



Stop TB Partnership work on maximizing the impact of Global Fund investments in TB

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Key areas of work

- C19RM – support to countries and Global Fund
- Mitigation of the impact of C19 on Global Fund country TB grants
- Funding Request development and related NSP development/update
- New shifts
- Global Fund Strategic Initiatives
- Other activities

C19RM: Partnering with Global Fund

- Advocacy for inclusion of activities to mitigate impact of C19 on TB
- Support for development of information notes for C19RM
- Inputs to Grant Approval Committee
 - Intensive- Reviewed and provided comments for 59 proposals to C19RM




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Information Note

Mitigation of COVID-19 Effects on HIV, TB and Malaria Services and Programs

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COVID-19 Response Mechanism Information Note


Considerations for Global Fund Support to the COVID-19 Response, including Health and Community System Strengthening, and Mitigation of COVID-19 effects on HIV, TB and Malaria Services and Programs

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COVID-19 Information Note: "Catch-up" Plans to Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 on Tuberculosis Services



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C19RM: Partnering with Countries

- Support to development of 31 funding requests
- Country level advocacy for inclusion of TB in C19RM proposals
 - Webinars for NTPs and in-country partners
 - Concrete examples and points for action
 - Grants to 18 national platforms and community organizations in high burden countries for:
 - in-country advocacy
 - engagement of all stakeholders
 - training and use of 'TB C19RM community support package'

WEBINARS
Organized by Stop TB Partnership and USAID

GLOBAL FUND C19RM: NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER FROM THE IMPACT OF COVID ON TB

WEBINAR 2 FOR NTP MANAGERS AND TEAM FOCUS ON AFRICA AND EUROPE
13 APRIL - 12 NOON CET (Geneva)

REGISTER FOR THIS WEBINAR
<https://bit.ly/3fUzHtI>

This webinar will be of **2 hours duration**.
In English with simultaneous French and Russian translations.

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COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM)

Points for Action

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The Global Fund C19RM Funding Request TB Community, Rights and Gender Activities Guide

Purpose
To provide National Tuberculosis (TB) Programs, implementing partners, TB civil society and affected community partners, and relevant consultants with a comprehensive indicative list of TB Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) activities including possible new solutions and tools that can be included into national COVID-19 Response Mechanism Funding Requests (C19RM FR) to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFM).

Background
GFM C19RM supports countries to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on HIV, TB, and malaria programs and initiate urgent improvements in health and community systems. C19RM is consistent with WHO COVID-19 Response Pillar Framework and will fund the following areas: (1) COVID-19 response; (2) COVID-19 related adaptation of programs to fight HIV, TB and malaria; and (3) Strengthening health and community systems. These three areas should also incorporate cross-cutting activities that bolster community responses to COVID-19.

The allocations for the funding requests represent an amount equivalent to 15% of the applicants 2020-2022 country allocation. Countries can also request an above allocation amount of up to 15% as well. Please note that the proposals require endorsement from the CCM, and, for COVID control and containment mechanisms, additional endorsement is required from the COVID-19 response coordination mechanism. As such it is very important that partners:

- Link up with the CCM, PRU and NTP for dialogue
- Engage in developing the Country C19RM Funding Request
- Request support when and if needed for the development of the C19RM funding request

STP provides strategic guidance, tools and technical support to countries to strengthen TB communities, rights and gender, national TB and health responses and will continue to provide guidance and technical assistance to national TB programs and TB civil society and affected community partners under the C19RM. In developing the C19RM Funding Request, it is important to keep in mind the need to:

- Recover the losses of TB response from the COVID-19 impact
- Reaching the UNHLM 2022 commitments according to the country targets
- Addressing the Deadly Divide: TB Commitments vs TB Realities, the global TB community accountability report; to leverage COVID-19 as a strategic opportunity to end TB; in addition, it provides clear calls to action for human rights and gender related programming and interventions, advancing community led monitoring with real time data for adequacy and accountability, and the crucial importance of building strong TB affected community systems as part of national health infrastructure.
- Even if a fast-track application is required to be submitted earlier, further time can be taken to develop a full application and include comprehensive CRG interventions for later application windows.

<https://www.stop-tb.org/global-fund-c19rm-funding-request-tb-community-rights-and-gender-activities-guide>

Mitigation of impact of C19 on GF country TB grants

- Shared data and best practices from countries and south-to-south learning
- Flagged and discussed issues with Global Fund leadership
- Prioritized countries for action based on data
- Participated in individual country deep dives in Situation Room

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INFORMATION NOTE: DIGITAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES, VIRTUAL CARE AND COMMUNITY-BASED MONITORING SOLUTIONS FOR TB PROGRAMMES



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Simultaneous, integrated diagnostic testing approach to detect COVID-19 and TB in high TB burden countries

Introduction

Globally, there have been more than 126 million COVID-19 confirmed cases including 2.7 million deaths¹ with the vast majority being recorded in the Americas and European regions. While cases and deaths are increasing in other regions of the world, the disparity in access to testing makes it difficult to fully understand the magnitude of COVID-19 cases and deaths in developing countries in Africa, Southeast Asia and Western Pacific regions.

Before COVID-19, tuberculosis (TB) was the leading cause of death from an infectious disease globally. Although great improvements have been made over the past several years to find and



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COVID-19 Contact Tracing and TB Contact Investigation: An Integrated Implementation Approach

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12 Months of COVID-19 Eliminated 12 Years of Progress in the Global Fight Against Tuberculosis

Pandemic response pushed aside tuberculosis outreach and services, resulting in 20% drop in diagnosis and treatment worldwide, urgent recovery needed

TB AND COVID-19

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST TB IS WORST THAN EXPECTED

NEW DATA

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Considerations for selection of SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics and potential multiplexing: A perspective to ensure continuity of care for people with TB

14 May 2020

Note: The original 14 April 2020 version of this document has been updated to reflect changes to WHO guidance on laboratory biosafety when testing for COVID-19: a BSL-2 laboratory with biosafety cabinet is no longer a prerequisite for use of the Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 cartridge. The list of diagnostics on the WHO Emergency Use Listing has also been updated.

Significant efforts and investments have been made in recent years to develop extensive TB diagnostic

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TB AND COVID-19 #ItsTimeToEndTB #FightCOVID19

Tuberculosis and COVID-19: What to do?

Press Briefing on 16 March 2020

COVID-19: Considerations for TB programmes

Modeling Study Press Briefing on 5 May 2020

COVID-19 and TB: Considerations for TB programmes

RAPID INFORMATION CONSIDERATIONS ON CHOOSING COVID-19 DIAGNOSTICS

How TB Programmes can change to a virtual mode due to the COVID-19 situation

Minimum Viable TB

Minimum Viable TB: Considerations for TB programmes

Minimum Viable TB: Considerations for TB programmes

COVID-19 and TB: Considerations and Data

New shifts in response to C19 pandemic

- Stop TB and partners proactive engagement with countries led to some important shifts in TB care and delivery approaches
- Initially targeted for mitigation of C19RM on TB, these shifts could outlast the pandemic
 - Bidirectional screening and testing
 - Scale up of rapid molecular tests to replace microscopy
 - Ultra-portable digital chest radiography and A.I. based detection
 - Digital tools for treatment adherence (DAT) & community-led monitoring (ONEIMPACT)
 - Shift of the care model from health facility centred to community and home centred
 - Real-time data available publicly for agility and monitoring

Partnering with Strategic Initiative (SI) of Global Fund

Agreement on scope of work under the SIs and roll out of initial activities

- **TB SI (20 Countries) - TA for Innovative Approaches to Find Missing People with TB**
 - Co-ordination and Quality Assurance
 - Advocacy and demand creation
 - South-South learning and best practices
 - Specialized TA on human rights, stigma and gender
 - COVID 19 mitigation activities
- **Data SI**
 - Country status assessment for real-time electronic TB surveillance systems (20 countries)
 - Key vulnerable population size estimation tool
 - Community-led monitoring guidance, tools and training material
- **Service Delivery Innovations SI**
 - South-south learning and strategic support to countries

Global Fund TB Funding Request development

- National Strategic Plan development/update-19 countries
- Funding request development-29 countries

Other activities

- Inputs provided via Global Fund Board, Strategy Committee & TB Situation Room on:
 - Global Fund Strategy
 - Disease split discussion
- Collaboration with Global Fund Secretariat on the Investment Case
- Engagement with Global Fund Financing Team on opportunities for smart blended financing

All teams of Stop TB continuously contribute to the work and achievements of Global Fund:

- GDF support and engagement
- TB REACH – knowledge sharing on X-Ray CAD and new approaches
- EASI team collaboration with Global Fund private sector team & Microsoft
- CCS4i team – Country support (RTAs) and CRG work in full sync
- EDO



Thank you

