

STRATEGY 2023+ DEVELOPMENT

Ensuring Voices of Asia Pacific Affected Communities and Civil Society in the New Strategy

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL FUND¹ STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS?

The Global Fund Strategy is a multi-year roadmap that shapes the partnership's future as it sets out priorities for how progress can be accelerated against HIV, TB and malaria and improve global health. It also includes ambitious goals and targets to measure progress. The work of the Global Fund is guided by its current 2017-2022² Strategy. As it is now over half way through its current Strategy, the Global Fund is starting the process of developing its next Strategy, which will be operational from 2023. Part of the process is an open consultation for stakeholders including civil society and communities to provide input and feedback that will shape and guide the next Global Fund Strategy.

WHAT ARE COMMUNITIES³?

“Community”⁴ is widely used in the global health context, and it can mean many different things. It can be used to refer to people who are connected to each other in varied and distinct ways:

- People who health systems are trying to reach and whose health they aim to improve.
- People who are particularly affected by a given health problem.
- People who share particular characteristics or vulnerabilities due to gender, identity, geography, behavior, ethnicity, religion, culture, or age.
- Groups that represent any of above communities.

WHY ARE COMMUNITY VOICES IMPORTANT?

The voices of communities are not just crucial and effective in responding to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, but are vital for making progress toward the goals of universal access to health care and realizing the rights of everyone to achieve the highest attainable standards of health. None of these goals are attainable without the active engagement of communities from the Strategy development stage. Your voices will help identify health challenges, gaps, and opportunities that are grounded on your lived realities and the realities of the affected communities that you represent to shape and guide the next Global Fund Strategy.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT THIS TIME?

The outbreak of **COVID-19** pandemic is presenting significant and still unknown challenges to health systems and domestic resource mobilization. The **COVID-19** pandemic is impacting global health product supply chains; affecting manufacture, distribution and demand/supply dynamics. It is radically altering global health, politics and economics, and the impact upon programs fighting HIV, TB and malaria will likely be tremendous. The new pandemic could completely derail our collective efforts of the past 20 years. At the same time, it has galvanized public awareness on global health security in a way that builds enormous public support for investing in health.

The pandemic also underscores the importance of human rights-based and gender-responsive programming, in light of heightened risk of GBV and other human rights violations. Therefore it is critically important to develop the next Global Fund Strategy to be **highly effective, agile, and collaborative**.

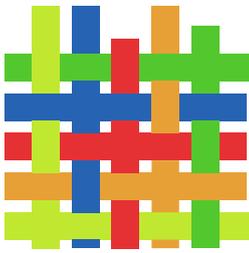
¹ The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics. As an international organization, the Global Fund mobilizes and invests more than US\$4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in more than 100 countries. It works in partnership with governments, civil society, technical agencies, the private sector and people affected by the diseases. (<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/>)

² https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/2531/core_globalfundstrategy2017-2022_strategy_en.pdf

³ The Crucial Role of Communities: Strengthening Responses to HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria (The Global Fund-April 2018)

⁴ While individuals are often part of more than one community, they may not necessarily identify with all or any of those communities.





TIMELINE



The first round of input received by 1 September 2020 will be reviewed by the Global Fund Board's Strategy Committee in October 2020. The Global Fund Secretariat will consolidate input received through the open consultation and post periodic updates of stakeholder feedback. The inputs received through the open consultation will be used to inform discussions and decision-making by the Global Fund's Strategy Committee and Board. The final strategy document will be approved by the Board at the end of 2021.

WHAT CAN COMMUNITIES DO TO PARTICIPATE?

Communities are encouraged to contribute to Global Fund's open consultation (<https://www.theglobalfund.org/strategy-consultation/>) by identifying the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the fight against the three diseases in:

- ▶ **Building** resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH)
- ▶ **Promoting and protecting** equity, human rights and gender
- ▶ **Mobilizing** resources and increasing funding for health

Keeping in mind broader changes in the health and development landscape such as:

- ▶ Demographic shifts
- ▶ Shifts in burden of disease
- ▶ Displacement, fragility, and instability
- ▶ Climate and environment
- ▶ Global health security (including Covid-19 pandemic)



APCASO is a regional network of community and civil society organisations on HIV, health, and social justice working to advance the rights of communities most in need, and as the host of the Asia-Pacific Community, Rights, and Gender (APCRG) communication and coordination platform for the Global Fund – is taking the lead in supporting effective community and civil society engagement and input in the strategy development process from the region. The regional engagement plan and regular updates can be found at: <https://apcaso.org/ensuring-voices-in-the-global-fund-strategy-development/>