

## Number of Early and Interim Applicants Under the NFM Could Exceed 60

The Global Fund expects to invite between 50 and 60 "interim" applicants to access funding in 2013, through re-programming and top-ups for existing grants. This is in addition to the handful of "early" applicants that will able to submit a concept note leading to the creation of a new grant.

This information is contained in the latest issue of Global Fund News Flash, produced by the Secretariat.

As the new funding model (NFM) is phased in, there will be three types of applicants: early, interim and standard. Both early and interim applicants have to meet at least one of the following criteria: (a) are considered by the Global Fund to be significantly underfunded; (b) face service disruption in 2013 and through part of 2014; or (c) are considered by the Global Fund to be "well positioned" for impact.

Early applicants will submit concept notes and go through the full NFM process. Interim applicants will access funds through reprogramming, Phase 2 renewal or grant extensions. "Standard applicants" refers to all other applicants. Standard applicants will have an opportunity to apply when the NFM is fully implemented in 2014. The News Flash said that in 2013 standard applicants "may participate in dialogue geared toward preparing applications for 2014."

"Throughout this year," the News Flash said, "the Global Fund and its partners will be asking public and private donors to invest in fighting the three diseases for the period 2014 to 2016. The new funding model will help demonstrate that the Global Fund is investing strategically for maximum sustainable impact, in places where we can make the biggest difference."

The News Flash said that the Fund expects to launch the NFM "in the coming days."

