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THE GLOBAL FUND'S THREE COMMITTEES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Dear subscribers

This is a short bonus issue in preparation for the three Committee meetings that start in person next week, although in reality the online virtual sessions started last week (and for the Audit & Finance Committee, as early as 1 and 2 September).

Our first article provides you with a [brief overview of each Committee's agendas](#). Why this information is not readily available on the Global Fund website is anyone's guess. We now ask for greater transparency regarding these documents every time we write about these meetings: yet, as on so many topics, the Global Fund is silent.

The second article concerns the 'last (or perhaps penultimate) hurrah' of the Technical Reference Evaluation Group (TERG) before it's replaced by the new evaluation function; one of its two last evaluation reports, this one is critical of the [Challenging Operating Environment \(COE\) Policy's achievements](#). This Policy was designed with the best intentions at its heart, to provide countries suffering particular circumstances such as civil upheaval, war and other disasters but the TERG's evaluation felt that it didn't go quite far enough and, due to country-level confusion with the Additional Safeguards Policy, it hasn't been exploited to its best extent. However, the Secretariat seems more willing to accept some recommendations (the ones that are easier to action) than others which require a bit more thought and trouble. We shall see.

Our final article is a powerful commentary on the new role that the Global Fund is increasingly playing with regard to humanitarian aid, and why this has to be explored and expanded, using Mali as an example ([Fight for what counts! And the people of Mali are worth it !](#))

. Hopefully we have whetted your appetite to read more!

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