VOLUME 1 OF "THEAIDSPAN GUIDE TO ROUND 10 APPLICATIONS TO THE GLOBAL FUND" IS NOWAVAILABLE

Aidspan has released the first volume of "The Aidspan Guide to Round 10 Applications to the Global Fund." Volume 1, "Getting a Head Start," is designed to assist applicants with the process of preparing proposals for Round 10, particularly in the period of time before the Global Fund officially launches Round 10.

Volume 1 contains a note on the implications for Round 10 of the Global Fund's new funding architecture, and describes the changes that applicants should expect for the Round 10 proposal form. Volume 1 also provides guidance on how CCMs can manage the proposal development process, including the process of soliciting in-country submissions. In addition, Volume 1 discusses factors that potential applicants should consider if they plan to submit a regional or Non-CCM proposal.

Further, Volume 1 discusses the considerations involved in deciding whether to apply and, for those who intend to apply, emphasises the importance of getting a head start. It describes what initiatives the Global Fund will support; explains who is eligible to apply; summarize the applications process; and provides a series of links where potential applicants can obtain information concerning the development of the technical content of their proposals. The information on technical content is considerably expanded from Aidspan's Round 8 guide.

Finally, Volume 1 provides a list of documents that the Global Fund recommends applicants read before they prepare their application.

Currently, Volume 1 is available in English only. French-, Spanish- and Russian-language versions will be

posted by the beginning of May 2010. This is the first time that Aidspan's applying guide will be available in Russian.

"Volume 2 – The Applications Process and Proposal Form" will contain more details on the Round 10 applications process and will provide guidance on filling out the proposal form. It will be released as soon as possible after Round 10 is officially launched. The precise launch date is not yet known, but it is expected to be sometime in May 2010.

"The Aidspan Guide to Round 10 Applications to the Global Fund: Volume 1 – Getting a Head Start" is available at www.aidspan.org/guides. Applicants may also want to refer to the following Aidspan documents, both available at www.aidspan.org/aidspanpublications:

- "Aidspan Report: Key Strengths of Rounds 8 and 9 Proposals to the Global Fund"
- "Aidspan Documents for In-Country Submissions"

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