

MESSAGE FOR COUNTRY COORDINATING MECHANISMS

THE GLOBAL FUND CONFIRMS THAT ROUND 9, AN ADDITIONAL FUNDING ROUND, WILL BE CALLED ON 1 OCTOBER 2008

Dear CCM members:

Today, the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has confirmed a Round 9 call for proposals to be launched on 1 October 2008.

A copy of that formal announcement is available on our website at:
http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/media_center/press/pr_080604.asp

Reason for Round 9 call for proposals

Demand for this additional round of funding arises from the growing impact of country-led HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria programs. It is also recognized that an additional opportunity to access funding this year further supports the rapid scale-up of in-country efforts to reduce the burden of the three diseases. The announcement today has been made after the Global Fund Secretariat undertook an analysis available funds and policy changes required.

Links between Round 8, Round 9 and Round 10

The Global Fund Board has decided that:

Round 9 is called in addition to the existing Round 8 call for proposals that opened on 1 March 2008 and which will close 1 July 2008; and

Round 9 is an additional Round and will not replace the funding round scheduled for 2009. Thus, the Round 10 call for proposals is anticipated to be called in April 2009, with an expected closing date in late July 2009.

Please note, Round 8 and Round 9 provide two distinct opportunities for countries to expand upon efforts to provide comprehensive prevention, treatment, and care and support services to people in need.

Important features of Round 8 and Round 9

Today's announcement brings important information for countries to consider during Round 8 proposal preparation. This includes:

The opportunity for countries whose proposals are not recommended for funding in Round 8 (closing date 1 July 2008) to resubmit a revised version of the same proposal in Round 9, six months earlier than usual;

A request from the Global Fund Board to the Technical Review Panel to identify the types of changes that should be made to Round 8 'category 3' proposals to strengthen those proposals for resubmission;

Confirmation that the same Proposal Form and Guidelines that were issued for Round 8 will also be used in Round 9; and

An early October 2008 notification of the Technical Review Panel's recommendations to the Board for Round 8 proposals, so that countries whose proposals are not recommended in Round 8 are informed shortly after the opening of the Round 9 call for proposals.

The Global Fund is highly appreciative of partner efforts to support countries in their continued efforts to submit robust Round 8 proposals by 1 July 2008, acknowledging that the Round 9 opportunity exists to submit an amended proposal should it be required.

Closing date for Round 9

The closing date for Round 9 proposals will be announced on the closing date for Round 8 proposals - 1 July 2008. In addition, the Global Fund will announce, by 1 September 2008, whether its partner organizations, WHO and UNAIDS, have identified any additions to eligibility based on disease burden.

Round 9 Board decision and disbursement of funding

The Board of the Global Fund is expected to approve new Round 9 grants at its Board Meeting in early May 2009. This would facilitate the first disbursement of new Round 9 funding into countries commencing October 2009.

Further information

To help applicants in proposal preparation, the Global Fund has created an online "Call for Proposals" Forum on <http://myglobalfund.org/> to supplement the information provided directly from the Secretariat. The website provides applicants with the opportunity to benefit from real-time questions and answers and to share lessons learned regarding proposal development.

Kind regards

TGF - Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM) Team
The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria / 8 Chemin de Blandonnet,
CH-1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland
Fax.: +41.22.791.1701; E-mail: ccm@theglobalfund.org