

## **Integrating Community Engagement Activities into C19RM Fund Request - experiences from First and Second window submission countries**

**Thursday, 3rd June 2021, 10 :00AM – 12 :00 PM EAT/9:00AM to 11:00AM  
Geneva time|8AM – 10AM West Africa Time**

### **Background**

Following the announcement that the United States, Germany, and the Netherlands will generously provide US\$3.7 billion to the Global Fund's COVID-19 response, additional resources are available for countries through December 2023. The Global Fund Secretariat has since finalised C19RM [application materials](#), and updated a series of tools and [guidance documents](#) to support applicants. These include key programmatic adaptations that are critical to maintaining essential HIV, TB and malaria services, based on good practices.

As per the [C19RM 2021 Funding Request Instructions](#), applicants must have meaningful stakeholder engagement when developing requests. The Instructions specifically call for consultations to include not only those communities usually represented at CCMs and representing perspectives of affected communities across the three diseases (HIV, TB and malaria), but also non-CCM community representatives and communities most severely affected by COVID-19. These are, for instance, elderly people, people with underlying medical conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease and cancer, among others.

EANNASO – as the host of Global Fund CRG Regional Platform for Anglophone Africa – in collaboration with Impact Santé Afrique (ISA) have organised a webinar titled “**Integrating Community Activities into C19RM Funding Requests: Country Experiences from Window 1 & 2 Submissions.**” This is an information session for civil society organisations and affected communities to share their experiences on how they have been engaging in the funding request processes, challenges and lessons learnt. The experience-sharing will inform ongoing processes for the remaining submission windows (3 and 4). The session will further enrich discussions on strengthening engagements targeting civil society organisations and community groups constituencies from Anglophone Africa countries.

### **Objectives/ Key Questions :**

1. **Information Updates:** High-level information update on C19RM and what is eligible for funding, including how to frame community activities in the COVID-19 response or as COVID adaptations to HIV, TB and malaria services
2. **Experiences Sharing:** Describing the engagement processes and technical support received, including needs assessments, consultations, priorities setting, and lessons learned when including community activities in C19RM funding requests (experiences from TB, malaria, HIV, AGYW, and key populations constituencies).
3. **Engagement and Opportunities:** Brief updates on ongoing opportunities to access community engagement support for C19RM, including information on resources available to communities for activity costing, engaging on writing teams, documenting lessons learned, etc.

## AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	LEAD
<i>Moderators: Olivia Ngou (ISA) and Yvonne Kahimbura (EANNASO)</i>		
10:00-10:05 5 minutes	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Onesmus Mlewa, <b>EANNASO</b>
10:05-10:25 20 mins	<b>Update on the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High-level information on community engagement, update on C19RM (why community engagement in C19RM mechanism response is key and technical guidance).</li> <li>What is eligible for funding under C19RM? How to frame activities in the COVID-19 response or as COVID adaptations to HIV, TB and malaria activities.</li> </ul>	Gilles Cesari, <b>The Global Fund</b>
10:25-11:20 55 mins	<b>Lessons learned on community engagement in C19RM country processes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process to conduct needs assessments, hold community consultations and set priorities</li> <li>Top community priorities for C19RM funding requests</li> <li>Main successes, challenges, and lessons learned getting community activities included in C19RM requests</li> </ol>	<b>Zimbabwe</b> – Tendayi Westerhof <b>Tanzania</b> – Dickens Bwana <b>Uganda</b> – Wamala Twaibu <b>Malawi</b> – Jones Chimpukuso <b>Rwanda</b> – Nooliet Kabanyana <b>Ghana</b> – Cecilia Senoo
11:20-11:40 20 mins	<b>Discussion / Q&amp;A</b>	Olayide Akanni, <b>JAAIDS</b>
11:40-11:55 15 mins	<b>Staying engaged (Discussion):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the support needs of communities to ensure priorities are included in C19RM requests?</li> <li>What opportunities are available to ensure ongoing community engagement through funding request submission, grant-making and implementation of C19RM grants?</li> </ul>	<u>Moderator:</u> Nana Gleenson, <b>BONELA</b>  <u>Respondents:</u> Annabelle Metzner, <b>Global Fund</b> Onesmus Mlewa, <b>EANNASO</b> Olivia Ngou, <b>Impact Sante Afrique</b>
11:55-12:00 5 mins	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Gemma Oberth, <b>Global Fund</b>

**Zoom Link:**

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