

NSWP - GLOBAL FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE

Currently, the most important Global Fund action is the issue of Country Allocations for 2017 - 2019 and the development of the list and priorities for Catalytic Investment.

The Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCM) have received the **Funding Allocation letter**. Sex workers and sex workers' rights organisations should contact their Community Representatives on their CCM and request that they share the contents of the Allocation letter. This is not a confidential letter and there is no reason why sex workers and sex workers' rights organisations should not see the contents.

Sex worker-led organisations should also find out which **application window** the CCM will use. There are three windows: 20 March 2017, 23 May 2017 and 28 August 2017. Knowing when the CCM intends to submit a proposal will enable sex workers to plan their activities regarding the proposal development process.

It is important that sex workers and sex workers' rights organisations begin preparing now by:

- Engaging with their CCM Community Representatives and others who support sex workers.
- Consider and then submit their request for Technical Assistance using the following e-mail address: CRGTA@theglobalfund.org
- Meet to develop sex worker recommendations to the CCM on:
 - *Submission date for Country Proposal*
 - *The Allocation split between the three diseases*
 - *The level of funding that should be allocated to Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) and Community System Strengthening (CSS)*
 - *The level of support needed to consult with sex workers, on their priorities, ahead of the Proposal Development Process*

It is recommended that sex workers read the ICASO/MSMGF Community Update for Key Populations, which provides really useful and helpful information. [The full community update is available here.](#)

This will also provide a simple explanation of the Catalytic Investments.

Catalytic Investments, which is money that will be used strategically to fight the 3 diseases, will be used to invest further in areas that will have a bigger impact on key populations. Some of the Investment will need the government to match the funding from the Global Fund, other aspects will just be available for direct funding in addition to the grant.

There are three types of Catalytic Investment as explained in the Community Update mentioned above. Eligible Countries will be pre-allocated the priorities for which it can apply for Catalytic Investments.

However, it is vital that sex workers and sex worker-led organisations begin engagement now. This is especially the case for countries that might be considering or being forced into Transition, as this might be the last opportunity for some of them to get sex workers fully recognised in their country's health financing plans.