

Our Reference / Subject Line: **COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PRs**

17 July 2020 (Updated 6 August 2020)

Dear Principal Recipient:

The Global Fund aims to continue to support countries to process requisitions efficiently and ensure products for the three diseases and COVID-19 are delivered as close to the promised dates as possible.

COVID-19 continues to impact health product supply globally. We [regularly update](#) our website to provide clarity on the supply security situation. As of 6 July 2020:

- **The impact to manufacturing is moderate.** Reduced pharmaceutical-related production in India has continued through the lockdown period, contributing to delays of 1-2 months. LLIN production is largely on track. While delays of at least 2 months are expected for diagnostics due to supplier constraints, there are currently no production delays for viral load or early infant diagnosis products.
- **COVID-19 control measures at origin and destination are resulting in logistics disruptions.** Suspended operations, flight delays and cancellations are contributing to routing and capacity constraints. Delivery delays of several weeks or more are currently expected.

Procuring COVID-19 diagnostics

The Global Fund developed the Accelerated Order Mechanism (AOM), a rapid process to quickly process and approve requests for Abbott and Cepheid COVID-19 diagnostics allocated to eligible countries by the World Health Organization, within three days of receipt of requests. More information on the Accelerated Order Mechanism can be found on our [website](#) and in the [AOM Questions and Answers document](#).

The Supply Operations Department will reach out to initiate an order when a country's [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) funding request is received, but the order cannot be formally processed or issued until the funding is approved and grant funding has been earmarked in wambo.org. Principal Recipients with approved funding under [grant flexibilities](#) may submit a request through wambo.org as soon as funding is confirmed.

Procuring COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The supply situation for PPE continues to evolve on a near daily basis with extremely high global demand. The Global Fund has finalized agreements with partners to make PPE products most critical to the COVID-19 response available on wambo.org for all our Principal Recipients. PRs are strongly encouraged to start using this new procurement channel but can continue procuring PPE through local channels if: 1) they have received prior written approval from the Global Fund, 2) an open, competitive and transparent process is followed, and 3) Global Fund guidelines and policies for lead times, value for money and reliability for delivery of products of the same specification are maintained.

Countries with approved Global Fund [grant flexibilities](#) or [COVID-19 Response Mechanism](#) (C19RM) funding may purchase PPE products directly through wambo.org using the existing normal process.

Principal Recipients currently procuring through the Pooled Procurement Mechanism can login to browse and submit requisitions for all available COVID-19 PPE products using the normal process.

Principal Recipients not currently participating in the Global Fund's Pooled Procurement Mechanism will need to complete the necessary on-boarding forms to begin procuring through wambo.org and should reach out to Landy.Raoilson@theglobalfund.org, copying their Country Team, to begin the on-boarding process. Completing the registration takes approximately three weeks, and we have dedicated resources to expedite this process given the urgency of the supply situation.

Currently, if PRs and Global Fund requisition approvals are done within as fast as one week, the lead time for key PPE products are currently estimated to be as short as one to three months from receipt of request to delivery in country by air and approximately three to five months by sea freight. Countries with complex importation approvals or lengthy greenlight to ship processes should add additional weeks to their lead times as necessary. PRs should consider a mix of air and sea freight to optimize speed and freight cost.

The most up-to-date lead time information can be found in the Global Fund's [Category and Product-Level Procurement and Delivery Planning Guide: Indicative Lead Times](#). We urge Principal Recipients to place orders as early as possible to avoid disruption in supply since ongoing freight and logistics challenges are resulting in substantial delays and cost increases.

Principal Recipients can browse the catalogue of currently available core PPE products in wambo.org. The range of products will be updated during August. PPE products supplied are in compliance with the regulatory standards of the founding members of the Global Harmonization Task Force (namely, EU, USA, Canada, Australia, and Japan).

Support for current deliveries

The Global Fund, Stop TB/GDF and PSAs continue to assess every order for potential delays. Currently, 15% of orders face delays of more than thirty days, including 12% of orders in transit.

PRs should use available track-and-trace tools to monitor the progress of specific orders. Please consider 30 days delay as the threshold for escalation. The Global Fund, Stop TB/GDF and PSAs will work with Principal Recipients directly to review mitigation plans and adapt lead times to minimize disruption where delays of more than 30 days are expected.

Please reach out to your PR Services Focal Point, Stop TB/GDF and PSA contacts for further information and discuss with your Country Team as necessary.

Track and Trace Tools	
i+ Solutions	https://trackandtrace.iplussolutions.org/Account/Login
IDA Foundation	http://myorders.idafoundation.org/
PSFCM	https://myorders.pfscm.org/#/delivery_status
wambo.org	https://wambo.coupahost.com/asn/headers
Stop TB's Global Drug Facility (GDF)	http://www.stoptb.org/gdf/oms/

Ordering Timelines and Delivery Dates

Products & services funded under	Requirements		Guidance to secure supply for soonest delivery and considering the impact of COVID-19 control measures on manufacturing and supply chains		
			HIV, TB and malaria products	COVID-19 products – Diagnostics	COVID-19 products - PPE
Regular grant implementation	“Delivery” per incoterm before grant end date	Budgeting guidelines: latest delivery date for funding under the current grant implementation period = grant end-date (e.g. 31 December) “minus” lead-time defined in the Lead-time planning guides as advised by PPM and GDF (for all grants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No longer possible for products to be delivered in country by 31 December 2020 For grants ending 31 December 2020, new orders cannot be funded from the current implementation period 	N/A	N/A
COVID-19 grant flexibilities	“Delivery” per incoterm before grant end date			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For automated tests included in the WHO Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders from the May-August allocation to be placed by 5 August Orders from the post-August allocation period can only be placed after publication of the new allocation (expected by mid-August) but no later than 30 September For manual platforms, place orders as soon as possible –but no later than 30 September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place orders as soon as possible but no later than 30 September
Approved C19RM Funding	“Delivery” per incoterm before 30 June 2021	GF/B42/ER09 – Revision 1 and Budgeting guidelines: latest delivery date = 30 June 2021 “minus” lead-time defined in the Lead-time planning guides as advised by PPM and GDF (for all grants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place orders no later than 30 September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For automated tests included in the WHO Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders from the May-August allocation to be placed by 5 August Orders from the post-August allocation period can only be placed after publication of the new allocation (expected by mid-August) but no later than 30 September for deliveries required in 2020 For manual platforms, place orders as soon as possible –but no later than 30 September for deliveries required in 2020; For manual and automated platforms – orders for deliveries in Q1 2021 to be placed no later than 30 October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place orders as soon as possible but no later than 30 September for deliveries required in 2020 For deliveries required in Q1 2021 orders to be placed no later than 30 October