|       |                 | Oxygen mask           |
|       |                 | Endotracheal tube     |
| B     | Low - moderate  | Electrocardiogram     |
|       |                 | Oxygen cylinder       |
|       |                 | Patient monitor       |
| C     | Moderate - high | PSA oxygen plants     |
|       |                 | X-rays                |
|       |                 | Mechanical ventilator |
| D     | High            | Absorbable sutures    |

# Procurement of Medical Devices (Including IVDs) and core PPE – 2/3

## QA requirements



# Procurement of Medical Devices (Including IVDs) and core PPE – 3/3

## Key Changes - Quality Assurance Policy for Medical Devices (including IVDs) and Core PPE


### Major changes

- QA Policy for Diagnostics expanded to become QA Policy for **ALL** Medical Devices including in-vitro diagnostics and core personal protective equipment.
- Eligibility includes products authorized for use by a WLA within their scope of listing
- Eligibility includes MDs (IVDs) and PPE authorized through emergency use procedures during a PHEIC
- Monitoring Policy Implementation Section:
  - *Guidance and training*
  - *Management of QA issues*
  - *Monitoring and Oversight*
- Section describing role of the Global Fund's Strategy Committee (SC) in overseeing Policy implementation
- Provision for WLA transitioning although this will be on a different timeline than for Pharmaceutical Products.

# What are the key changes for IVDs?

| Former QA POLICY Framework                         |  | NEW QA POLICY Framework                              |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Reference  | <i>QA Diagnostic Products Policy (2017)</i>  | Reference  | <i>QA Medical Device Policy (2023)</i>   |
| <b>Product applicability</b>                       | For all Diagnostic Products (IVDs plus others)   | <b>Product applicability</b>                         | For all Medical Devices (including In-Vitro Diagnostics)   |
| <b>General quality standards (section 7)</b>       | Quality Management System requirements (ISO 13485 or equivalent)   | <b>General quality standards (section 7 &amp; 8)</b> | Quality Management System requirements (ISO 13485 or equivalent)   |
| <b>Additional Quality Requirements (section 8)</b> | IVDs with respect to HIV, tuberculosis and malaria and to Hepatitis B, hepatitis C and syphilis co-infections, as well as IVDs providing information that is critical for patient management of these diseases   | <b>Additional Quality Requirements (section 10)</b>  | IVDs with respect to ...   |
|  | Prequalified by the WHO Prequalification Programme<br>Or<br>WHO Global TB programme recommendation<br>Or<br>Authorized for use by Regulatory Authorities of the Founding Members of the GHTF when stringently assessed (as high risk)<br>Or<br>After assessment by Expert Review Panel |  | Prequalified by the WHO Prequalification Programme<br>Or<br>WHO Global TB programme recommendation/ <b>Rapid Communications</b><br>Or<br>Authorized for use by Regulatory Authorities of the Founding Members of the GHTF when stringently assessed ( <b>Class C &amp; D</b> )<br>Or<br><b>Authorized for use by WLA</b><br>Or<br>After assessment by Expert Review Panel<br><b>In case of Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC)</b><br><b>Approved under the WHO EUL</b><br>Or<br><b>Under SRAWLA Emergency procedures</b> |

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Implementers of Global Fund-supported programs must ensure the diagnostic products they purchase meet our partnership's quality standards.

Our Quality Assurance Policy for Diagnostic Products applies to all durable and non-durable in vitro diagnostics, imaging equipment and microscopes used in Global Fund-supported programs for diagnosis, screening, surveillance or monitoring purposes:

- Quality Assurance Policy for Diagnostic Products  
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We promote best practices in the procurement of diagnostic products, including:

- Complying with World Health Organization guidance on storage and distribution
- Ensuring that products are used by appropriately trained and suitably qualified persons only
- Using best efforts to participate in suitable external quality assessment programs
- Using best efforts to organize calibration and maintenance of relevant equipment
- Using best efforts to develop systematic reporting of product defects

The cost of quality assurance and quality monitoring measures must be included in grant budgets. Those responsible for the procurement of diagnostic processes (in most cases, the Principal Recipient) should ensure they observe all applicable laws and regulations. In addition, World Health Organization guidelines or national guidelines should serve as the basis for the selection of particular products.

### Eligibility of Products

In accordance with our quality assurance policy, implementers have four options when selecting which in vitro diagnostic products to purchase. They can choose products that meet one of the four options:

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/diagnostic-products/>

## — Diagnostics eligible product lists

### List of HIV Diagnostic Test Kits and Equipments Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy

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### List of Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits for Malaria Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy


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### List of SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Test Kits and Equipments Eligible for Procurement: COVID-19

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### List of TB Diagnostic Tests Classified According to the Quality Assurance Policy

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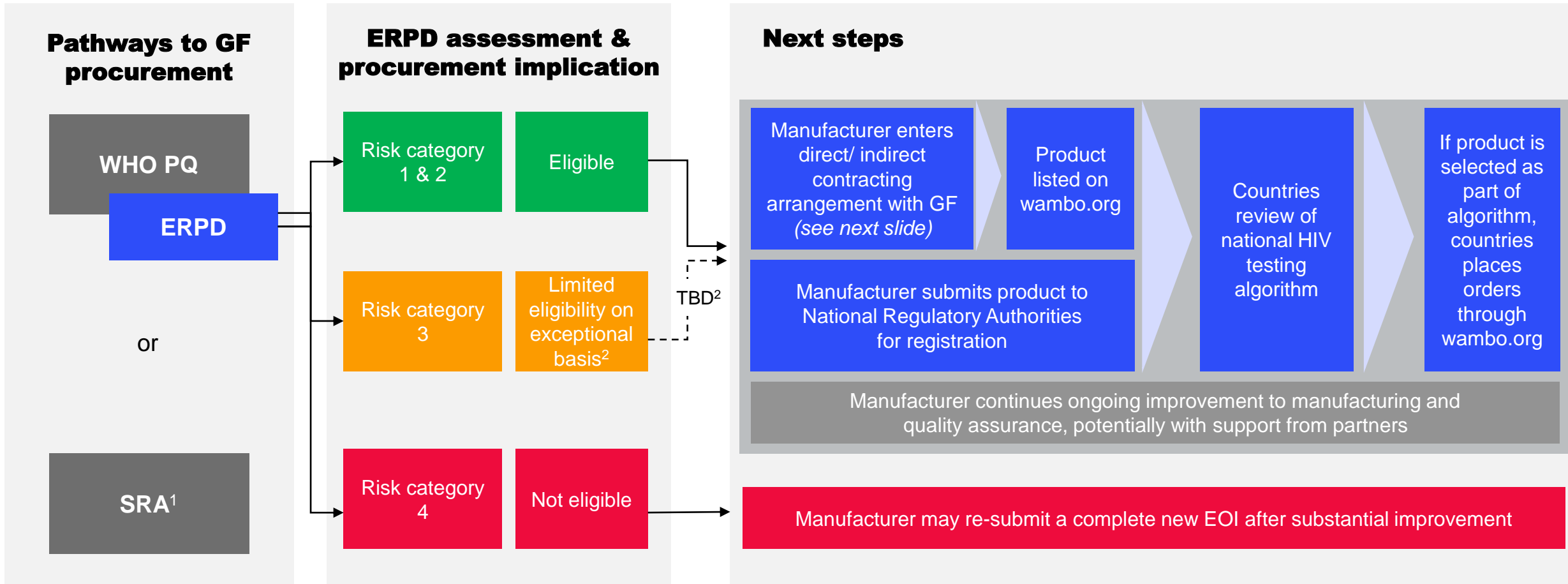
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# The Expert Review Panel (ERP) – 1/3

|   |   |
|---|---|
|    | Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) following extensive consultation.   |
|    | A panel of experts hosted by WHO assesses the potential risks/benefits associated with the use of products when <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• there is a public health need AND</li><li>• products are not yet compliant with QA requirements</li></ul> |
|    | Eligibility criteria for dossier submission is per ERP/ERPD TORs  |
|    | Assesses abbreviated product dossiers submitted by manufacturers (questionnaire and annexes).   |
|    | Makes time limited recommendations to the Global Fund: validity maximum 12 months.  |
|  | Provides a risk categorization for the product which may be linked to specific mitigation or control measures.  |
|  | Products recommended for procurement by ERP are listed within the Health Product Eligible Products lists.   |

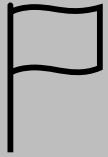
# Indicative next steps before following ERPD, before a test can be procured using Global Fund funds -2/3



<sup>1</sup> SRA is not possible for HIV RDTs for self testing (see QA Policy)

<sup>2</sup> Procurement permitted if no alternatives that can meet programmatic and/or operational requirements

# Procuring ERP products -3/3



Principal Recipient has to notify the Country Team/HPM



Non-objection/  
Objection  
→ Global Fund letter



If Non-objection  
→ Quality Control testing initiated by **the Global Fund**



QC result\*:  
→ Global Fund approval letter to PR/Manufacturer  
→ Shipment of the product

- The non-objection Letter valid for 12 months.
- Purchase orders (PO) may be issued during full validity of the non-objection Letter.
- There is a possibility to organize for a shipment under quarantine status to allow the transport and the testing of the goods to be done in parallel.

\*QC testing is required for all Pharma ERP assessed products and only applicable to Diagnostic ERP assessed products depending on the associated risk mitigations.

# More available on ERP on Global Fund website

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/sourcing-management/quality-assurance/expert-review-panel/>

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The Expert Review Panel is a group of independent experts who review the potential risks and benefits associated with the use of finished pharmaceutical or diagnostic products and make recommendations to the Global Fund on their use. The Quality and Safety of Medicines department of the World Health Organization hosts the panel.

Two panels compose the Expert Review Panel:

- Expert Review Panel for Pharmaceutical Products: See our [Medicines](#) page for more information on the work of this panel. The panel's terms of reference are available below for download.
- Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics: See [Diagnostics Products](#) for more information on the work of this panel. The panel's terms of reference are available for download.

## Opportunities for Evaluation

Manufacturers are invited to submit their products for Expert Review Panel evaluation. Invitations are published as either semesterly Round calls with a submission deadline or Ad-Hoc with no specified deadline. We regularly publish all invitations on our [Updates](#) page. The continued Ad-Hoc invitations are also found in the drop down lists below:

+ Opportunities for Evaluation of Medicines

+ Opportunities for Evaluation of Diagnostic Products

Each individual invitation details the specific documents to include in a submission. This list of documents includes, but is not limited to:

For Evaluation of Medicines:

— Opportunities for Evaluation of In Vitro Diagnostics

**Update: Expression of Interest (EOI) for HIV rapid diagnostic tests manufactured in Africa (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-24/08-2023)**

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**Malaria Rapid Diagnostic Tests for infections of Pf only, Pf/Pv or Pan (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-23/05-2023)**

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**Diagnostic tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and combined HIV, Hepatitis B and C (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-22/10-2022)**

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**TB Diagnostic Tests employing NAAT, LAM, IGRA and NGS (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-21/04-2022)**

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**Rapid chromatographic immunoassay technology for identification of MTB complex species (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-20/09-2021)**

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**Rapid Diagnostic Tests for Self-Testing of HIV (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-15/11-2019)**

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**Diagnostic tests for Syphilis (Treponema Pallidum) infections (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-14/10-2019)**

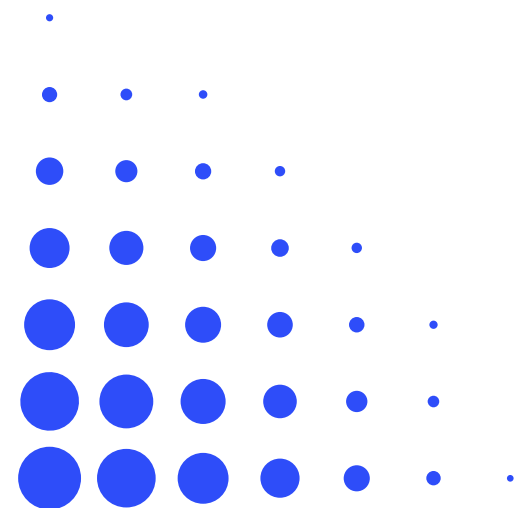
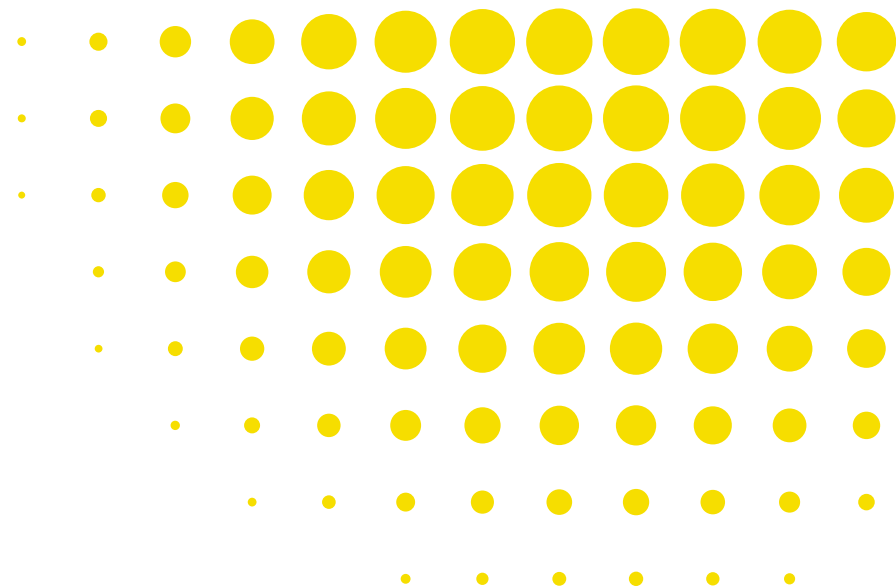
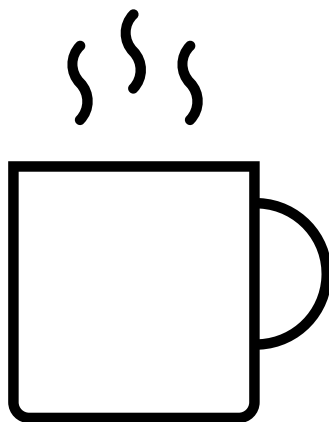
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**CD4 Rapid Diagnostic Tests (GF/ERPD/Adhoc-12/07-2019)**

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**Break  
Meeting  
will  
reconvene  
at 3:00PM GVA time**





# PEPFAR Sourcing Strategy

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# USAID Long Term Strategy - Integrated and Sustainable National Laboratory Networks

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## Topics of Discussion



**Introduce PEPFAR's Global Laboratory Supply Chain Strategy**

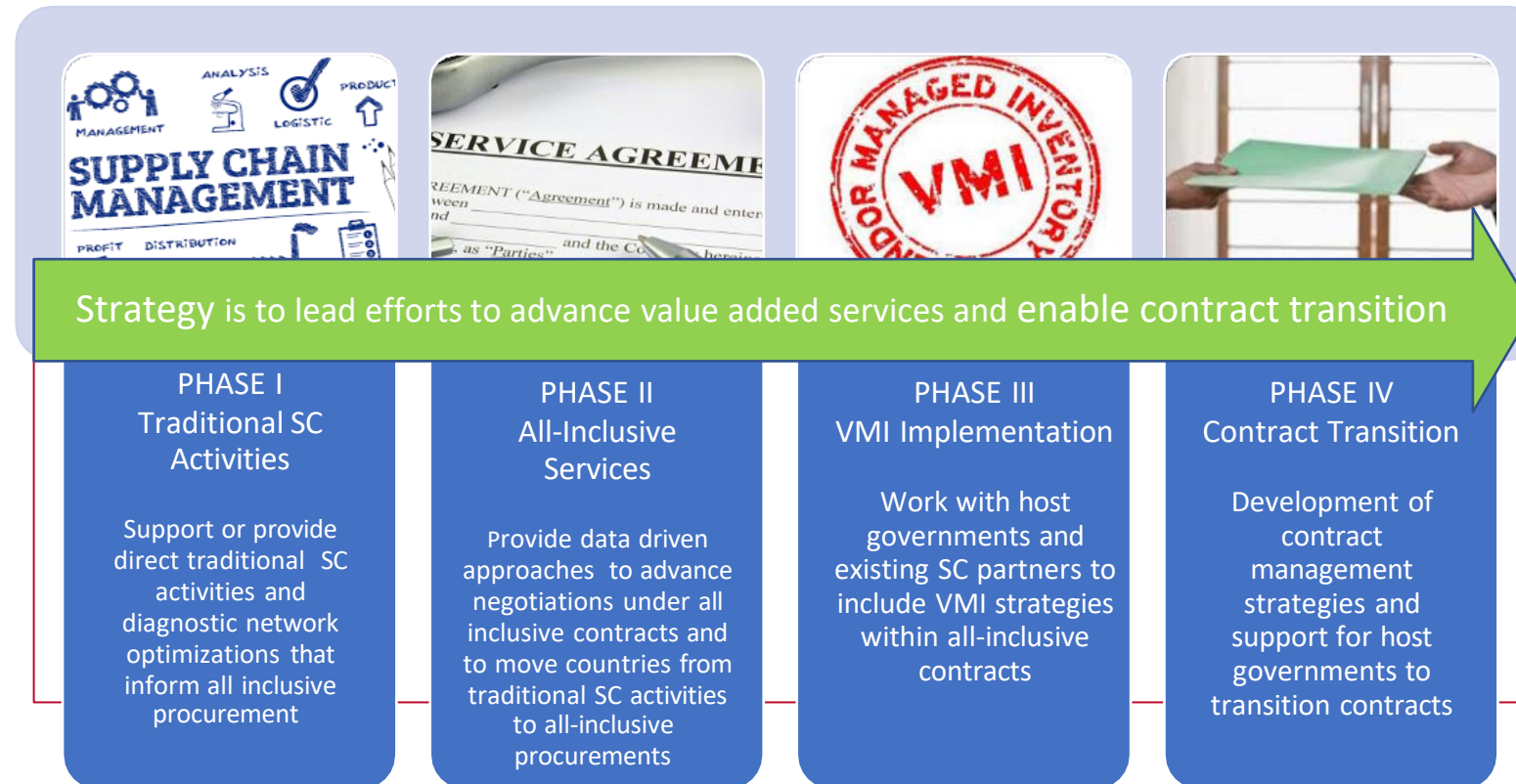
**A move to Vendor Managed Solutions**



**Discuss other private sector opportunities that advance PEPFARs sustainability and USAID laboratory strategy**



# USAID Supply Chain transformation model is a four step phased approach to enable transition to host governments



## Past challenges - reasons to shift

There have historically been a range of challenges in the VL and EID testing markets



Lack of “all -inclusive” service packages in most countries, with inadequate budgeting for and procurement of some services (esp., maintenance)



No formal supplier service contracts or target service levels established in most countries, limiting countries’ ability to hold suppliers to a high level of service performance



Limited donor transparency into instrument performance and usage, with only a small minority of countries publicly publishing national lab system data



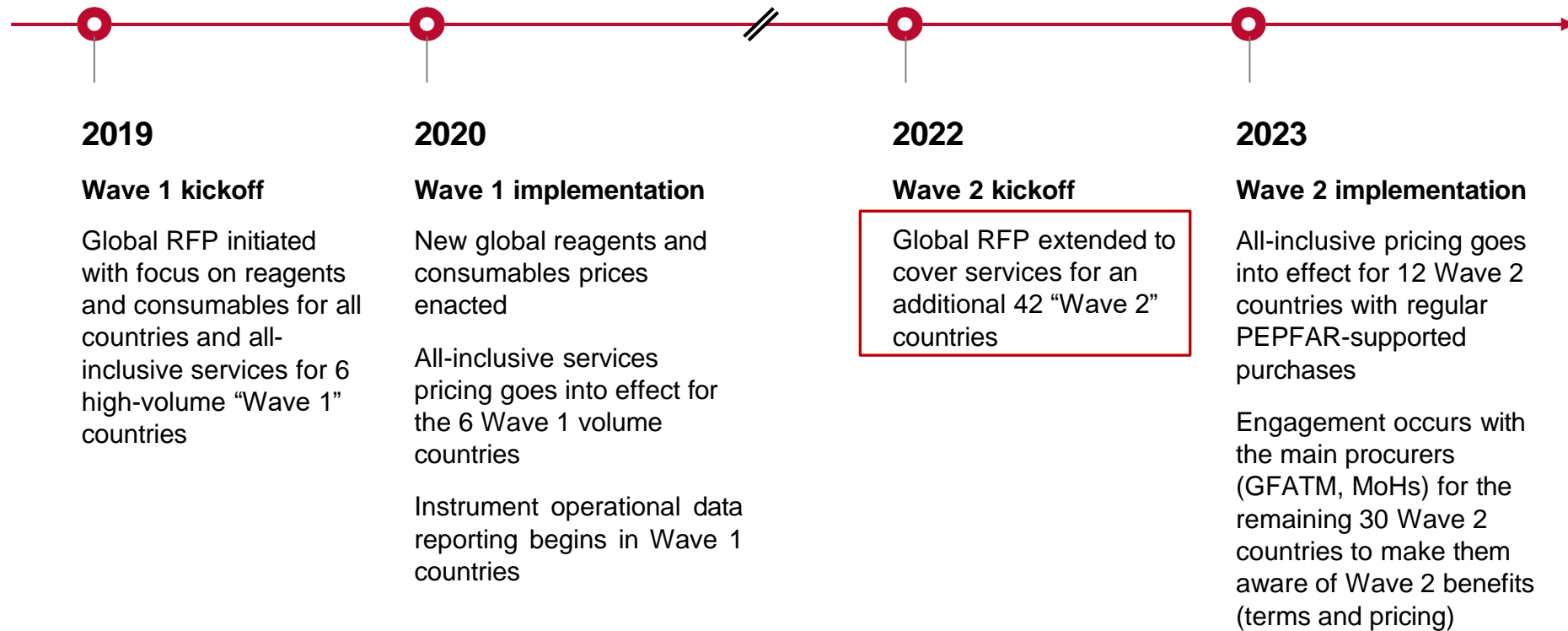
High variations in pricing across countries (up to 2x for same exact product), driven by:

- **Fragmented procurement and planning activities** across global partners and countries, with negotiations often done on a country-by-country basis
- **Limited competition**, with only two major market players and some countries locked into sole-supplier situations
- **Low transparency into pricing and terms**

# PEPFAR used several strategies to address the challenges in viral load procurement, with a shift on prioritizing services



# The Global RFP has been structured in two waves to cover all PEPFAR-supported countries



# This effort builds on the Global Viral Load (VL) initiative from 2020 that implemented the new all-inclusive package in 6 large pilot countries

Pilot countries:

Kenya

Mozambique

Nigeria

Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia

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Largest PEPFAR-supported countries have all-inclusive pricing with stronger service levels

~\$100M


Cumulative savings for PEPFAR since 2020 compared to pre-RFP savings

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Standardized KPIs in the Global VL initiative to drive network performance through stronger, formal, service levels

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Global VL Dashboard developed to capture a wealth of data for improved commodity security, testing results and network optimization



More than 300 instruments providing live reporting of operational data to the dashboard



3<sup>rd</sup> supplier ramping up in several countries to increase competition and supply security

This past year, Wave 2 expanded the Global VL initiative to cover all PEPFAR-supported countries, including many countries in which Global Fund is the primary funder



# May 13-17, 2024 – First Wave 2 workshop, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

First, some statistics



12 + Workshop and training sessions conducted

15+ Hours of tutorials have been conducted in 3 days

75+ Workshop participants from 10 countries

24+ Organizations represented



# May 13-17, 2024 - First Wave 2 workshop, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

If there is one thing you should remember from each training module, it should be...

## 1. Change Management:

- Developing a **case for change** and **communicating it effectively** to your stakeholders is critical to **enabling sustainable and lasting change**.

## 2. SLA:

- The SLA must be **included under a larger general framework agreement** such as BOA.
- The **SLA template is flexible** to accommodate your needs and constraints.

## 3. Supply Chain Management:

- Any incoterm change should be carefully **discussed and considered with all relevant stakeholders**.
- Additional strategies should be considered if and when the country needs to evaluate products with lower remaining shelf-life

## 4. Pricing:

- All Inclusive Price = R&C Price <which is global> + Services Price <which is country-specific>
- **Further collaboration is encouraged to unlock best value**; however, W2 countries will almost always **continue to use CVI's**





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## 5. VMI:

- All **key stakeholders must be present** from the start to implement VMI
- **Proactively take the steps necessary** that would qualify you for VMI

## 6. KPI:

- KPIs help create accountability and transparency between you and the supplier
- Meeting with your supplier to discuss their KPI performance regularly is the only way to improve their performance and create corrective action plans for poor performing KPIs.

## 7. VIPMA:

- **Data sharing capabilities are necessary for fully implementing KPI monitoring** and VMI
- All machine monitoring is done in compliance with strict data privacy regulations

## 8. Instrument Placements:

- Consider **network, laboratory/site preparedness, instrument, and products** when thinking about instrument placements



# The all-inclusive package of services was designed in collaboration with Integrated Diagnostic Consortium partners, including Global Fund



| Services category   | What is included  |
|---|---|
| Instrument lease, installation and removal                        | Equipment lease and installation costs, including placement, delivery of machines to site, inspection of machines, initial end user training and instrument removal at end of life or end of contract |
| Service and maintenance, insurance, and ongoing end user training | All aspects of servicing and maintaining instruments and providing ongoing end user training, including insurance, preventative maintenance, repairs and replacements, and necessary updates          |
| Connectivity and data reporting                                   | Automated reporting of operational data from instruments  |
| Commodity supply chain management                                 | Freight and logistics of reagents and consumables delivered to the central medical store or laboratory  |
| Equipment upgrades  | Planned enhancements and upgrades to instruments  |

Three suppliers have agreed to these service packages<sup>1</sup>



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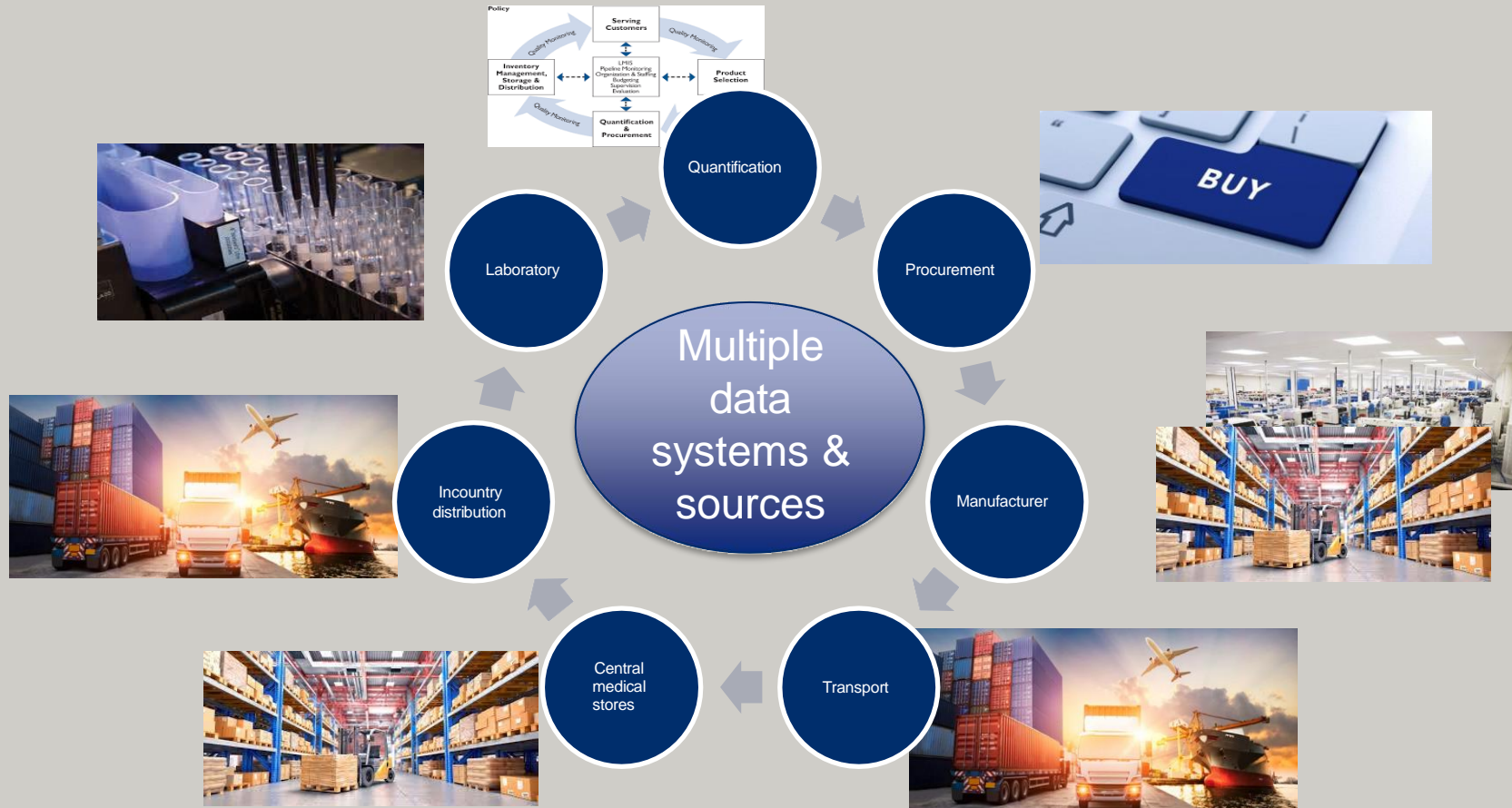
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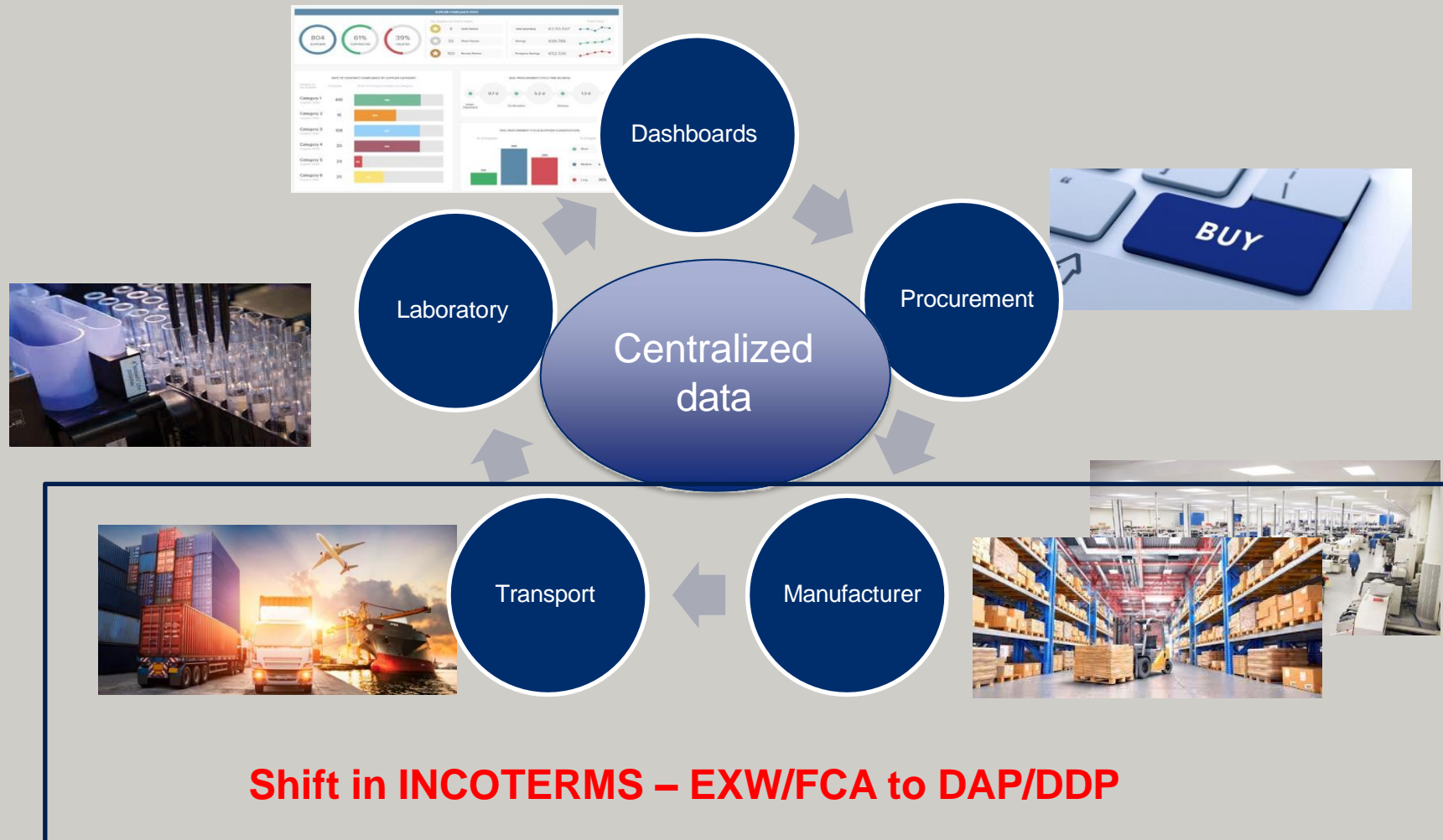


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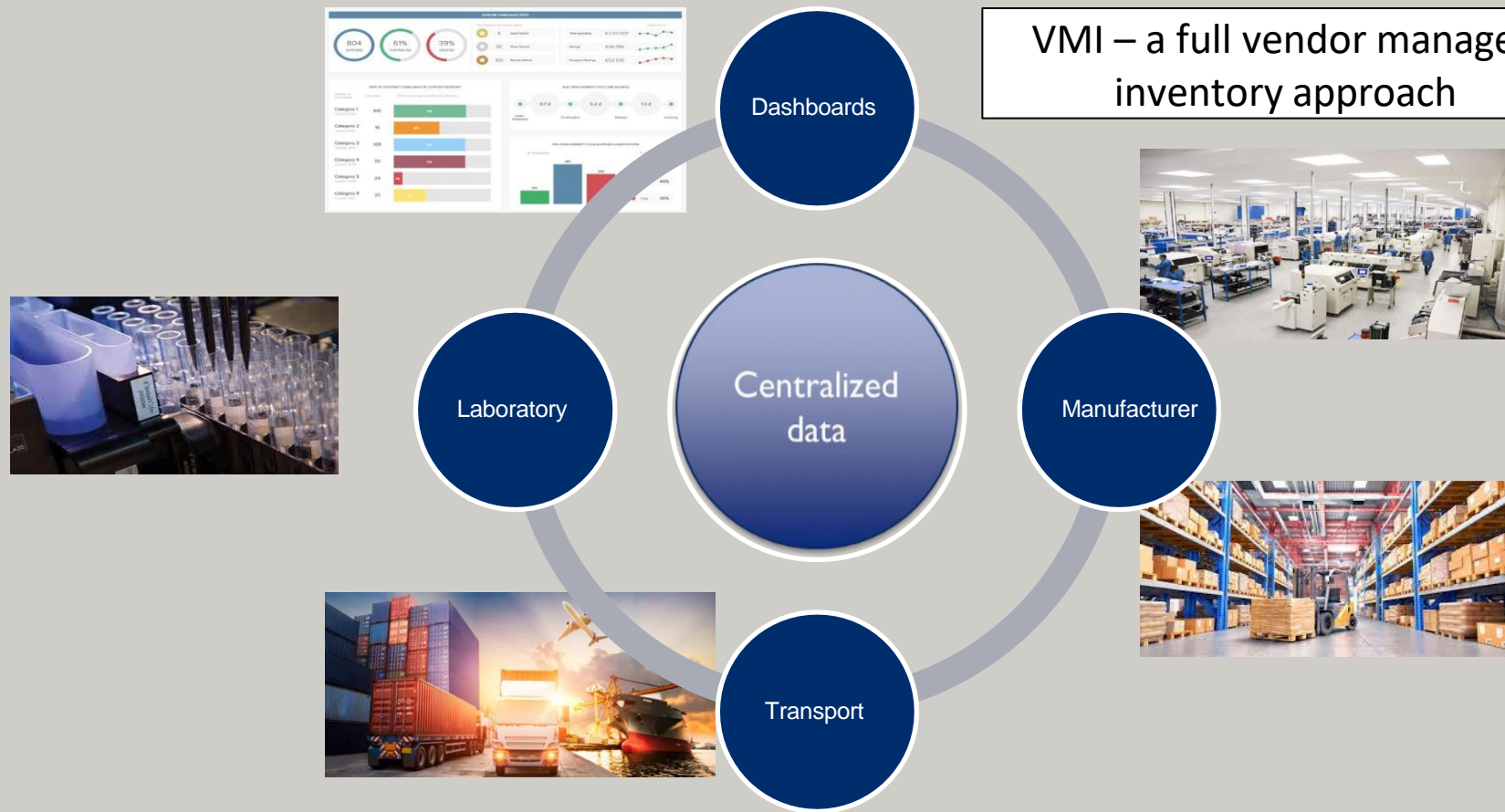
# Supply Chain – Traditional approach



# Supply Chain – Shift in INCOTERMS



# Supply Chain – Move to VMI





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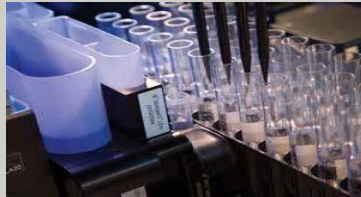
Current pilots:  
Nigeria



Mozambique



VMI – a full vendor managed inventory approach



Dashboards



Manufacturer



Centralized data

Transport



Laboratory



# Topics of Discussion



Introduce PEPFAR's Global Laboratory  
Supply Chain Strategy

A move to Vendor Managed Solutions



**Discuss other private sector  
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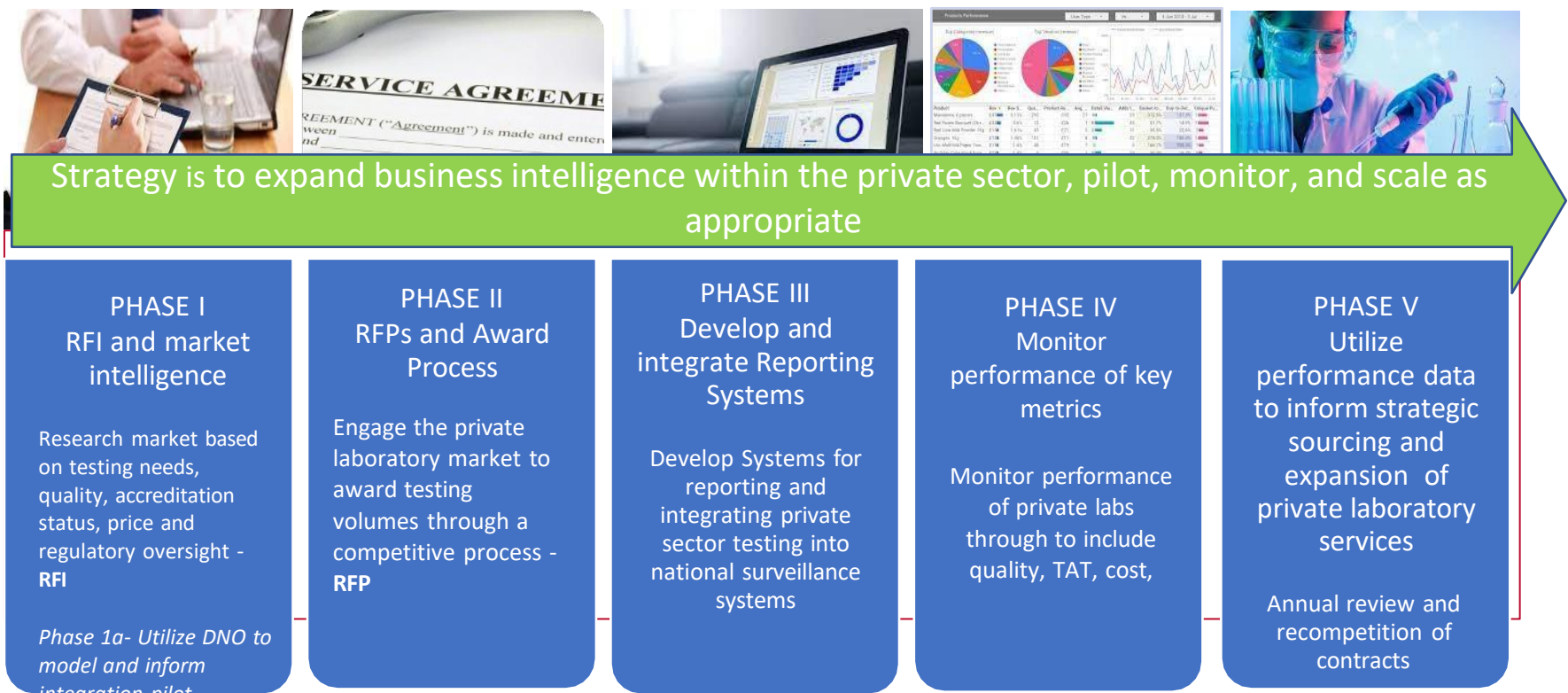
# Advantages of moving to service driven contracts and private sector integration for national laboratory networks

- Contract driven - defined service level expectations
  - Centrally managed
  - Performance based
  - Annual renegotiation of contracts and lower switching costs
  - Standard KPI monitoring
  - Ease of contract transition to host governments
  - Transparency - cost and performance
- Flexibility
  - Scaleable
  - Known costs
  - Service driven and payment for services only
  - Drives competition and value for money
  - Develops private sector capabilities
  - Long term sustainability

## Opportunities moving to service driven contracts and private sector integration for national laboratory networks

- Transitioning public sector laboratory supply chain into a service oriented model that includes all-inclusive pricing contracts (VMI solutions, instrument connectivity, data visibility and transparency) with overall management and oversight provided by MOHs
- Utilize DNO to map public and private sector laboratory coverage and define overall laboratory network, sample collection points, and inform development of approaches to improve service delivery coverage and potential surveillance structures.
- Fully integrate private sector laboratories to improve coverage and to move to a service oriented model that compliments existing public laboratory systems.
- Developing systems of data reporting that integrate public and private laboratories, leveraging national sample transport networks to serve as the backbone for a national surveillance network providing disease data and samples to national reference laboratories

USAID is working to better understand and pilot fee-for-service contracts within the private sector laboratory and sample transport marketplace



# Comments/Questions

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# Molecular Technologies Procurement Strategy

The Global Fund, Direct Sourcing Team

# Context – Molecular Technologies

Integrated Molecular PCR Diagnostics is a complex category and essential for the successful implementation of HIV, TB and RSSH programs

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1. Integrated molecular technologies is a core diagnostic category that **includes HIV viral load, early infant diagnostics, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis and other co-infections**. GC6 spend including C19RM investment was \$265M, representing ~2% of \$5.1bn\* global diagnostics market, consisting of **instruments, assays, consumables, service & maintenance and connectivity solutions**.
2. In the framework of Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH), molecular diagnostic technologies **strengthen the national laboratory systems, enhance country capabilities for emergency preparedness** and provides **access to life saving diagnostics for HIV, TB and Co-Infections**.
3. The Global Fund, PEPFAR, USAID TB and StopTB have been working together to **implement innovative procurement modalities including all-inclusive pricing** (reagent rental).
4. Implementation of effective procurement modalities require **collaboration and coordination at the national, regional and global levels. National programs and laboratory networks** need to have strong administrative capacity to manage the technologies, and closely engage with suppliers and global partners for technical support and funding.
5. In collaboration with key internal and external stakeholders, the Sourcing team will **implement a refreshed procurement strategy aiming to create a stronger system alignment and improved Value for Money through optimizing diagnostic network and well-defined performance criteria**.



# Integrated Molecular PCR Technologies Matrix

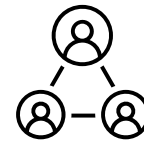
Effective category management requires an integrated and multi-dimensional approach

## Cross-Disease



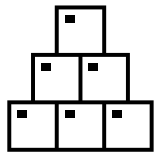
- HIV
- Tuberculosis
- Co-Infections: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)

## Multilateral Stakeholder



- The Global Fund (TAP, Lab, GMD, SO)
- Large Partner Organizations (PEPFAR, USAID TB)
- Procurement Service Agent
- Manufacturers
- Distribution Networks
- National Disease Programs & Laboratories

## System Solutions



- Instruments
- Tests
- Consumables
- Warranties and Services
- Data connectivity and Reporting

## Multiple Procurement Modalities



- Direct Purchase
- All-Inclusive Pricing
  - For legacy (directly purchased) instruments
  - For new instruments

**Requires tailored approach per country at implementation stage**

# Integrated Molecular PCR Technologies Scope

The portfolio covers multiple diseases, products and components

| Disease Scope |   | Components  |
|---------------|---|---|
| HIV           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Viral Load (VL)</li><li>• Early Infant Diagnosis (EID)</li></ul>            | <b>Tests</b>  |
| TB            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MTB Nucleid Acid Amplification</li><li>• RIF</li><li>• XDR</li></ul>        | <b>Instruments</b> – Platform, Analyzer, etc.   |
| Co-Infections | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hepatitis B</li><li>• Hepatitis C</li><li>• Human Papilloma Virus</li></ul> | <b>Consumables</b> – Calibrators, Sample Preparations, etc.                           |
|               |   | <b>Service and Maintenance</b> – SLAs, Warranty, Training & Installation, Spare Parts |
|               |   | <b>Connectivity</b> – Software, Data Management & Reporting                           |

**Scope: QA eligible automated PCR Testing Technologies for VL/EID, Tuberculosis and Co-Infections**

# Multiple Procurement Modalities

Proposed procurement modalities range from direct purchase of individual components to all-inclusive price per test

## Direct Purchase

Components are purchased individually

Responsibility divided between customer and supplier

High Potential logistics risks for the recipient

## Hybrid

More inclusive than direct purchase

Equipment lease with direct procurement of tests (no volume commitment)

Some cost components may be included in the price per test

Service and maintenance may be included

## All-Inclusive

Test price includes all components (platform, test, services, etc.)

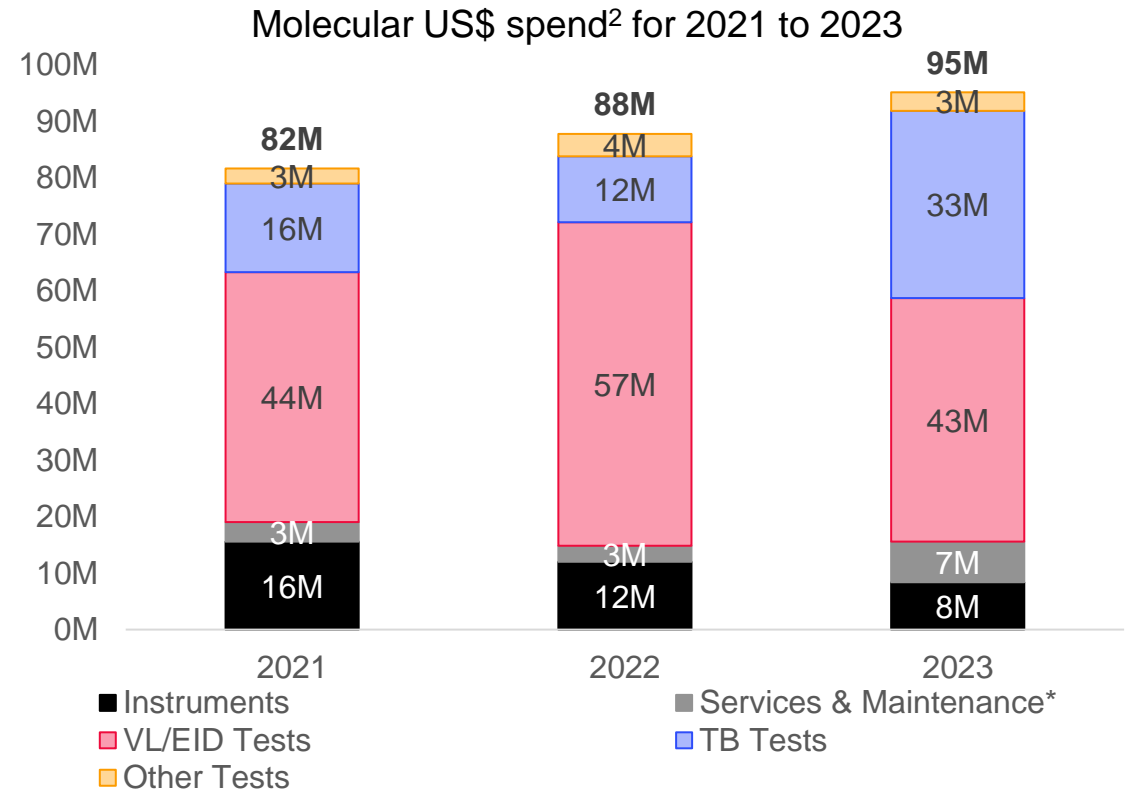
Supplier responsible to monitor and report against KPIs

Required time-bound volume commitment

# Molecular Procurement Overview 2021-2023

A range of PCR Technologies valued at \$265M were procured through PPM across HIV, Tuberculosis and related Co-Infections

- **Total spend for tests** represent over **80%** and total of **\$215M**
  - i. VL/EID<sup>1</sup> test spend was \$145M, or two thirds of total spend on tests.
  - ii. Tuberculosis test spend was \$61M, representing 28% of spend on tests; 20% of spend funded through C19RM investment
  - iii. Other tests (Co-Infections<sup>3</sup>) accounted for \$10m
- Procurement of **equipment** (including instruments, services & maintenance) amounted **\$49M** and represented about **20%** of spend, mainly driven by C19RM investment.
- Demand for GC7 (2024-2026) is expected to remain at a similar level – with a potential increase. Indicative demand information will be shared with the Request for Proposals (RFP) publication



\*incl. spare parts, components, warranty, services, and other equipment related costs

<sup>1</sup> VL/EID = HIV Viral Load and Early Infant Diagnosis

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: Global Fund Procurement Service Agent. PPM procurement data for 2021 to 2023

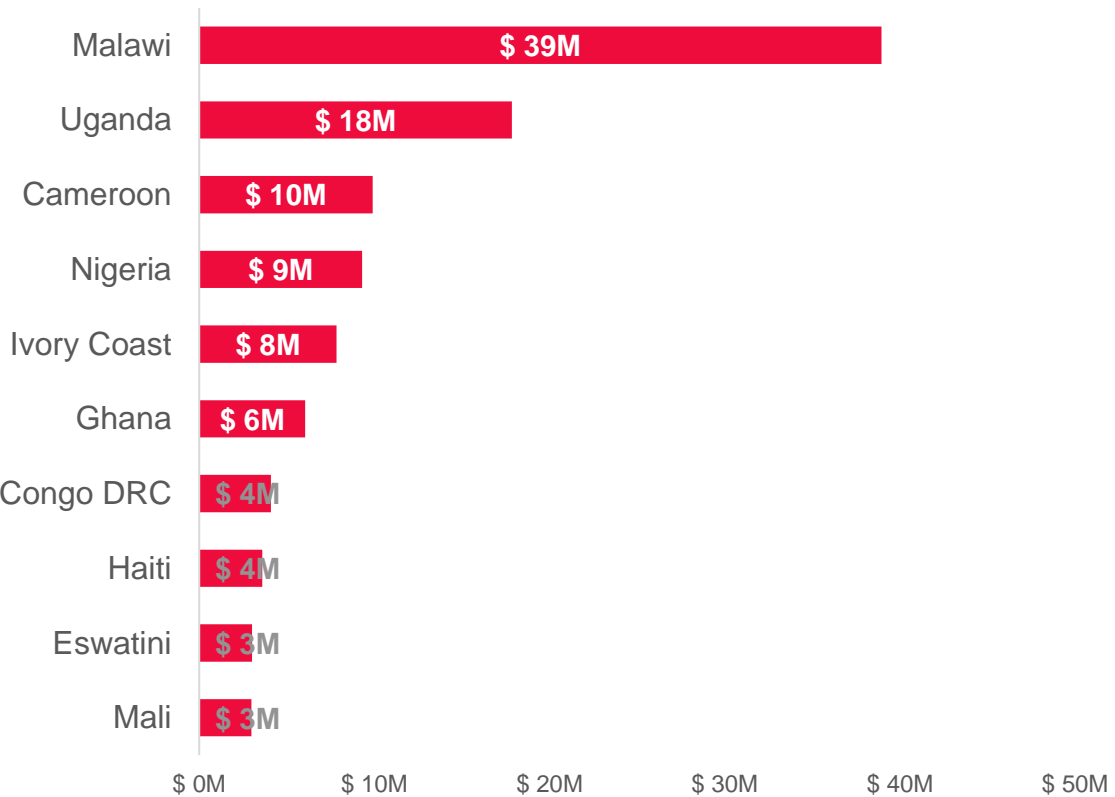
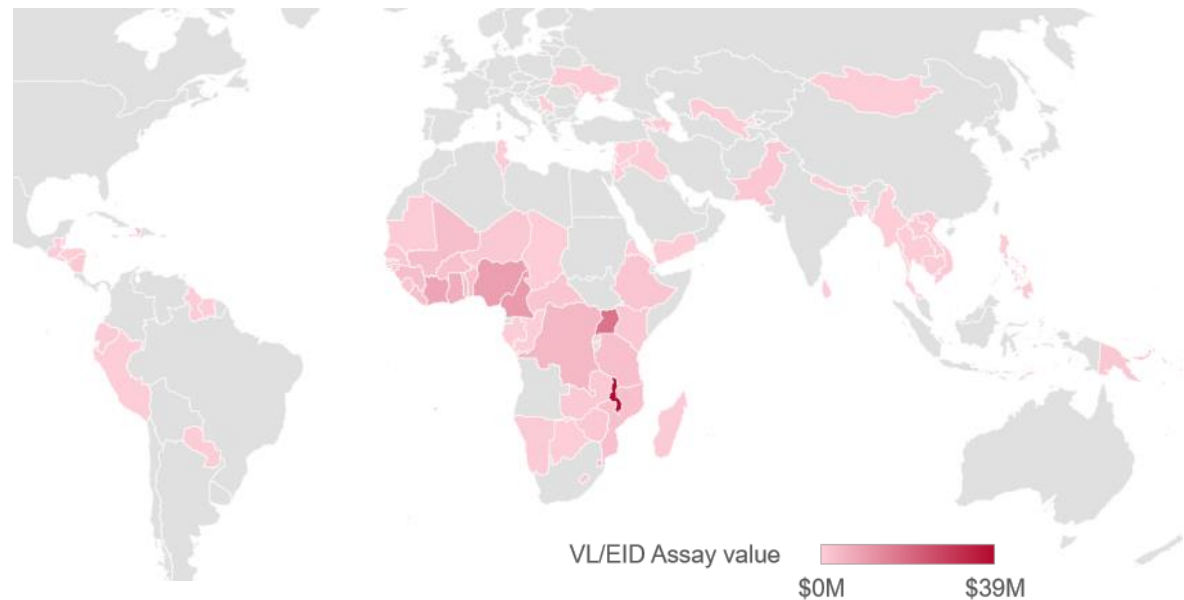
<sup>3</sup> Other tests includes Hepatitis B and C (HBV, HCV), Human Papillomavirus (HPV), and other Molecular reagent and consumables

# VL/EID tests supplied to 79 countries in 2021-2023

Top 5 countries account for 58% of spend. Bottom 40 countries account for ~2%

\$145M VL/EID tests procured for 79 countries\*,...

... and 10 countries accounted for 71% of the volumes

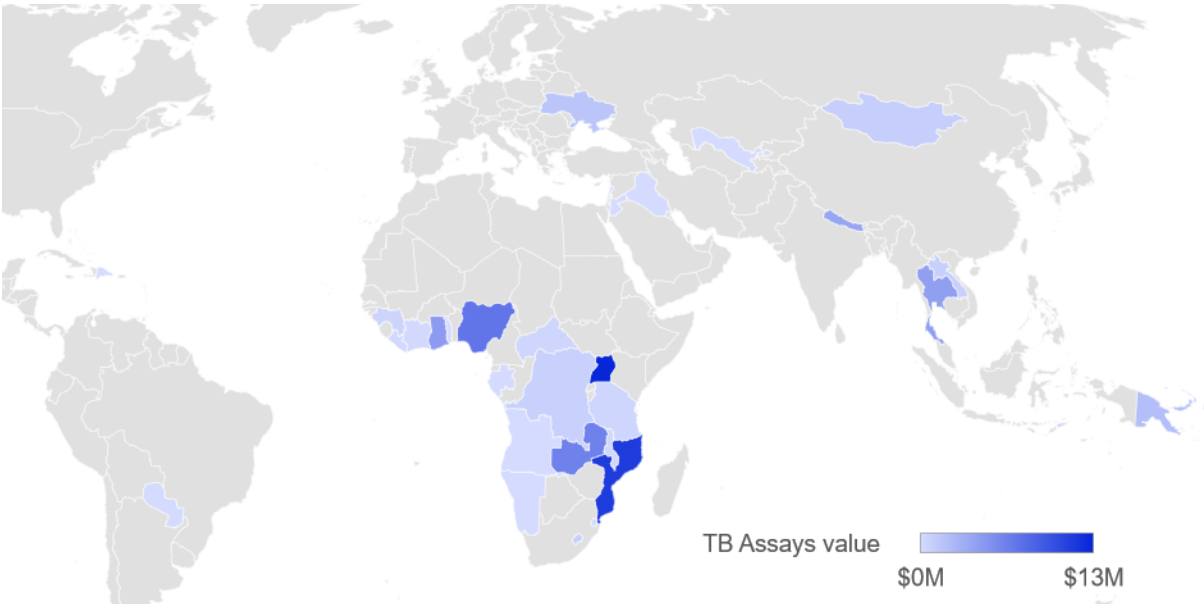


\* 79 countries (from 2021 to 2023): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, East Timor, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, The Gambia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

# TB tests supplied to 37 countries in 2021-2023

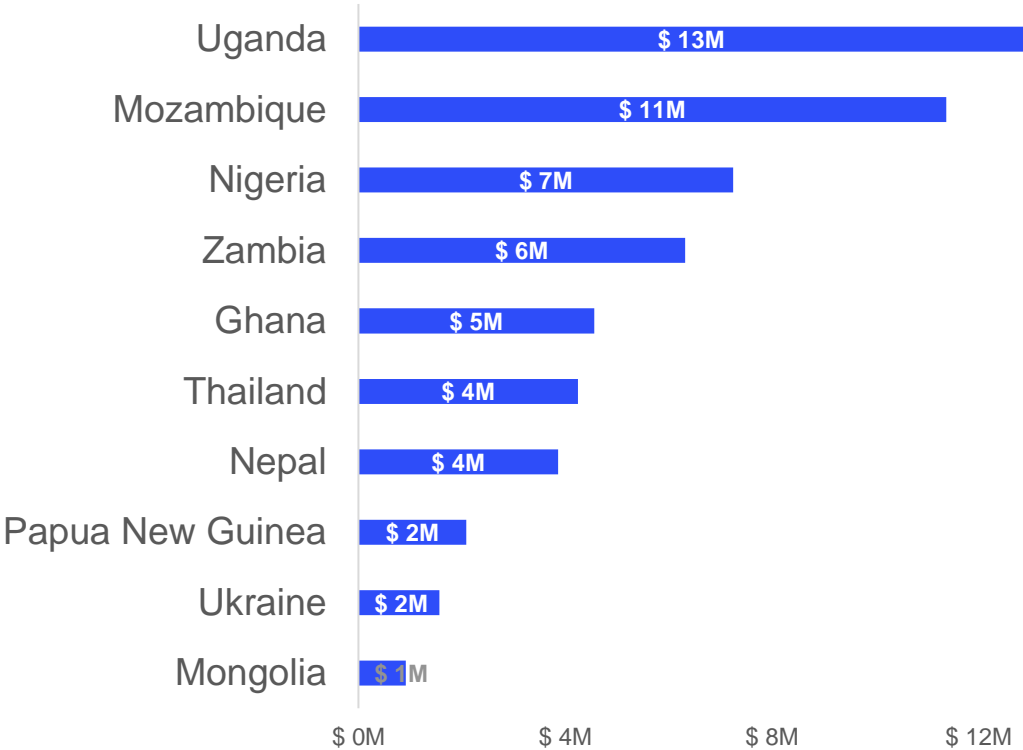
Uganda, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Zambia represented over 50% of demand in 2021-2023

\$61M Tuberculosis tests procured for 37 countries\*,...



\* 37 countries (from 2021 to 2023): Angola, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Eswatini, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, São Tomé and Príncipe, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zambia

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# Market Dynamics

An integrated approach across diseases can unlock value opportunities

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1. Molecular technologies and related components (tests, instruments, services) are often **funded by multiple sources** (such as Global Fund, PEPFAR, USAID TB, MOH) with limited visibility on ownership, use and plans.
2. **Multiple technologies are available for HIV molecular diagnostics while TB has limited options.** Therefore, introduction of new TB options is critical. There are few promising new technologies in the pipeline for TB.
3. **Limited molecular point of care level (community) options** are available, caused by high service and maintenance requirements and relatively low utilization rates.
4. Suppliers have and are developing **Co-Infection tests** (such as Hep B, Hep C, HPV) which can be used on the same platforms.
5. **Service and maintenance** is essential to maintain functionality and access, however this area remains a challenge as countries **do not always have service level agreements (SLAs)** with clear terms, conditions and accountabilities.
6. Molecular technologies are generally multiplex; however, they are often owned by individual disease programs and have focused use. This appears to be caused by differentiated programmatic needs and vertical management of the disease programs. **Not all countries have integrated multi-disease diagnostic strategies.**
7. Recent market developments offer opportunities for integration through **inclusive pricing modalities with improved total cost of ownership with unlocking value opportunities.**

# Molecular Technologies SWOT Analysis

Addressing weaknesses and threats require multi-stakeholder alignment and coordination

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## Strengths

- Suppliers provide complex technologies for LMIC
- Strong footprint of certain technologies in countries
- Most of the technologies offer multi-disease solutions
- Clear WHO recommendations for use of these technologies for disease programs

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## Weaknesses

- Forecasting: Country plans are unclear
- Countries may not have integrated multi-disease strategies
- Insufficient country capacity to manage technologies
- Limited purchase power by major public buyers
- Lack of clarity in service and maintenance terms and conditions

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## Opportunities

- Integration of disease strategies to increase efficiencies and empower country ownership
- Inclusive pricing modalities to simplify procurement
- Creating coordination and collaboration platforms globally and locally

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## Threats

- Resistance of disease programs to integrate
- Strong inter-dependance among stakeholders threatening implementation success
- Technology underutilization leads to ineffective procurement due to unoptimized networks
- High service and maintenance requirements
- Price increases due to inflation in western economies



# Strategic Objectives: Procurement of Molecular Technologies

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## 1. **Ensure Equitable Access to Quality-Assured Technologies: Affordability and Availability**

Maintain competitive & sustainable pricing through diversified supply base, value for money considerations and value delivery

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## 2. **Provide multiple procurement modalities based on the total cost of ownership concept**

Ensure countries have access to multiple procurement modalities to determine the optimal solution based on country specific parameters

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## 3. **Accelerate the introduction of innovative products and technologies**

Enable product innovation to ensure optimal care and cost reduction through creating a platform for accelerated introduction to market

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## 4. **Encourage environmentally sustainable practices**

Drive sustainable approaches in line with Global Fund's NextGen Market Shaping ambitions to reduce environmental impact

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## 5. **Improve supply chain response by applying best distribution practices**

Improve supply chain for responsive and agile molecular technologies delivery through procurement and supply chain capacity building

# Approach and Process

Success will rely on the implementation stage, where collaboration across all stakeholders is essential to improve access

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- Internal and External Stakeholder Consultation
- Scoping of Multiplexing Technologies
- Identification of Value-Added Initiatives (Total Cost of Ownership, All-Inclusive Pricing)



## Procurement Process (RFP)

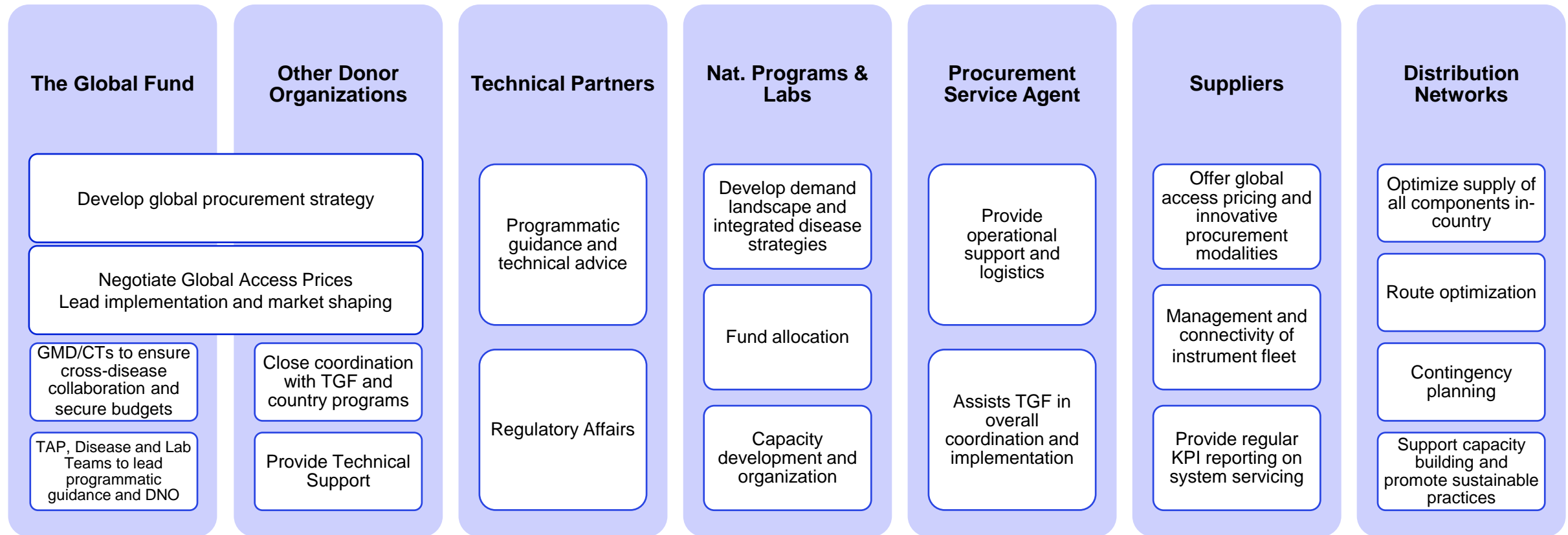
- Inclusive Compliant Tender
- Capture pricing for multiple procurement modalities
- Qualification of Suppliers for Framework Agreements
- Sign framework agreements



- Clearly defined Rules and Responsibilities of all Stakeholders involved
- Country-specific evaluation based on individual situation

# Multi-stakeholder implementation approach

Success depends on the collaboration, coordination and alignment of internal and external stakeholders



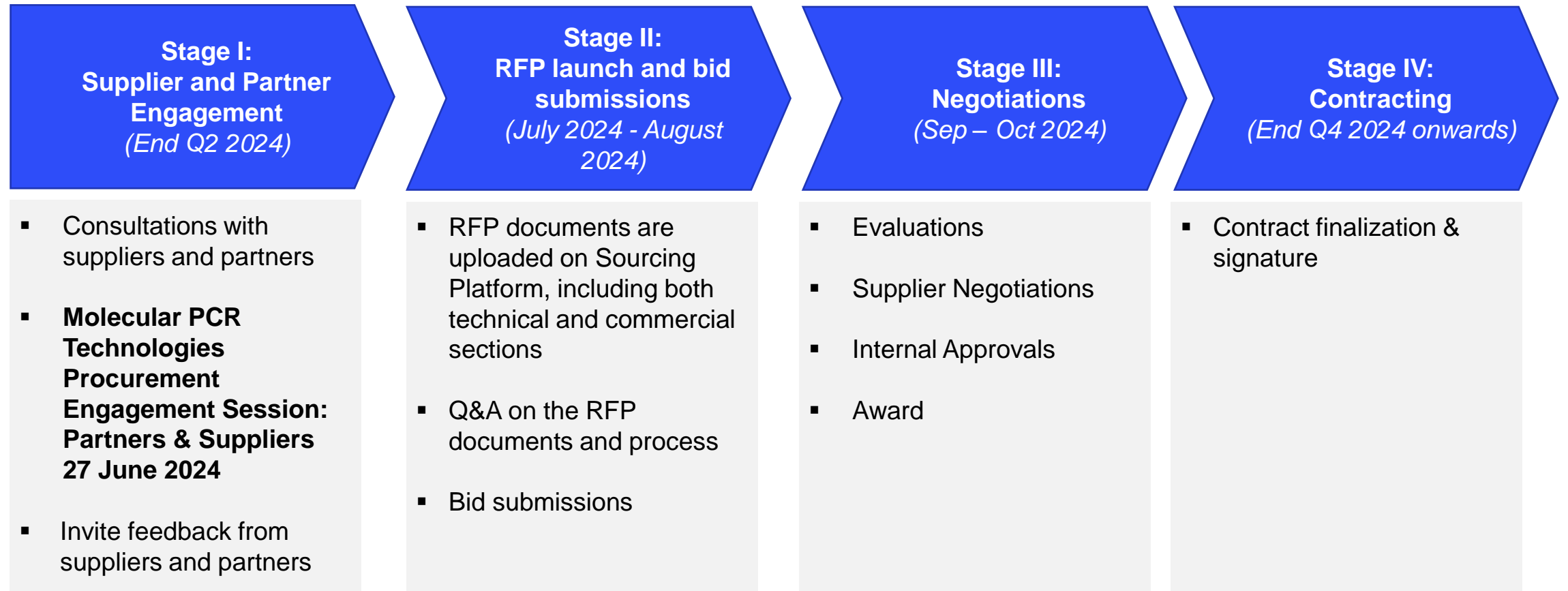
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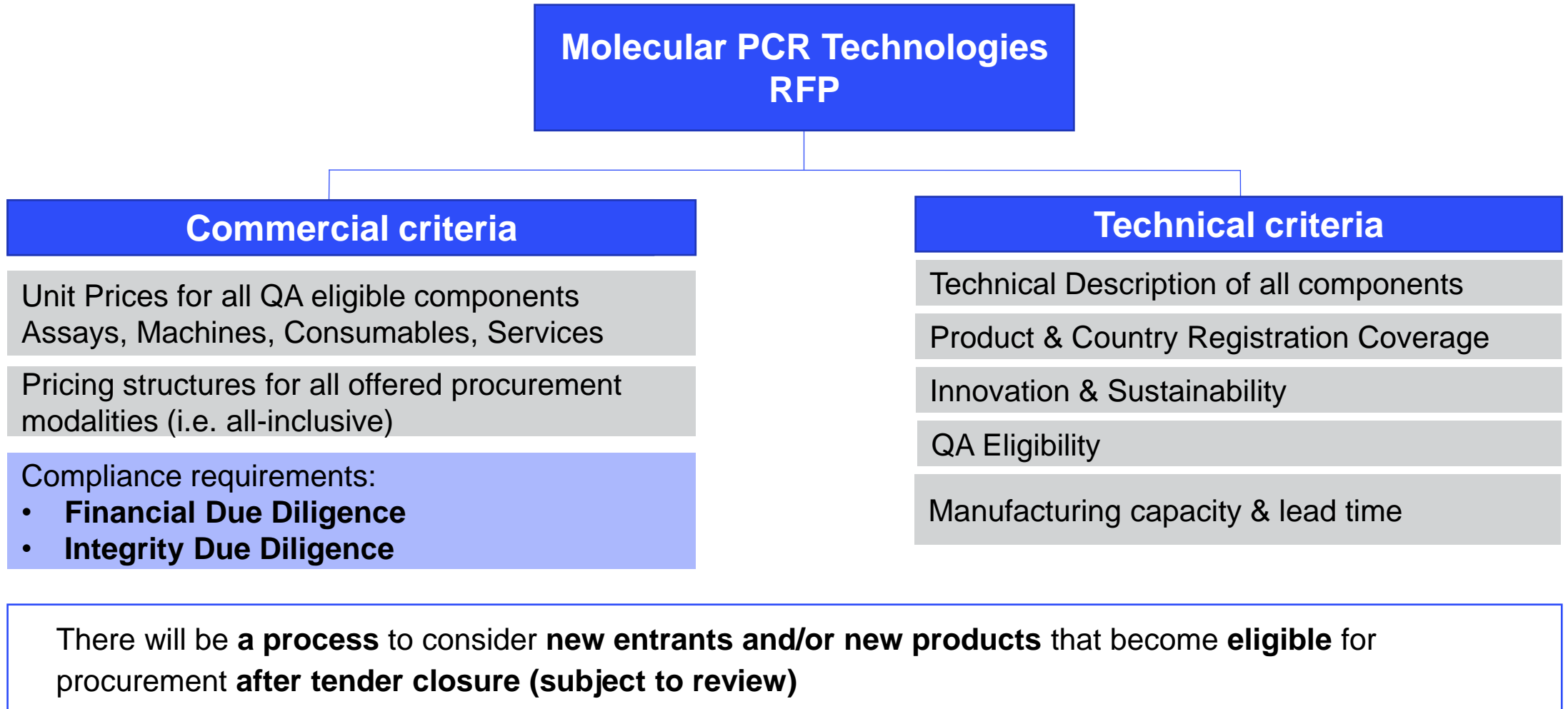
# **Request for Proposals (RFP): Timeline and Approach**

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# RFP process and timeline *(indicative)*



# Tender evaluation structure





# Legal Matters

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# Legal Matters: Certificate of Conformance

**RFP Bidders will be required to submit a signed certificate by an authorized officer, to acknowledge and agree (among other things):**

- Bidder will comply with Global Fund's Code of Conduct for Suppliers.
- Bidder's RFP submission implies Bidder's unconditional acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Strategic Partnership Agreement.
- Any reservations on the Partnership Agreement must be notified to the Global Fund as part of the RFP submission.
- Only limited, non-material amendments to the draft Strategic Partnership Agreement submitted as part of the Bidder's proposal may be considered by the Global Fund.
- The reservations or amendment requests will be considered in the overall evaluation of the Organization's proposal.
- Modifications to the following provisions of the Partnership Agreement will not be accepted:
  1. Record-Keeping and Audits,
  2. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution,
  3. No Waiver of Privileges and Immunities,
  4. Compliance with the Global Fund's Quality Assurance Policy, Code of Conducts and Sanctions Panel Procedures,
  5. Principles set forth in Most Favored Nation clause.



# Integrity Due Diligence

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# Integrity Due Diligence

## The Global Funds Ethics policies in relation to suppliers

### RFP Schedules

- All suppliers must complete the IDD questionnaire to its full extent
- Information on ownership and control is required for sanctions checks
- Conflict of interest disclosures required to develop mitigations
- Policies and case histories required to assess the ability to fulfill obligations under the Code of Conduct and other policies
- Limited fulfilment of expectations will inform risk management decisions

### Code of Conduct

- Prohibits both direct and indirect:
  - Corruption
  - Fraud
  - Coercion
  - Collusion
  - Anti-competitive practices
- Full and open disclosures of Col, including potential and perceived
- Safeguarding (with obligatory reporting):
  - Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Sexual Harassment
  - Child protection

### Other documents

- Policy to Combat Fraud and Corruption
- Policy on Conflict of Interest
- Contractual terms with respect to ethical issues
- Sanctions Panel Procedures








# Tender Management


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# Sourcing Platform used for all RFP communications

## Welcome page & notifications





Good afternoon, 

Things to Finish

Assigned to Me

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**ACTION REQUIRED**



You Are Invited to Request for Proposal TGF-D-00011(RFP Test)


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Actions

Accept Invitation

Decline Invitation

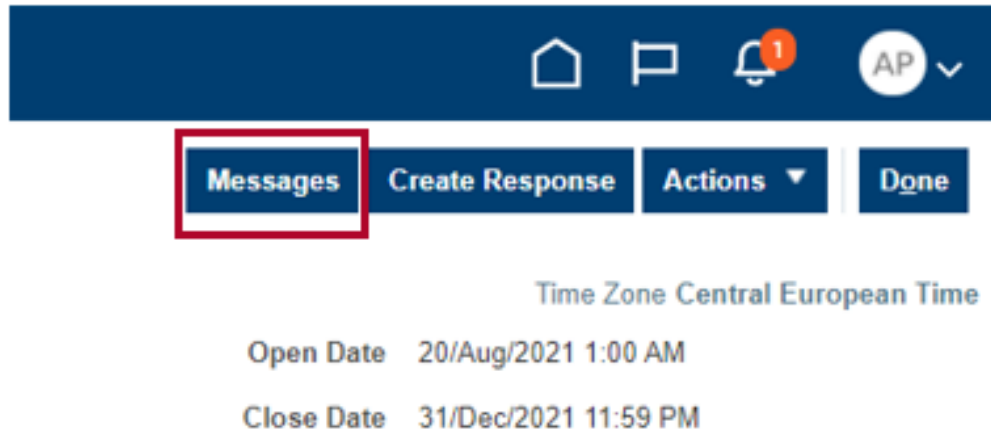


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# Communications & Support on Platform Access

- All communications with regards to this RFP, including clarification questions, shall be in writing and sent through the TGF Sourcing Platform using the online discussion (see below).
- Any communication from an RFP Participant to the Global Fund related to this RFP which is **not** through the designated channel (<https://fa-enmo-saasfaprod1.fa.ocs.oraclecloud.com/>), is not permitted and will not be answered.
- Should the Global Fund deem it necessary to revise the RFP as a result of a clarification, it shall do so as an amendment to the RFP available on the Global Fund's website.

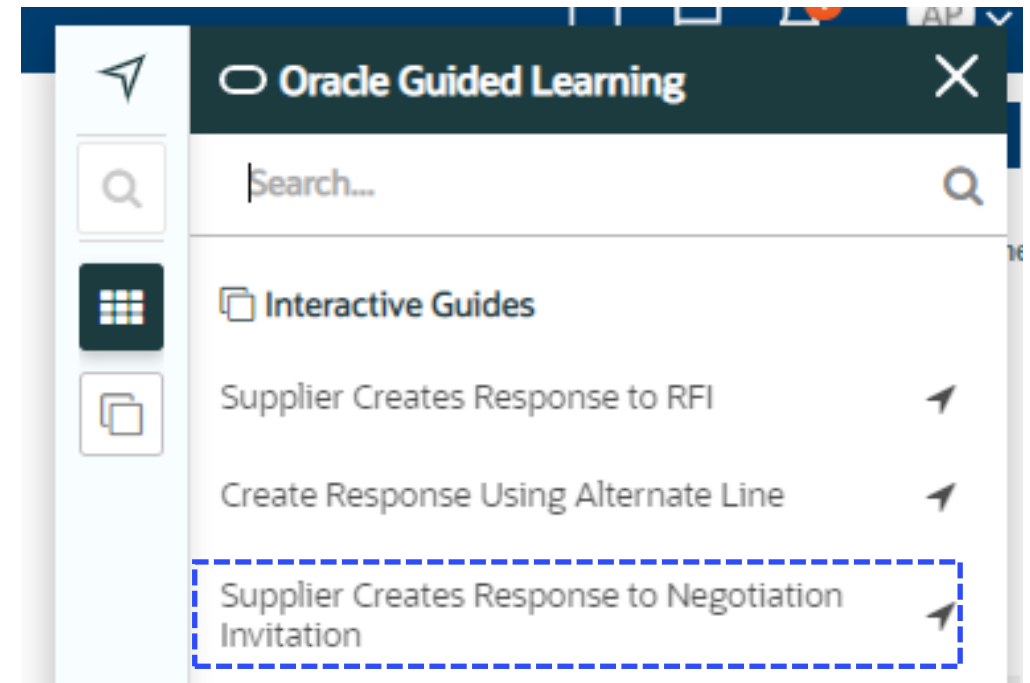
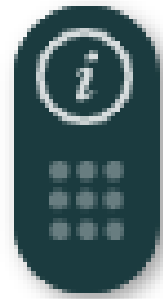


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# Sourcing Platform: Other Matters

## Oracle Guided Learning (OGL)

- Feature which provides step-by-step and personalized guides in the negotiation module.
- Please open the following link in your browser to see the step guide (Supplier Creates Response to Negotiation Invitation):  
<https://guidedlearning.oracle.com/player/latest/api/scenario/export/v1/WpUIM+OJRoSJYo3jQu37UA/k7hjkrg1/ang/--/?draft=undefined>
- Access to the OGL: Click on the “i” icon and select the appropriate Guide



# Questions and Answers

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