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Checklist summary

This Checklist has been developed to strengthen the attention paid to gender in the implementation of programmes supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund), through the processes and mechanisms of the Global Fund's Funding Model. Each stage of the Funding Model requires specific actions to address the gender dimensions of HIV in the development and implementation of grants. The Checklist sets out specific steps and examples to support these gender integration efforts throughout Global Fund programming.

The Global Fund Funding Model, initiated in 2013, involves an eight-step process:

1. Strengthening of national strategic plans
2. Alignment of the Global Fund's process to existing country dialogue
3. Design and submission of a concept note
4. Independent review of concept notes by the Technical Review Panel (TRP) for recommendation by the Grant Approvals Committee (GAC)
5. Determination of upper budget ceilings by the GAC
6. Grant making
7. Approval of grants by the GAC
8. Approval of grants by the Global Fund's Board.

While this Checklist highlights the country dialogue process as the main opportunity, the national strategic plans (NSPs) for HIV, TB and malaria are also vital components. The more that gender-transformative programming is integrated into the NSPs, the more effectively it can be integrated into the Global Fund process. In addition, the better the national body that is responsible for managing the Global Fund application process—the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM)—understands the gender and human rights dimensions of HIV, TB and malaria, the more consistent the attention that will be paid to these issues.

The Checklist contains 22 items, in summary:

1. Strengthening of NSP and the role of the CCM

- NSP analysis includes a gender assessment
- The needs and rights of women and key populations are represented on the CCM

2. Alignment of the Global Fund's process to existing country dialogue

- The process is built on broad and comprehensive representation of participants, including government, civil society and women living with and affected by HIV, TB and malaria
- The dialogue is designed and implemented to reflect a broad range of perspectives, including those of people who are living with and affected by HIV, TB and malaria and key populations, with specific attention to women
- Gender dimensions are reflected in the report of dialogue

3. Design and submission of a concept note

- Gender assessment/analysis is completed
- The concept note includes recommendations for improving attention to gender dimensions of the three diseases
- An investment case has been made for integrating gender-responsive programming into the NSPs
- Explicit attention has been paid to addressing the needs and rights of women and girls
- The concept note has focused on gender inequality as influencing vulnerabilities of women and men, girls and boys and key populations
- A gender-sensitive approach has been used in policies and plans for prevention, treatment, care and support
- The linkages between gender-based violence and the three diseases are addressed, as appropriate

4–5. Independent review of concept notes by the TRP; Determination of upper budget ceilings by the GAC

- A high-level champion has been appointed to advocate for consistent attention to the gender dimensions of the three diseases
- The Global Fund's Fund Portfolio Manager (based in Geneva) demonstrates an understanding of the recommended gender perspective and programming
- Links have been established and maintained between the Fund Portfolio Manager and women's organizations
- A process has been set in place to ensure a flow of information to key gender stakeholders about the outcomes of the negotiation
- An adequate budget has been allocated to ensure implementation of prioritized responses intended to address the gender dimensions of the three diseases

6–8. Grant making; Approval of grants by the GAC; Approval of grants by the Global Fund's Board

- Gender-responsive results and activities have been integrated into the agreement
- Opportunities have been created for greater participation of organizations of women living with and affected by the three diseases and women's health and rights organizations as sub-recipients (SRs) and sub-sub-recipients (SSRs)
- Budget includes resources allocated to gender-specific HIV, TB and malaria needs and vulnerabilities
- Implementation support includes ongoing technical assistance with expertise relating to gender-sensitivity in implementation
- Plans have been made to account for the possibility that the principal recipient (PR), SR or SSR does not have

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