

Concept Note

CRSPC Mock TRP Workshop to Review Global Fund Malaria Funding Applications, Grant Cycle 7 19-21 July 2023

Background

The mock Technical Review Panel (TRP) will allow countries for comprehensive peer review of GF malaria funding applications as well as reviews by recognized experts facilitating the finalization of the application prior to submission to the Global Fund. The purpose of the workshop is to support countries to develop and submit high quality malaria applications.

This workshop is aimed at countries that will submit their malaria funding applications to the Global Fund by 21 August 2023 - window 3.

Workshop Objectives

The Objectives of this workshop are:

- to conduct both an expert and peer review of Global Fund malaria funding applications from participating countries;
- to increase participant's awareness of what constitutes a good funding application;
- to identify countries that will require additional support to finalize their application;
- to outline the next steps needed to address comments on each country's application and finalize it; and
- to develop an RBM CRSPC strategy (as needed) for providing additional urgent support to countries in the remaining period prior to application submission.

Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of this workshop are:

- Recommendations for improving country funding applications
- Country strategies for addressing reviewer comments and finalizing each application; and

- Rapid response strategy for addressing urgent country support needs prior to application submission.

Mock TRP Methodology

A brief update will be presented by the Global Fund team, CRSPC and WHO. Countries will be divided into groups of two to three countries mostly based on the type of the application they submit and language.

There will be an initial plenary session to orient the groups on what will take place during the workshop, to introduce the reviewers guide and to distribute copies of the funding applications.

Countries will then meet in their groups to review other country funding applications using reviewer guides, discuss the applications and provide feedback to each country. A group of experts will review key sections of the funding applications independently. Countries will then prepare a plan for addressing comments brought up in various sections.

Countries to be Invited to Participate

All the countries which will submit their funding requests during window 3 period (21 August 2023) will be invited to participate in this third mock TRP workshop.

The tentative list of countries include: Angolo, Bhutan, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea Equatorial, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritania, Nepal, Rwanda, Solomon Islands and Sudan.

Workshop Participants

Workshop participants will include:

- National Malaria Programmes - National Malaria Programme Managers, Global Fund Focal Points, Monitoring and Evaluation focal points and CCM members,
- CRSPC members and RBM secretariat
- WHO MCAT/NPO/IPO from invited countries, Regional Advisors
- CRSPC Consultants who provides support to the the invited countries

- Implementing partners, Principal Recipients
- Global Fund team
- PMI advisors, BMGF team,

Agenda for the Mock TRP Workshop, 19-21 July 2023, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Time	Agenda Item	Responsible
Day 1	Wednesday 19 July	
8:00	Arrival, Registration, Printing and copying of Funding applications	RBM Secretariat
8:45	Opening remarks Opening remarks Official opening and welcoming	Dr Michael Charles CEO, RBM Global Fund Representative WHO Representative, Ethiopia H.E Minister of Health, Ethiopia
09:00	Introductions of participating countries and Partners, Workshop Objectives, Review of Agenda of the workshop	Melanie Renshaw
09:10	Global Fund - overview of the GC 7 application process – key reminders	GF team
09:40	Review of key issues for funding applications CRSPC	Melanie Renshaw
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break and Group Photo	
10:30	WHO Technical updates including Malaria Surveillance	WHO
11:30	Grouping of countries, Application distribution, Presentation on self assessment tools Discussion of review process	Melanie and Peter
12:00	Group work: self assessment review of GF funding applications	Countries and Facilitators
13:30-14:30	Lunch	
14:30	Group work: self assessment review of GF funding applications	Countries and Facilitators
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00	Group work: review of GF funding applications	Countries and Facilitators
18:00-19:00	Facilitators Workshop	All Facilitators
Day 2	Thursday 20 July	
08:30	Feedback Group 1	Countries and Facilitators
10:00-20:	Coffee Break	
10:20	Feedback Group 1	Countries and Facilitators
12:30-13:30	Lunch	

13:30-15:30	Feedback Group 2	Countries and Facilitators
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00	Feedback Group 2	Countries and Facilitators
18:00	Facilitators Workshop	All Facilitators
Day 3	Friday 21 July	
8:30	Plenary feedback – outstanding issues and clarifications	Facilitators and countries, Peter Olumese
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00	Plenary feedback – outstanding issues and clarifications including timelines for finalization of funding applications including identification of additional support requirements	Facilitators and countries, Peter Olumese
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-16:00	Continued group work and follow on discussions with facilitators	Countries and Facilitators
16:00	Coffee Break	
16:20-17:30	Continued group work and follow on discussions with facilitators	Countries and Facilitators