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Aidspan Launches "Round 6 Proposal Review Service"

Aidspan, publisher of Global Fund Observer, today announced a "Round 6 Proposal Review Service" for CCM applicants to the Global Fund. The service is available free of charge.

Under the Proposal Review Service, Aidspan will spend about two days reviewing each draft proposal that a CCM asks it to review and that Aidspan agrees to take on. Aidspan will, for each section in each draft proposal that it reviews, comment on whether the writing is clear, whether the text adequately and appropriately answers the questions, whether the text is of an appropriate length, whether the text duplicates or conflicts with what is said elsewhere in the proposal, and whether the text seems to adequately deal with TRP comments made in response to prior applications from the same CCM.

Aidspan will not comment on the technical quality of the proposal, or its appropriateness to the country in question, and will not write or rewrite any part of the proposal.

Aidspan has a limited amount of time that it can devote to this service. Consequently, it is unlikely to be able to respond to all requests received. Generally, requests will be booked in the order received.

The Proposal Review Service will be provided by David Garmaise, author of "The Aidspan Guide to Round 6 Applications to the Global Fund" and other Aidspan guides, available at www.aidspan.org/guides.

If a CCM wishes to avail itself of this service: (a) a request should be sent by email as soon as possible to David Garmaise at garmaise@aidspan.org; (b) the request should come from the Chair of the CCM, or from whoever chairs the committee that is charged by the CCM with writing the proposal; (c) the request should state that the CCM will make good use of "The Aidspan Guide to Round 6 Applications to the Global Fund" prior to sending Aidspan the draft proposal for review; and (d) the request should state that the CCM will carefully study the TRP's comments on any Round 4 and Round 5 proposals that it

submitted for the same component(s). Unfortunately, only proposals in English can be reviewed.

Once a request for the Proposal Review Service is received, Aidspan will contact the CCM to advise whether it can provide the service, and to draw up a schedule for when the draft proposal should be submitted and when the review will be completed. The objective will be to provide a fast turnaround.

Once Aidspan has agreed to provide the service to a particular CCM, the CCM can email short questions about its work on the proposal before it is time to submit the draft. When the CCM submits the draft proposal, it can ask additional questions, either embedded in the proposal text, or written in a separate document or email message.

Aidspan will treat the draft proposal and its own comments as confidential, and will not communicate with the Fund regarding any proposal that it reviews. Aidspan and the Global Fund have no formal relationship, and Aidspan accepts no grants or fees from the Global Fund. Aidspan is funded by grants from foundations, and does not accept consulting fees.

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