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AIDSPAN RELEASES "A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE GLOBAL FUND"

Aidspan has released a new guide designed to provide a broad introduction to the Global Fund for people who have little or no prior experience of the Fund. A Beginner's Guide to the Global Fund will be of interest to a wide range of people, including (but not limited to):

- people and organizations who are newly involved in Global Fund issues, or who wish to be (e.g., CCM members; employees of organisations serving as principal recipient or sub-recipient; Global Fund Board delegation members; Global Fund Secretariat staffers; and employees of partner agencies);
- journalists writing about the Fund;
- civil society organisations who want to take on a Fund watchdog role; and
- researchers studying the Fund.

A Beginner's Guide to the Global Fund comes in three versions: the full guide (about 60 pages), an eight-page summary and a two-page summary. All three versions are available in English at www.aidspan.org/guides. French-, Spanish- and Russian-language editions of all three versions will be available by early September 2009 at the same site. The full version of the guide contains numerous links to the websites of the Global Fund and Aidspan, for people who need in-depth information.

The following are the main sections of A Beginner's Guide to the Global Fund:

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Chapter 2: Introduction to the Global Fund

What is the Global Fund?

History of the Global Fund

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Core Principles

Chapter 3: Structure of the Global Fund – Global Level

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Global Fund Secretariat

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Office of the Inspector General

Chapter 4: Structure of the Global Fund – In-Country

Country Coordinating Mechanisms

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Chapter 8: The Global Fund's Application Process

Who Can Apply?

Rounds-Based Channel

Rolling Continuation Channel

National Strategy Applications

Chapter 9: Country Coordinating Mechanisms

Responsibilities of CCMs

How CCMs Function

Global Fund Guidance on CCMs

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PR Assessment

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Ongoing Reporting, Reviews and Disbursements

Phase 2 Renewal

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Monitoring and Evaluation

Chapter 12: Reporting on Progress

Chapter 13: Evaluations of the Global Fund

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