



المنصة الإقليمية بمنطقة
الشرق الأوسط و شمال إفريقيا
MENA REGIONAL PLATFORM
PLATEFORME RÉGIONALE MENA

**Call for applications for participation in the MENA
Regional Workshop in Cairo-Egypt from 24 to 26 May 2022**

I. context

The MENA region is experiencing a high rate of new HIV/AIDS-related infections and deaths. Several factors are behind the low prevalence in the region, including socio-cultural factors, namely gender inequality, unemployment and low income levels, migration, insecurity, etc.

Admittedly, many programs have been put in place to help the most affected populations, but they remain limited. Lack of awareness and prevention, as well as access to treatment remain the main challenges to overcome.

Civil society and communities play an important role in the collective response to pandemics. In addition, thanks to the partnership with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, several national pandemic control programs have been supported, in consultation with the private and public sector, civil society organizations and especially those affected by diseases.

The MENA regional platform, supported by the Global Fund, promotes the effective participation of civil society and communities in the development, implementation and monitoring of Global Fund programs at the national and regional levels.

This system provides information on the technical assistance offer and exchanges with technical assistance providers in order to coordinate and harmonize support. The platform is also a tool for assessing the technical assistance needs of civil society and communities as well as the quality of technical assistance, without forgetting its monitoring role on the involvement of civil society. Finally, the MENA platform popularizes the Global Fund's strategic documents in Arabic, French and English. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, prevention services for key populations, screening for the disease and the provision of antiretroviral treatment have been greatly impacted. As part of this, the Global Fund launched in 2020 a COVID-19 response mechanism to help countries deal with the pandemic and mitigate its impact on programs to fight HIV, tuberculosis and malaria. .

Thus, the MENA regional platform has supported the countries of the region in the organization of community consultations in order to ensure the commitment of civil society organizations and to identify their needs and priorities, with the aim of coming out with recommendations. for future C19RM funding requests.

In the MENA region, there have been significant changes in the management of Global Fund grants such as recent portfolio allocations and CCM elections. In addition, many countries in the MENA region are currently or will soon be facing a complete transition from eligibility for Global Fund grants. Transition is a critical step in the fight against HIV/AIDS. It is a mechanism by which a country moves towards full funding and implementation of its health programs independent of donor support. Ideally, this transition to domestic dependency occurs, while continuing to sustain gains and improving service coverage and quality as needed.

With this in mind, the MENA regional platform, in partnership with AL Shehab in Egypt, is organizing a regional workshop to highlight community engagement activities and conduct contextual assessments and design appropriate strategies for appropriate prevention measures. and pandemic control.

II. Goals :

- Present the MENA regional platform relating to the Global Fund (Objectives, technical assistance program, etc.)
- Discuss the new funding strategy of the Global Fund.
- Review the progress of the Regional Community, Rights and Gender Equality Communication and Coordination Platform (CRG SI) and discuss how to improve the impact of the Regional Platform and the engagement of civil society in Global Fund grants.
- Inform about Technical Assistance (TA) opportunities, including through the CRG Strategic Initiative, and how to access them for civil society and key populations from eligible countries (at MENA level) to the Global Fund.
- Continue dialogue at the regional level for countries that will no longer be eligible for Global Fund resources; this is to ensure the sustainability of responses to the 3 diseases.
- Present the main lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendations collected during the community consultations organized within the framework of the C19RM.

III. Required conditions

- Being part of a civil society/community/NGO structure working on HIV, TB and Malaria in the MENA region, with a focus on Human Rights and Gender;
- Have a global vision and a good knowledge of the HIV/or TB situation and gender inequalities in the MENA region;
- Be involved in community and civil society programs in the MENA region (C19RM, MENA regional grant, representatives of key populations in country CCMs)
- Interact with Global Fund processes and procedures
- Having a good understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health systems and communities in the region

IV. How to apply

- detailed resume
- A motivation letter showing the person's interest in participating in the workshop
- A copy of valid passport

V. Selection modality

Candidates are invited to submit their application no later than April 10, 2022 at midnight (GMT+1) by email exclusively to:

- Alia.amimi@itpcmena.org
- Samia.mahmoudi@itpcmena.org

Subject of the email: "TDR ITPC-MENA Regional Workshop_Candidature SURNAME First name"

Key population groups and people living with HIV and TB are strongly encouraged to apply!