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## AIDSPAN GUIDE TO ROUND 8 APPLICATIONS TO THE GLOBAL FUND 2013; VOLUME 2: THE APPLICATIONS PROCESS AND THE PROPOSAL FORM IS RELEASED

Volume 2 of “The Aidspan Guide to Round 8 Applications to the Global Fund” for single-country applicants has just been published (in English). It is accessible at no charge at [www.aidspan.org/guides](http://www.aidspan.org/guides), where various other Aidspan Guides are also available. Versions in French and Spanish will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Volume 2 (“The Applications Process and the Proposal Form”) outlines the applications process, describes what is new for Round 8, and provides step-by-step guidance on how to fill out the Round 8 proposal form.

Volume 2 is being published in two versions, one for single-country applicants and one for multi-country applicants, because the Global Fund has prepared two versions of the Round 8 proposal form. The version of Volume 2 for single-country applicants is the document being released today. The version for multi-country applicants will be released by Monday March 17. It will be posted first in English and then, as soon as the translations can be completed, also in French and Spanish.

Because Volume 2 is quite long, readers have the option of downloading the entire guide or specific portions of the guide.

(Volume 1 of “The Aidspan Guide to Round 8 Applications to the Global Fund”, subtitled “Getting a Head Start” is already posted in English, French and Spanish at [www.aidspan.org/guides](http://www.aidspan.org/guides). Among other things, Volume 1 provides guidance on how CCMs can manage the proposal development process, including the process of soliciting in-country submissions. It also includes an extensive analysis of the strengths and

weaknesses of proposals submitted in previous rounds of funding, based on comments by the Technical Review Panel).

Volume 2 is not intended to tell readers what they “should” say in their applications to the Fund. Rather, the objective is to de-mystify the application process and to provide a clear idea of what is expected. The guide is based on the premise that there is no single “correct” way of completing the proposal form. It encourages applicants to clearly describe their plans to tackle HIV/AIDS, TB, or malaria and to make a convincing case that the plans are viable, capable of delivering the anticipated results, and something that the applicants are committed to and capable of implementing.

The main sections of Volume 2 are as follows:

#### Chapter 1: Introduction

- What Initiatives Will the Global Fund Support?

#### Chapter 2: What's New for Round 8

- Simplified Proposal Form
- Two Proposal Forms Instead of One
- Dual Track Financing
- Cost Sharing vs Counterpart Financing
- Eligibility Criteria for Applicants from Upper-Middle Income Countries
- Determining a Country's Income Level
- Health Systems Strengthening
- Community Systems Strengthening
- Grant Consolidation
- Gender

#### Chapter 3: General Information on the Round 8 Applications Process

- Versions of the Proposal Form
- Where To Obtain Copies of the Proposal Form and Its Attachments
- Other Relevant Documents and Links
- Process for Submitting a Proposal
- General Guidance on Filling Out the Proposal Form

#### Chapter 4: Step-by-Step Guide to Filling Out the Round 8 Proposal Form – Single-Country Applicants

- Sections 1 and 2 of the Proposal Form
- Sections 3 and 4 of the Proposal Form
- Section 5 of the Proposal Form
- Attachment D to the Proposal Form

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