

PROGRESS UPDATE

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COMMUNITY, RIGHTS AND GENDER SPECIAL INITIATIVE

In April 2014, the Board of the Global Fund approved a US\$15 million special initiative to support civil society and community engagement in the roll-out of its new funding model. The resulting Community, Rights and Gender Special Initiative 2014-2016 aims to ensure that technically sound interventions to address human rights, gender equality and community systems strengthening are included in Global Fund concept notes and to ensure that affected communities are meaningfully engaged throughout the funding cycle. It consists of three independent but interlinked components. This progress update provides a summary of actions taken for each of the three components.



SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY

Short-term technical assistance supports the meaningful engagement of civil society and community in Global Fund processes, ensuring that human rights, gender and community systems strengthening considerations are addressed during concept note development and grant-making.



THE ROBERT CARR CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS FUND

The Robert Carr civil society Networks Fund is a pooled funding mechanism that supports global and regional civil society networks in improving and expanding access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, and in protecting the rights of inadequately served populations across the world.

Among its existing grantees, a partnership has been established with eight global and regional key population networks aiming to strengthen respective constituency capacity to engage in Global Fund processes at the country level.



REGIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION PLATFORMS

Six CRG regional communication and coordination platforms have been established to:

- Enhance the knowledge of civil society organizations and community groups of the Global Fund and how to access technical assistance
- Coordinate with other technical assistance initiatives
- Improve understanding of technical assistance/capacity development gaps for civil society and community groups
- Oversee strategic capacity development initiatives



SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

CIVIL SOCIETY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS SELECTED

34 technical assistance providers with expertise in community, rights and gender selected following a competitive request for proposal process.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DELIVERED IN 51 COUNTRIES

90 requests received. Review process is undertaken jointly with Country Teams, Fund Portfolio Managers and Community, Rights and Gender Advisers to minimize the potential for duplication, determine whether the work is feasible and practical given any time constraints, and assess relevance of the proposed scope of work.

REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORTED

Nine regional concept notes supported, among which seven are completed and two are still in progress.

LIST OF 34 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

- African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR)
- AIDS Strategy Advocacy and Policy (ASAP)
- Alliance Regional Technical Support Hub (CRAT)
- Amref Health Africa
- Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM)
- Asia Pacific Community Action and Partnership (APCAP)
- Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations (APCASO)
- ATHENA
- Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)
- Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC)
- *Community Leadership and Action Collaborative (CLAC) includes the following organizations: MSMGF, ARASA, GATE, GNP+, INPUD, NSW, ITPC Cayetano Heredia School of Public Health (UPCH)
- East Europe & Central Asia Union of PLWH (ECUO)
- Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN)
- Family Health International (FHI 360)
- For Impacts in Social Health (FIS)
- Heartland Alliance International
- HIVOS
- International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
- KELIN
- Kenya NGOs Alliance Against Malaria (KeNAAM)
- LBH Masyarakat
- Nai Zindagi Trust (NZT)
- New Dimensions Consulting Zimbabwe (NEDICO)
- Partners In Health (PIH)
- PATH
- Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA HUB)
- Southern African AIDS Trust (SAT)
- Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organizations (EANNASO)
- Middle East and North Africa Harm Reduction Association (MENAHR)
- University Research Co., (URC)
- Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH)
- World AIDS Campaign International
- Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights

QUALITY ASSURANCE

In order to support a quality assurance desk review, a CRG Quality Assurance system has been developed. This will allow gathering feedback from partners, including providers, requestors and country teams on CRG technical assistance quality.

THE ROBERT CARR CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS FUND

Grantees include networks of sex workers, trans*people, people who use drugs, men who have sex with men, young key populations, people living with HIV, and women living with HIV.

- Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP)
- AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA) and International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC)
- International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD and the Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD)
- Asia Pacific Transgender Network (APTIN)
- Positive Network Consortium (PNC+)
- International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW)
- Consortium of Global MSM Networks (MSMGF)
- Youth LEAD

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION PLATFORMS

Hosts selected for six regions, including Anglophone Africa, Middle East and North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Francophone Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Asia Pacific region.

- Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organisations (EANNASO)
- International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC-Middle East and North Africa)
- EECA Consortium
- Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME)
- Centro Regional de Asistencia Técnica para Latinoamérica y el Caribe - CRAT (Via Libre)
- Asia Pacific Council of Aids Service organizations (APCASO)

BUDGET

US\$15 million allocated for the program until December 2016 - over US\$8 million committed to date.

Nearly US\$2.5 million has been spent on more than 75 technical assistance assignments spanning 51 countries and nine regional concept notes, as well as a targeted technical assistance intervention in the Middle East and North Africa region with Stop TB Partnership.

*Average technical assistance assignment costs less than US\$50,000.

Initial investment of US\$2.6 million disbursed to RCNF fund management agent, Aids Fonds, for 2015 activities – 80 percent of which has been disbursed onward. Value of second tranche is under discussion.

Six contracts for the regional platforms totaling nearly US\$3.5 million are currently being established.

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