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For Information

REVISIONS TO PROPOSAL FORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR ROUND 10

OUTLINE: The Board has delegated to the PIC the authority to approve the Proposal Form and Guidelines under the Rounds-based Channel.¹ This note provides the Board with an overview of the content of these revised forms based on the PIC's deliberations.

¹ GF/B16/DP15; PIC Terms of Reference:
http://www.theglobalfund.org/documents/committees/CommitteeTOR_en.pdf

PART 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its Twentieth Meeting, the Board decided subject to confirmation at the April 2010 meeting², that the Secretariat should call for proposals to launch Round 10 on or about 1 May 2010, with a submission due date of 1 August 2010.

1.2 Also in discussions at the Twentieth Board Meeting, the Secretariat clarified that, in order to meet the proposed timing, that the Proposal Form and Guidelines would be substantially based on the materials produced for Round 9. There will be more comprehensive changes to the Proposal Form and Guidelines in concurrence with the subsequent funding window (Round 11) and with the full implementation of the new Architecture.

1.4 In addition to the changes outlined in this note, the Proposal Form and Guidelines for Round 10 will also be subject to any changes that may be required as a consequence of decisions taken at the Twenty-first Board Meeting.

PART 2: CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL FORM AND GUIDELINES

2.1 The Proposal Form and Guidelines for Round 10 are substantially based on the Round 9 documents. Changes reflect the following(see Annex 1 for further details):

a) Previous Board Decisions that were not fully integrated in Rounds 8 or 9:

- Gender Equality Strategy (GF/B18/DP18)
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Strategy (GF/B19/DP7)
- TB/HIV collaborative activities (GF/B18/DP12)
- Community Systems Strengthening (GF/B15/DP14)
- PMTCT (Enhancing the Global Fund's Response to HIV/AIDS) (GF/B19/DP34)
- Private Sector and In-kind donations (GF/B20/DP16)

b) PIC Sub-Committee work to clarify and elaborate questions related to the following areas:

- Value-for-money
- Pharmacovigilance
- Technical assistance

c) Routine and administrative updates.

2.2 In addition, the Board Decision Point related to implementation of the Architecture Review (GF/B20/DP31) delegated authority to the Secretariat to make adjustments to the Round 10 Proposal Form and Guidelines to allow countries to begin the transition to a single stream of funding on a voluntary basis.³ The Round 10 documents are specifically designed to enable countries to begin this transition to a single stream of funding on a voluntary basis.

² GF/B20/DP30

³ GF/B20/DP31

PART 3: STAKEHOLDER INPUT

3.1 Revisions have been informed by inputs from:

- i. Global Fund Secretariat experts;
- ii. Relevant technical partners, mainly through the Joint Working Group;⁴
- iii. Technical Review Panel members; and
- iv. AIDSPAN.

3.2 The consultation process has been intensive in order to ensure that the forms are accurate and reflect technical expertise and input from across the Global Fund partnership.

PART 4: NEXT STEPS

- The PIC will hold an extraordinary meeting on the 26th of April to finalize the Proposal Form and Guidelines.
- The Proposal Form and Guidelines will be further revised to reflect decisions taken at the Board meeting, as necessary.

⁴ The Joint Working Group is an inter-agency partner working group to address issues related to coordination and information.

Annex 1

REVISIONS RELATED TO ROUND 10 PROPOSAL FORM AND GUIDELINES

Board-related Changes	
Area	Details
Gender (GF/B18/DP18)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines to address key items identified in Gender Equality Strategy Work Plan. These include, but are not limited to, references and language on key population groups, prompting for applicants to include sex disaggregated data, and elaborated language on enabling environments.
Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (GF/B19/DP7)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines to address key items identified in the SOGI Implementation Plan. These include, but are not limited to, references and language on key population groups, prompting for applicants to include sex disaggregated data, and elaborated language on enabling environments.
TB/HIV (GF/B18/DP12)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines to further solicit information on TB/HIV collaborative activities both at the programmatic level of the proposal, as well as at the national level related to interaction between TB and HIV work plans.
Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) (GF/B19/DP34)	Strengthened proposal form and related guidance to address issues identified in Board Decision Point, including changes to age-related epidemiological categories, and referencing in key sections in the Guidelines.
Provision for Optional Proposal Consolidation (GF/B20/DP31)	Optional sections to enable applicants to submit consolidated disease proposals for entry into a single stream of funding, and specific guidance for applicants on how to prepare a consolidated proposal application.
Private Sector and In-kind donations (GF/B20/DP16)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines to address issues identified in Board Decision Point. This includes enhanced language to solicit information from applicants on how private sector co-investments are related to the proposal's service delivery areas and activities.
Pharmacovigilance (GF/B4/2)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines reflecting provisions for Board Decision Point items related to pharmacovigilance and drug resistance monitoring.
Community Systems Strengthening (CSS) (GF/B15/DP14)	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines to reflect new CSS Framework, enhanced language on community systems throughout the proposal form, and specific references to the 'core components' of the new CSS Framework.
PIC Sub-Committee Changes	
Area	Details
Value for Money	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines, including new questions to solicit information from applicants on cost effectiveness of interventions, sustainability over time, as well as measurement of unit costs.
Pharmacovigilance	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines, including additional section to proposal and revisions to proposal guidelines in order to further emphasize and solicit more detailed information from applicants on pharmacovigilance and drug resistance monitoring.
Technical Assistance	Strengthened proposal form and guidelines, with the addition of new language in the proposal form and guidelines. These changes are subject to the outcome of the TA paper being presented to the PIC sub-committee.
Administrative Changes	

Area	Details
Monitoring & Evaluation	Updated Performance Framework, ensuring prominent placement within the application package, as well as changes related to impact and outcome measurement, linkages with national M&E systems, and strengthening of monitoring and evaluation systems.
General update	The proposal form and guidelines have undergone a number of routine, administrative updates and language has been revised throughout to simplify questions and improve clarity based on feedback from stakeholders. The proposal form now contains only the specific instructions related to the questions, while the guidelines contain the necessary contextual information to complete the proposal form.