AN OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY, RIGHTS, AND GENDER (CRG)

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WHAT IS CRG?

CRG is an approach to responding to issues from the perspective of community systems, human rights, and gender equality. In the context of HIV, TB, and malaria, this entails ensuring effectiveness of programmes by addressing CRG-related barriers to programmes and services access of key, vulnerable and marginalised communities.

Community, Rights, and Gender priorities are the main emphasis of the Global Fund's 2020-2022 funding cycle. Why?

Because the impact of diseases on key populations is affected by CRG contexts and these have to be addressed as part and parcel of effective interventions. Certain populations would not have the same level of access to HIV, TB, and malaria programmes.

- Stigma, discrimination, or gender-based violence prevents people from seeking health services;
- Laws that criminalize specific groups of people among whom the disease has a high prevalence (e.g. key populations) further increase the vulnerability of these groups from infections and diseases;
- Lack of enabling environments for meaningful community engagement in decision-making processes hinder the decisions from being relevant, responsive, and effective.

For communities seeking support from the Global Fund, the funding request process **must develop strategies with CRG focus, and set CRG priorities**.

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