Technical Evaluation Reference Group (TERG) of the Global Fund

TERG Update
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Objectives

1. LFA Evaluation

2. Progress update on Five-Year Evaluation
LFA Evaluation: Objectives & Methods

Main objectives

- To what extent has the LFA system performed according to original policy intent? How efficient and effective are their services?
- How can current practices be reformed or improved?

Methods

- Five country visits (Burkina Faso, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Zambia)
- Interviews with key stakeholders (Board, LFA HQ teams, donors, GF Secretariat)
- Web-based survey aimed at all LFAs and PRs globally
TERG offers priority recommendations to further guide the Global Fund in LFA management and re-tendering, supplementing the Portfolio Committee’s key principles to guide the Secretariat in LFA re-tendering.
LFA Evaluation: TERG recommendations

- Urgently address gaps in verification and documentation by LFAs
- Strengthen LFA quality management approaches within Secretariat:
  - Consistent and comprehensive LFA performance assessment
  - Guidance to and training of Portfolio Managers
- Ensure inclusion of appropriate financial AND health programmatic, M&E, procurement skills
- Expand criteria for LFA assessment of sub-recipient capacity
- LFA to better use information & assessments by other development partners
- Explore role of and requirements from LFAs in program approaches to funding
LFA evaluation:
TERG Overall Assessment

Overall, the TERG concludes:

- Urgent need to significantly improve the LFA model
- No evidence that the model as such cannot work
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Five-Year Evaluation: ON TRACK


Contractor consortium for Study Areas 1 & 2
- Macro International (lead)
- John Hopkins University School of Public Health
- The Indian Institute for Health Management Research
- The Core Group
- Axios International
- Development Finance International

Contractor consortium for Study Area 3
- Macro International (lead)
- African Population and Health Research Centre
- WHO (Department of Measurement and Health Information Systems)
- John Hopkins University School of Public Health
- Harvard University School of Public Health
25 Countries Participating in the Five-Year Evaluation

- **Study Area 2**
- **Study Area 3**
- **Study Areas 2 + 3**

20 countries with impact assessment, 16 countries on partnerships and grant performance
Update on Five-Year Evaluation:
Next Steps

April 2007

- Inception reports received for all three study areas
  - To be reviewed by TERG by 27 April 2007

- Board retreat, evaluation of Governance function
  - Reflect on the role of the governance of the Board
  - Identify priority issues for the governance study
Timeline for roll-out of the Five-Year Evaluation

2007
- PSC
- TERG
- Board
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- TERG
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2008
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Study Area 1
- Inception Reports
- Preliminary Progress Reports
- Secondary Progress Reports
- Interim Report
- Study Areas 1 & 2
  - Organizational Efficiency & Partner Environment
- Final Evaluation Report
  - Study Areas 1, 2 & 3

Study Area 2
- Phase I
- Phase II ‘refining’
- Interim Report
  - Study Area 3
  - Health Impact

Study Area 3
- Interim Report
  - Study Area 3
  - Health Impact
Thank you
5YE Inception report: SA 1&2

SA1: Organizational governance & performance
- Governance & strategic leadership (vis-à-vis Principles and business model)
- Management structures and operations
- Policy impact at country level
- Global-level partnerships and strategic positioning

*Tools*: Document review; interviews global & country stakeholders, Board, recipients, TRP; surveys of country & secretariat staff; benchmark indicators analysis against other global partnerships, global funding/needs assessment.

SA2: Country Partnerships
- Governance and Operations of GF-sponsored entities
- Partner mobilization/PPP, TA, procurement, finances, performance
- Alignment, donor harmonization, health-system effects.

5YE Inception report: SA3 / Health Impact

- March 07: *Partners in Impact Forum*, establishment 11 country impact evaluation Task Forces
- April-July 07: Countries develop workplans & inventories of relevant data, subcontracts
- June 07-Feb.08: Data collection
- Aug.07-May 08: Data analysis
- April-June 08: Disseminate information & ‘Model impact platform’.

Methodological guidance to countries

- *Guidance note: Process and Expected outcomes*
- *Data collection: Design and Methods* (drafts: April 07).