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Excerpts from Grant Scorecards

As reported above, the Global Fund Secretariat provides confidential Grant Scorecards to board members during consideration of "Phase 2 renewal" of grants that are approaching the end of their second year. The Grant Scorecards, which contain the Secretarit's candid comments on the strengths and weaknesses of each grant, are published at www.theglobalfund.org/en/funds_raised/performance after the Phase 2 decisions have been made. Below, GFO has selected some excerpts from the these Grant Scorecard comments.

Ethiopia: Grant ETH-102-G01-T-00 Rating: B2

"Program progress has been slow, largely because of cumbersome procurement procedures… Several constraints have been rectified in recent months… However, the PR did not begin many activities that had been in its workplan, and therefore, a revision of Program targets may be necessary for Phase 2… The Ministry of Health's reporting was sometimes inconsistent during the early stages of its Program."

Ghana: Grant GHN-202-G03-M-0 Rating: A

“Within the first 16 months of the Program and in spite of procurement delays, 150,000 insecticide-treated nets have been distributed, reaching the Month 18 target three months ahead of schedule. [However,] CCM functioning remains a concern… Partners and dissatisfied CCM members have expressed increasing frustration with the organization’s size, inefficiency, and conflict of interest in having the Chairof the CCM be a member of the PR. Accordingly, the CCM has been reduced in size, and constituenciesnow elect their members to the CCM. The main concern about the Ministry of Health members who serveas CCM Chair and additional PR representative has not been resolved. An election of the CCM chair was supposed to have happened in April 2005, and the Phase 2 grant extension signing will be made conditional upon this.”

Indonesia: Grant IND-102-G03-H-00 Rating: B2

“The Program had a slow start, with sluggish capacity building efforts and procurement delays… The overall management of the Program by the PR, the Indonesian Ministry of Health, has been inadequate. The PR did not disburse funds to sub-recipients on a timely basis or in an effective manner. Late disbursements were largely due to the PR’s weak monitoring of reports submitted by the sub-recipients.”

Lao PDR: Grant LAO-102-G02-M-0 Rating: B2

“Progress in treatment activities has not been satisfactory. Better performance in this area will be an important condition for continued disbursements over Phase 2… The PR must improve the quality of its own reporting and closely monitor sub-recipient reporting… There are concerns about the functioning of the CCM.”

Moldova: Grant MOL-102-G01-C-0 Rating: A

“The PR has managed the program efficiently, with the CCM playing an important oversight role. The program has collaborated with partners and responded to problems particularly well, improving its ability to disburse to sub-recipients and in procurement after initial capacity difficulties.”

Mongolia: Grant MON-102-G01-T-0 Rating: A

“The PR, the Ministry of Health, met or exceeded all of its targets [and] distributed funds to sub-recipients efficiently.”

Morocco: Grant MOR-102-G01-H-0 Rating: A

“Results, when considered as absolute numbers, are somewhat low for the grant amount. The Secretariat encourages the PR to ensure that its Phase 2 targets are sufficiently ambitious.”

Panama: Grant PAN-102-G01-T-00 Rating: A

“The overall positive results were achieved in spite of problems of CCM disunity in the first semester and a change of government in the third.”

Philippines: Grant PHL-202-G02-T-00 Rating: A

“The Principal Recipient, the Tropical Disease Foundation, disburses to sub-recipients effectively, provides high-quality reporting, and has succeeded in cooperating and coordinating activities with government agencies and other donor programs.”

Senegal: Grant SNG-102-G02-M-0 Rating: C

“The grant had poor performance in two service delivery areas, inadequate performance in three service delivery areas, and only adequate performance in [one] service delivery area… Reporting has been inconsistent, and the results used for the purpose of the Phase 2 evaluation are at least six months old… After 18 months, the PR has still not entered into formal, contractual relationships with its sub-recipients and has not reported any disbursements to its sub-recipients. Acute coordination and partnership problems have been reported within the CCM as well as between public and private sector partners… The [CCM] chair has changed four times in 16 months.”

Tajikistan: Grant TAJ-102-G01-H-00 Rating: A

“While the PR [UNDP] has satisfactorily managed the program, it should begin transferring more responsibility to the NationalAIDSCenter and enable the strong CCM to continue governing the grant and forging partnerships with national and international partners.”

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