

Evaluation of Transition Phase Will Inform Full Rollout of the NFM

The Global Fund will conduct a process evaluation of the transition phase of the new funding model (NFM) to enable the Fund to draw some conclusions and make adjustments for the full rollout of the NFM.

This information was contained in the Global Fund's "Update on Results and Impact" report published on the eve of the Fund's pre-replenishment meeting in Brussels, Belgium on 9–10 April.

The evaluation will aim to answer three broad questions:

- 1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the NFM implementation?
- 2. How can the NFM be improved compared with the previous funding model?
- 3. Are the key NFM elements clearly defined in the guidance provided, and what is needed to make them work better?

Other questions that may be addressed during the evaluation are:

- What were the priority issues during the transition phase identified by countries and country teams at the Secretariat?
- How well were the NFM elements and process communicated and understood at the country level?
- What were the deviations from the defined scope of the NFM during implementation?

Data will be collected using qualitative and quantitative methods. The qualitative methods will include structured country team debriefings, feedback from stakeholders and country visits.

The Global Fund cautions that due to the limited number of early applicants and the relatively short time frame of the transition phase, there will be limitations to the extent to which the findings of the evaluation

can be generalised across the entire Global Fund portfolio.

Additional evaluations are planned once the NFM is fully rolled out.

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