

AIDSPAN PUBLISHES GUIDE TO THE NEW FUNDING MODEL

Aidspan in late April published its latest guide: <u>Understanding the New Funding Model</u>, now available for download on the Aidspan website at www.aidspan.org. French, Spanish and Russian editions will be available by 1 June.

The NFM guide is designed to reach and help the widest audience possible. Aidspan has in mind anyone interested in, or touched by, the Global Fund's most significant reform since its founding in 2002 and who want to know how the Fund divides up its money for implementers, and how implementers can apply for those funds.

Aidspan's document is not meant to replace the Global Fund's own guidance documents that can be found here http://theglobalfund.org/en/fundingmodel/. But, as with all Aidspan guides, it is intended as a clear, relatively concise and thorough presentation of its topic.

The 44-page document includes the following sections: a short overview including the origins and background of the NFM; a brief description of the eligibility criteria; and an outline of the methodology for allocating funds.

Two key sections (6 and 7) contain descriptions of the country dialogue and the process for developing concept notes. Grant-making and the Board approval process are also covered.

Other topics summarized in the guide include a list of countries required to submit integrated TB-HIV concept notes; the processes for submitting the regional, multi-country and non-CCM applications; and a description of the special initiatives funded under the NFM.

Finally, sections on how the Global Fund plans to manage incentive funding, the unfunded quality demand

and the transition provisions for 2014–16 wrap up the guide.

Five annexes have been included, containing considerable detail on the allocations methodology and the calculations of graduated reductions for components considered by the Global Fund to be over-allocated in components; and case studies of the experience of early applicants with the country dialogue and concept note development processes.

The NFM and the Guide we have produced are still both considered by ourselves and by the Global Fund as works in progress. This is a learning process and we all need feedback from those most affected. If you have experiences you would like to share and that you think will help other people or organizations understand what is happening on the ground, then please use our comment boxes or send emails to either david.garmaise@aidspan.org or kate.macintyre@aidspan.org.

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