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Aidspan Releases Guide to Obtaining Global Fund-Related Technical Assistance

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Aidspan today released “The Aidspan Guide to Obtaining Global Fund-Related Technical Assistance.” This 123-page Guide is intended to be useful to any country or organization that is considering applying to the Global Fund or whose grant application has been approved by the Fund. It contains the first directory ever published of organizations and individuals that provide technical assistance to countries and organizations applying for, or implementing, Global Fund grants.

The Guide is available for download at no charge from www.aidspan.org/guides. At present it is only available in English, but it is hoped to release French and Spanish versions later this month. Aidspan does not have the resources to produce or distribute the Guide in printed form.

The Guide consists primarily of a directory of 170 organizations and technically-qualified individuals that provide Global Fund-related technical assistance. These are made up of 10 multilateral agencies, 12 bilateral and other government organizations, 19 large NGOs/companies/etc., 64 medium NGOs/companies/etc., 30 small NGOs/companies/etc., and 35 technically-qualified individuals.

For each organization, half a page of information is provided, including complete contact information.

The information provided was obtained through a survey conducted by Aidspan during the past six weeks. Respondents to the survey included WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, the main US bilateral agencies, the main UK bilateral agency, and 165 more.

The 170 TA providers are based in 40 different countries in North America (66), Western Europe (40), Africa (25), Asia (9), Latin America (8), Eastern Europe (3) and Australasia (1), with a further 18 being international organizations with no obvious national base.

This is the first of five Guides to be published by Aidspan during the first half of 2004. The five are:

- The Aidspan Guide to Obtaining Global Fund-Related Technical Assistance (Released 11 January 2004)
- The Aidspan Guide to Applying to the Global Fund (Due second half of January 2004)
- The Aidspan Guide to Starting Implementation of a Global Fund Grant (Due second quarter 2004)
- The Aidspan Guide to Building and Running an Effective CCM (Due second quarter 2004)
- The Aidspan Guide to Procurement and Supply Management for Recipients of Global Fund Grants (Due second quarter 2004)

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