apcrg
The Asia-Pacific Platform on Communities, Rights & Gender

APCASO

Technical Assistance Programmes in Asia-Pacific

Find below a list of the Technical Assistance Programmes available for Civil Society organizations and networks in the Asia-Pacific. This infosheet was put together by the team of the APCRG Platform with the information at their disposal in the first quarter of 2018. Therefore it might be non-exhaustive.

The Technical Support Facility of UNAIDS

What is it?

The Technical Support Facility (TSF) has been created to help countries engaged in the Global Fund processes to improve the effectiveness of their national AIDS response, scale up their HIV/AIDS and TB programs and reach their fast track targets. Support can be requested around three areas:
Grant making
Grant Implementation
Sustainability and Transition Planning
Assistance is provided by consultants identified through UNAIDS country offices and local partners.

Who can access the programme?

TSF provides support to all partners involved in the Global Fund processes: CCM members, PR, SR, SSR, Ministries of Health, Civil Society partners and AIDS Councils.

How to access the programme?

Request for technical assistance have to be addressed to UNAIDS's country offices or, if the request is made by a regional entity or relates to a multi-country grant, UNAIDS's regional office.

The French 5%

What is it?

Since 2012, 5% of France's contribution to the Global Fund is set aside to be made to provide technical expertise to organizations involved in the global fund processes.
Two types of support can be provided through the French 5%:
- Channel 1: short-term support (less than 12 months) to respond to specific needs. Can be requested at any step of the grant process by CCMs, PRs, SRs, SSRs or CSO, KP networks or any stakeholder needing support to access Global Fund funding.
- Channel 2: long-term support (2 to 3 years). Two calls per year related to specific areas of intervention. The objective of channel 2 is to complement Global Fund programmes, and it can be requested to finance service to clients or operational research.

Though the French 5% is a French initiative, Technical Assistance can be provided in language other than French and by non-French consultants.

Who can access the programme?

Organizations working in francophone countries or priority countries for French development assistance (ODA). The list is updated regularly but currently includes only countries from the GMS: Myanmar, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.

How to access the programme?

https://www.initiative5pour100.fr/en/ for more detail on the procedure. Questions can be addressed to initiative5pc.ef@expertisefrance.fr.

BACKUP Health (GIZ and SDC)

What is it?

Launched in 2002, the global health programme BACKUP Health provides assistance to applicant countries in using Global Fund grants more effectively and efficiently.

BACKUP Health provides support in three intervention areas:

CCM strengthening

Health System Strengthening

Grant Management, which includes reporting, oversight, good governance, and advocacy for key populations.

BACKUP health provides support under two modes: Project Mode (12 months or more) and Consultancy Mode (6 months with lower maximum budget). It also provides flexible support under its Consultancy mode to provide short-term, targeted support to overcome any critical bottlenecks that impede the work of Global Fund partners or threaten to block Global Fund processes.

Who can access the programme?

Support can be requested by CCMs, governments, civil society partners and private sector organizations. Under Project and Consultancy mode, only stakeholders from a limited number of countries in Asia-Pacific are eligible: **Myanmar** (only for the intervention area CCM), **Nepal**, **Pakistan**.

However, the flexible support under Consultancy mode can partners from all Global Fund countries.

How to access the programme?

General guidelines can be found at https://www.giz.de/expertise/downloads/backup-application-guidelines-en.pdf and https://www.giz.de/expertise/html/19981.html.

Application deadline is June 2019.

CRG TA (Global Fund)

What is it?

The Community, Rights and Gender Technical Assistance (CRG TA) Program was created to help civil society and community organisations and networks make sure that barriers related to human rights and gender are addressed by Global Fund grants.

Eligible projects must be linked to: situational analysis and needs assessments, engagement in the country dialogue, supporting program design, the oversight and monitoring of grant implementation and re-programming or engagement in sustainability and transition strategies.

This means that Technical Assistance for advocacy or institutional strengthening **cannot** be provided through the CRG TA program.

Who can access the programme?

Local or national civil society networks and organisations and CCMs if they collaborate with the other civil society organizations for both development and submission of the application.

How to access the programme?

The application form at:

https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/5626/fundingmodel_crgtechnicalassistancerequest_form_en.docx ?u=636486807400000000.

The form has to be filled out and send it to **CRGTA@theglobalfund.org**.

Alternatively, you may also contact the APCRG Platform:

- **jenho@apcaso.org** (platform management)
- **quentinbatreau@apcaso.org** (coordination)
- **jeffacaba@apcaso.org** (communications)