



The Pandemic Fund

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The Pandemic Fund continues to generate debate

Dear subscribers,

Sometimes a topic is discussed at the Board meeting which not only results in an unexpected outcome but also gives rise to continued debate. Yes, we are talking about the Board's decision not to approve a Decision Point regarding how the Global Fund should engage with the Pandemic Fund; and the subsequent ongoing discussion among stakeholders on what such collaboration should look like. Our follow up article to this, [Civil society proposes an engagement mechanism with the Pandemic Fund](#), discusses the various arguments and stakeholders' views. However, what is not in contention is that a wealth of experience already exists in dealing with pandemics through the Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism and it would make little sense not to be able to bring this to bear for Pandemic Fund applications, including all the processes set up to manage such funds, report on them, and so on and so forth.

We also look at the second part of the [TRP Findings on Window 1 funding applications](#) and the Board's [Thematic Discussion on Human Rights](#) as well as covering the details of the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Department's Annual Report presented to the Strategy Committee in Marc and then reflected in the [CRG-Ready](#) presentation to the Board, outlining how the Secretariat propose to strengthen this aspect of its work, with a timeline for onboarding several new CRG staff members across various departments.

We also look at an [OIG Audit of grants to the Republic of Niger](#).

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