COVID-19 Guidance Summary: Ensuring Continuity of Core Country Coordinating Mechanism Responsibilities

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The CCM’s core responsibilities, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, are to ensure robust engagement and oversight of existing and emerging investments (per the eligibility requirements). While approaches may require shifts to more virtual tools and platforms, this governance work remains foundational to developing high impact funding requests, including the COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM). This guidance provides an overview of tools and other resources most relevant to CCMs and RCMs.

- **Amplifying virtual convening**: The Global Fund continues sharing promising practices countries are already implementing to convene virtually. Guidance on “Virtual Inclusive Dialogue” includes options for low and higher bandwidth countries, with a focus on available, low or no cost platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Zoom, Skype, etc.

- **Remaining responsive**: Flexibilities that allow countries with current Global Fund grants to meet immediate COVID-19 responses can be found on the [Grant Funding and Flexibilities page](https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/c19rm/). This includes information on flexibilities for “Country Dialogue and Human Rights” such as accepting e-signatures and working with available documentation to finalize eligibility and performance assessments. All updated guidance notes on COVID-19 related flexibilities can be found on the [Updates page](https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/c19rm/updates/).

- **Leveraging existing resources**: A Q&A document on “Supporting Countries and Grants during the COVID-19 Pandemic” outlines increased flexibilities within CCM’s annual funding agreement to reprogram resources.

- **Leveraging emerging resources**: The Global Fund created a COVID-19 Response Mechanism for countries to access funds that are in addition to the funding available through grant flexibilities. Information on the CCM’s and RCM’s role in coordinating and submitting Covid-19 Response Mechanism funding requests can be found on the [COVID-19 Response Mechanism page](https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/c19rm/).

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