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Gender Criteria Developed for Review of Round 10 Proposals

The Technical Review Panel (TRP) has been provided with a “gender criteria checklist” for use in reviewing Round 10 proposals. The checklist, which was prepared by the Global Fund’s gender equality unit, is designed to help the TRP assess the gender-related components of submitted proposals.

The checklist is reproduced below. Applicants submitting proposals in Round 10 would be well advised to refer to this checklist as they prepare their proposals.

Gender Criteria Checklist

CCM Composition

- How has the CCM responded to questions related to involvement and inclusion of gender expertise and representatives of organizations working with women and girls and on sexual minorities?

Proposal Content

- Does the proposal include gender disaggregated epidemiological data?
- Does the proposal reference gender norms, facts, practices, attitudes and beliefs that are key drivers of the diseases?
- If the proposal explores gender dimensions, does it then suggest a clear programmatic intervention?
- If an intervention is proposed, is there a clear budget allocated for the intervention?
- If an intervention is proposed, are there clear indicators to track progress?

Process, Capacity and Representation

- Do Global Fund applicants include women and girls and sexual minority groups and concerns in the proposal development process?

Addressing the short-term needs

- Do Global Fund proposals address immediate health and welfare needs of women and girls, men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender, and female, male and transgender sex workers – especially in relation to HIV and STI prevention, care and treatment?

Addressing the long-term needs

- Do Global Fund proposals address structural and rights-based issues, including harmful laws and institutional stigma and discrimination that if addressed, would improve access to improved health outcomes for MSM, transgender, and female, male and transgender sex workers?

Improving the evidence base

- Do Global Fund proposals seek to strengthen the current evidence base on women and girls, MSM, transgender, and female, male and transgender sex workers?

Community Strengthening

- Do Global Fund proposals seek to strengthen the capacity of community-based organizations working on gender equality and gender and sexual diversity?

The information for this article has not been published; it was provided to GFO by the Global Fund Secretariat. However, the questions in the checklist reflect guidance published by the Global Fund in two Information Notes: “Assessing Women, Girls and Gender Equality,” and “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities in the Context of the HIV Epidemic,” both of which are available at www.theglobalfund.org/en/applicationfaq.

Further useful (but not Global Fund-specific) information is available in five publications about working with communities on gender and sexuality, published by the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. See www.aidsalliance.org/NewsDetails.aspx?Id=581.

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