



## ANGLOPHONE AFRICA CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS REGIONAL MEETING CONCEPT NOTE

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Maximizing Civil Society and Community groups engagement  
in Global Fund Funding Request development and  
implementation.

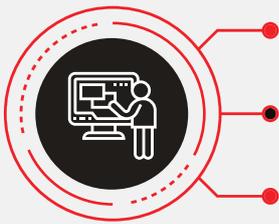
7<sup>th</sup> — 9<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2022

Madinat Al Bahr Hotel & spa,  
Zanzibar, Tanzania



## BACKGROUND

The Global Fund Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI) seeks to strengthen the engagement of communities most affected by the three diseases in Global Fund processes. It does so through three mutually reinforcing components that include:



- The provision of short term peer-to-peer technical assistance to community and civil groups and organizations.
- The provision of long-term capacity development interventions to organizations and networks of key and vulnerable populations.
- The regular and timely provision of relevant HIV, TB and Malaria information to communities through existing regional platforms, which strengthen community knowledge and coordination in Global Fund and related processes and improve access to short term technical assistance

The CE SI supports the engagement of communities and civil society actors at all stages of the Global Fund grant life cycle, and is critical in the design, development and implementation of effective responses to the three diseases and system strengthening, as it ensures that Global Fund investments evolve as responsive to those most impacted.

As one of the regional platforms, EANNASO plays a key role in enhancing knowledge and improving meaningful engagement of communities through creating a space for learning and sharing. To maximize civil society and community groups engagement in Global Fund funding requests development, EANNASO will host an annual regional meeting for civil society and community groups from the 7th to the 9th of December 2022 in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania.

The overall goal of the meeting is to discuss strategies for strengthening the engagement of civil society and community groups in their respective country dialogue processes, sharing experiences and good practices from the current funding cycle, taking stock of what went well and what could be improved as communities prepare to engage in the next new funding cycle.

Approximately 70 delegates drawn from the communities most impacted by the three diseases across 24 countries in anglophone and lusophone Africa will participate in the meeting. Technical assistance providers, representatives from long-term capacity development organizations, networks of key and vulnerable populations as well as Global Fund staff will support EANNASO in the organization of the regional meeting.

## MEETING OBJECTIVES

The meeting is set to address the following core objectives:

Improve coordination among civil society and communities and facilitate cross country learning and sharing of implementation best practice.

Increase civil society and communities understanding and knowledge of: the new Global Fund strategy; key and emerging technical priorities; existing and new processes related to funding request development.



Maximize opportunities for the meaningful engagement of civil society and communities, identifying country technical assistance needs with a focus on supporting community, rights and gender interventions in national strategic plans and in Global Fund funding request.

Share lessons learned and good practices on successful engagement of communities in Global Fund country dialogue processes and in Global Fund grants currently being implemented under NFM 3 and C19RM to inform approaches to NFM4 funding request development.

## PROGRAM

The 3-day participatory workshop will adopt a blend of learning and sharing approaches including but not limited to experience sharing, questions and answers sessions, plenary presentations and discussions, group work and reporting sessions and panel presentations and discussions.

Participation to the workshop will be in-person, with the possible virtual/online participation of some of the speakers/sessions'faciliators.