Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) of the Global Fund

TERG Update
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TERG Update

Overview:

- Five-Year Evaluation update
- Results of 360° Stakeholder Review
- Evaluation of Proposal Development & Review Processes
Five-Year Evaluation Update

- Five-Year Evaluation follows a **phased incremental approach** producing intermediate results
- The series of studies concludes with two comprehensive reports synthesizing the results:
  - Nov 2007: **Global Fund organizational efficiency** and the **partner environment**
  - Nov 2008: final concluding **report on disease impact** (impact must be measured after grants reach their full 5-year term)
Five-Year Evaluation Timeline and Products

- Initial studies informing strategy development
  - 360° Stakeholder Review
  - Portfolio Review: funding the right things
  - Assessment of information base to measure impact

- Nov 2006
  - Report on full package of studies
  - Results of studies informing strategy development

- Nov 2007
  - Synthesis Report: Organizational Efficiency & the GF Partner Environment

- Nov 2008
  - Synthesis Report: Impact on AIDS, TB & Malaria
Priority studies underway

The quality of the Five-Year Evaluation depends on **clarity of focus** and a strong sense of **priority**. The TERG has thus initiated **three priority studies**:

1. To **confirm the framework**, identify critical **themes and sub-questions**:
   - **360° Stakeholder Review**

2. To inform the **strategy development** process:
   - **Portfolio Review**
   - **Preparing for Impact Measurement**
High level stakeholder review confirmed the evaluation framework and overarching evaluation questions.

Key themes:
- Inclusion of civil society and public private partnerships
- The Global Fund partnership and technical assistance
- Harmonization and alignment
- Functioning of Global Fund structures including CCMs and LFAs
- Global Fund governance

The Board retreat provided excellent insights for specific evaluation questions on these themes.

Web-based survey tool is under development for broad stakeholder inclusion leading into the Global Fund Partnership Forum.
Evaluation of the Proposal Development & Review Process: Major Findings

- Urgent need to **improve communication and common understanding** of GF policies and procedures among partners.

- The **Technical Review Panel** self assessment process and related report are extremely valuable.

- Proposal guidelines should emphasize the importance of **ongoing technical assistance** and the need to build TA into the proposal and budget.
Evaluation of the Proposal Development & Review Process: Major Findings

- Need for improved information on country capacity to implement grants in order to better inform TRP decision-making.

- The TRP should consider to what extent proposals are coherent with, or inform the development of, credible national strategies and plans.
Thank you on behalf of the TERG

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