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## NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE GLOBAL FUND PARTNERSHIP

### 5% INITIATIVE LAUNCHES CALL FOR MALARIA PROPOSALS

The French 5% Initiative launched, on December 11, a call for proposals with the theme 'Improving the malaria response in the greater Sahel and Central Africa regions'. The proposal forms part of operational research the initiative undertakes every year in order to improve disease interventions and update available knowledge about HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. The closing date for applications is 20 January 2020.

[See the 5% Initiative website for details and the downloadable application kit...](#)

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### WORLD MALARIA REPORT 2019

The World Health Organization launched its 2019 World Malaria Report on December 4, 2019, providing a comprehensive update on global and regional malaria data and trends. The report, which includes sections on investments, research, and progress across areas of intervention, is based on data from more than 80 countries and areas with ongoing malaria transmission. In 2018, an estimated 228 million cases of malaria occurred worldwide, compared to 251 million cases worldwide in 2010. Of the 228 million last year, 93% (213 million) occurred in the WHO Africa region, 3.4% in the South-east Asia region, and 2.1% in the Mediterranean region. Together, 19 countries along with India bore almost 85% of the global malaria burden, with just six countries accounting for half of the global malaria burden: Nigeria (25%), Democratic Republic of Congo (12%), Uganda (5%), Cote d'Ivoire (4%), Mozambique (4%) and Niger (4%).

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria also published a [World Malaria Report toolkit](#) primarily designed for immediate social media use but whose content is still relevant for ongoing advocacy.

[See the WHO website for the full news release and downloadable report ...](#)

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## ‘NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL FUND’S 2020-2022 ALLOCATIONS CYCLE’ – FOR GENDER ACTIVISTS AND ADVOCATES

The gender advocacy group [Women4GlobalFund](#) (W4GF) distributed at the end of November a guide for applicants for Global Fund funding in the new allocations cycle that aims to help position gender issues prominently in applicants’ proposals. The 13-page guide, in PDF form, was distributed by email through the Global Fund Advocate Network. It is intended for W4GF advocates and other gender-equality activists aiming to influence their countries’ funding requests for the Global Fund’s 2020-2022 allocation to ensure gender-transformative programming. This is a potentially valuable resource for countries, especially in light of the allocations letters to countries’ emphasis on (among other issues) the importance of removing human-rights- and gender-related barriers to accessing services. (See separate article in this edition on the Allocations letters to countries.) The document is rigorously structured in three sections that detail (1) what to know in advance, (2) where and how to be involved, and (3) additional suggestions and observations that advocates might consider to influence Global Fund programs.

[See the W4GF website to download the PDF guide for W4GF advocates...](#)

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