

TRP Member Profile

Recruitment of New Technical Review Panel Members 2017 – 2019 Allocation Period

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01 Purpose

The Global Fund is recruiting new members for its Technical Review Panel to support the implementation of the new 2017-2022 strategy “[Investing to End Epidemics](#)”. The Technical Review Panel is an independent team of technical experts that assesses requests for funding on the basis of technical merit, strategic focus and potential for impact, and that also provides advisory input to the Global Fund Board. The Global Fund is seeking to recruit new members to expand the expertise of the Technical Review Panel in preparation for the 2017-2019 allocation period.

02 Background

1. Founded in 2002, the Global Fund is a financing institution designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. The Global Fund raises and invests nearly US\$4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in countries and communities most in need. It is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases.
2. As of end 2015, programs supported by the Global Fund are supporting 9.2 million people on antiretroviral therapy for AIDS, have provided tuberculosis treatment for 15.1 million people and distributed 659 million insecticide-treated nets for the prevention of malaria. The Global Fund works in close collaboration with national stakeholders, other bilateral and multilateral organizations, communities and key populations networks to supplement existing efforts to respond effectively to the control and elimination efforts for the three diseases in a differentiated manner tailored to specific contexts and the needs of countries.
3. The Global Fund’s 2017-2022 strategy “[Investing to End Epidemics](#)” sets the groundwork for more effective implementation of health programs, so that partners can reach more people and achieve greater impact.
4. The objectives outlined in the 2017-2022 strategy include:
 - 1) Maximize impact against HIV, TB and malaria
 - 2) Build resilient and sustainable systems for health
 - 3) Promote and protect human rights and gender equality
 - 4) Mobilize increased resources
5. The TRP pool of experts is replenished periodically as the need arises. The recruitment and selection of TRP members is managed by the Board’s Strategy Committee (SC) using an open, transparent and criteria-based process, through a public call for applications.

03 Role of the Technical Review Panel

6. The Global Fund Board relies on the recommendations of an independent panel of experts, the Technical Review Panel, when making decisions on where investments will have the most impact. In order to deliver the aims of the 2017-2022 strategy, additional disease-related expertise is needed (but not limited to) HIV, TB, malaria, in addition to expertise in health, development, human rights and gender. These areas include resilient and sustainable systems for health, challenging operating environments, community systems strengthening, human rights, gender, strategic investment, sustainable financing and transition and program management.

7. The Technical Review Panel performs the following key functions and fulfills its mandate under the oversight of the Strategy Committee of the Global Fund Board.

- i. **Reviewing funding requests:** The Technical Review Panel assesses the strategic focus, technical soundness and potential for impact of funding requests to the Global Fund. This includes new requests as well as requests to materially reprogram existing grants. The Technical Review Panel evaluates the manner in which the funding requests prioritize interventions, especially interventions to address gender-related and human rights barriers to health care as appropriate. The Technical Review Panel makes recommendations on which programmatic elements should be financed with limited Global Fund resources.

The Technical Review Panel provides evaluation of and recommendations on: investing in new technologies and innovative approaches; ensuring effectiveness of program design and implementation strategies; sustainability; and achieving the greatest impact overall are critical.

- ii. **Advisory input to the Board:** The Technical Review Panel serves as an advisory body to the Board; its Chair is an ex-officio member of the Board's Strategy Committee. It also provides critical input to the Global Fund's strategy and policy development process.
- iii. **Reporting on lessons learned:** While independent in their review process, the Technical Review Panel engages closely with the Secretariat and technical partners to ensure the Global Fund's mission and goals are achieved through effective collaboration and engagement of key stakeholders, including communities and civil society. Its input is especially valued as it relates to building on lessons learned from reviews of funding requests to ensure the continued effectiveness of Global Fund investments.

04 Membership of the Technical Review Panel

8. Members of the Technical Review Panel serve in their personal capacities only, and do not represent their employer, their government or the positions of the Global Fund's partners. In addition to sound and up-to-date technical expertise in their area, experts must have broad experience and understanding of program development, programming at the country level and of key issues that impact implementation capacity in developing countries.

9. The panel's expertise spans HIV, TB, malaria, resilient and sustainable systems for health, community systems strengthening, human rights, gender, strategic investments sustainable financing and transition, challenging operating environments and emergency settings. Therefore, diversity of individuals in areas of expertise, geographical and sectoral experience, as well as the gender and regional balance of the panel are considerations in the selection of potential Technical Review Panel members, to ensure that each review group is comprehensive in its overall ability to make technical and strategic investment recommendations.

10. The working language of the Global Fund is English. All Technical Review Panel members must have advanced English language skills; fluency in other languages (most notably French, Arabic, Portuguese or Spanish) is a major asset.

11. In execution of the role of the Technical Review Panel, the Global Fund Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy will apply, with additional guidelines specific to the internal operations of the panel.

05 Experience, Expertise and Key Competencies

12. Technical Review Panel members will bring the following attributes:

Experience and Expertise –
<p>Minimum ten years of relevant and recent work experience and demonstrated expertise in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One or more of the following areas: HIV, TB, malaria, resilient and sustainable systems for health, challenging operating environments, community systems strengthening, human rights, gender, strategic investments, sustainable financing and transition and program management; • Expert knowledge of international health issues, health and information systems, health financing, national strategy processes and key challenges to achieving better health outcomes in developing countries; • Knowledge of latest scientific evidence, up-to-date international guidelines and normative guidance, including new developments/technologies for HIV, TB or malaria; • Proven experience in reviewing grant applications or programs in a national or international context; • Proven experience in fostering collaborative relationships with diverse partners and stakeholders; • Proven experience in the role of civil society/communities and key populations in the field of HIV, TB and/or malaria; • Experience and technical expertise in human rights and/or gender issues in the effective fight against the three diseases. • Strong experience in program management including the design, implementation, or monitoring and evaluation of health/disease programs in a developing country context;

Key Competencies and Responsibilities – All Technical Review Panel Members	
Key competency	Responsibility
An in-depth understanding of and personal commitment to Global Fund principles, core values and mission.	Read and understand all relevant policy and process documents prior to review meetings to ensure informed and effective participation in the review process.
Proven experience, in-depth understanding and ability to apply programmatic data and results, building on previous investments to inform strategic decision making.	Read, understand and make recommendations on strategic focus, appropriate mix of interventions and choices on prioritization for maximum impact, development of effective strategies to address health system and service delivery challenges and improve yield in programmatic results, program quality, effectiveness and efficiency.
High-level judgment in complex situations, acute analytical skills.	Ability to read a large volume and different types of documentation contained in funding requests (, national strategy documentation, reports, budgets, etc.) in a limited timeframe, synthesize information in a concise and clear manner, and draw conclusions.

Recognized leader with capacity of acting as a representative of a review panel in partnership discussions and governing bodies.	Present findings of the review group to the Technical Review Panel plenary. Interact with applicants, the Secretariat, technical partners within the parameters discussed and agreed by the Technical Review Panel under guidance from the Technical Review Panel leadership (individual interactions, de-briefing sessions).
A facilitative and consultative approach. Proven ability to work independently as well as in a multicultural team. Diplomatic, with policy-making and strategic skills.	Provide meaningful contribution and facilitate discussion among a small review group, report key findings, present consensus and different views to the Technical Review Panel plenary in a constructive, respectful and accurate manner.
Proven communication skills.	Ability to present findings and recommendations in a clear, timely and concise manner in both written and oral form.
High ethical standards.	Safeguard the integrity and independence of the Technical Review Panel. Adherence to confidentiality and conflict of interest policies. Be objective and provide an expert opinion based on technical merit. No bias towards certain countries, disease or control methods.
Flexibility.	Ability to adapt to changes.

06 Technical Review Panel Membership Commitments

13. The terms of reference of the TRP are in the process of being revised to align with the 2017-2022 strategy. In addition, the terms of reference incorporate adjustments arising from the application of the differentiation methodology to the 2017-2019 allocation period.

14. It is expected that there will be three to four Technical Review Panel meetings per year, most likely held in Geneva. The average duration of the review meetings is five working days each, but this may vary depending on the number of applications received. Technical Review Panel members are called to serve based on their expertise areas, regional experience and language skills. Not every Technical Review Panel member will be called to serve for every review meeting. The decision on who will be called to serve during each review session will be made by the Chair of the Technical Review Panel, based on the disease focus, countries, number and mix of funding requests received.

15. If called to serve during any 12-month calendar period, the expected minimum level of effort is five days per year for each in-person meeting and an additional six to ten days for remote activities (telephone briefings, desk-based application reviews, and follow-up clarifications undertaken through email exchange), depending on needs. Every activity is usually proposed with advance notice by the Global Fund Secretariat in order to allow appropriate time for planning, travel and/or remote work arrangements. Members can decline to participate in a particular meeting if they are not available, but, in instances of repeated unavailability, Technical Review Panel members may be discharged from their role.

16. The term of service is for a maximum of four years, with a portion of Technical Review Panel members continuing and new members joining at various intervals.

17. Technical Review Panel members receive an honorarium, considered to be compensation for time spent, rather than a professional fee. The honorarium is calculated based on the estimated level of effort per work/task and currently stands at US\$700/day (subject to change). Travel expenses and per diem are paid by the Global Fund.

07 Additional Information

- Additional information on the Technical Review Panel is available at the following link:
<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/trp/>
- Additional information on Ethics and Conflict of Interest Guidelines for TRP members is available at the following link:
http://www.theglobalfund.org/documents/trp/TRP_CoI_Guidelines_en/