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## HSS Reference Guide; FBO Manual; CSAT Action Alert; Resource Kit from WHO and UNAIDS

### HSS Reference Guide for Round 11 Proposals Released

A reference guide on strengthening health systems (HSS) through Round 11 Global Fund proposals has been issued. The reference guide, developed by Health Systems 20/20, is an updated version of a Global Fund health systems strengthening toolkit previously developed by HS 20/20, Physicians for Human Rights, and the Health Workforce Advocacy

Initiative. The Round 11 reference guide is available in English [here](#). French- and Spanish-language versions should be posted by the first week of September.

The updated version includes expanded information on the strength and weaknesses of Global Fund HSS proposals, an annotated list of additional resources, and guidance on incorporating human rights initiatives in HSS proposals.

### Manual on FBOs and the Global Fund Released

Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (U.S.) has issued a manual, entitled "Faith-Based Organizations and the Global Fund: Working Together to Save Lives." The manual describes ways in which FBOs can most effectively work with the Global Fund, and provides examples of best practices that FBO implementers are using. The manual can be downloaded [here](#).

### CSAT Releases Action Alert on Round 11 Call for Proposals

The Civil Society Action Team (CSAT) has issued an action alert on "Round 11 Call for Proposals:

Opportunities for Civil Society Organizations,” available [here](#). The action alert provides information of changes for Round 11, and contains a list of actions that CSOs can take, including discussing the CCM process for gap and needs assessment, advocating for greater attention to civil society participation, and getting involved in the development of Round 11 proposals.

### WHO AND UNAIDS Release Resource Kit for Round 11 HIV Applicants

The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNAIDS have released a resource kit for applicants seeking funding for HIV components in the Global Fund’s Round 11. The resource kit is actually a web page on the UNAIDS website [here](#). The “kit” contains a series of technical resources on topics such as gender, nutrition, stigma and discrimination, and drug resistance.

UNAIDS also released a toolkit specifically for HIV applications to the targeted pool of funding. The 118-page toolkit, which was developed by the AIDS Projects Management Group (APMG) with support from UNAIDS, includes a series of 13 actions points to help strengthen proposals targeting key populations. The toolkit is available in a Word file on the UNAIDS website [here](#). UNAIDS says that a web version will be available soon.

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