

## NSWP Quarterly Update on Global Fund Issues July 2017.

The Global Fund Strategy Committee have been reviewing the Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCMs) to better align with the Global Fund Strategy 2017 – 2022. NSWP has published a [Smart Sex Workers' Guide to the Global Fund Strategy 2017 – 2022](#). The review is look at ways to the CCMs so that they better respond to country contextsand improve grant performance.

### Full Review of the CCM

A full review of the CCM and regional consultations on the CCMs is taking place. The review is looking at three areas:

- Review what is known about the current CCMs, including how they are performing.
- Analyse factors that affect CCMs and grant performance.
- Agree on next steps, including proposed changes in the way CCMs function and Board/Committee consultations.

Five themes have emerged from CCM consultations and the literature review so far. These are:

- Oversight function should be clarified and professionalised.
- **Focus on people living with the diseases (PLWD) and key affected populations (KAP) quality engagement and consider how they could be local watchdogs.**
- Transform CCM Secretariat to be more effective and efficient.
- Remove duplications/strengthen coordination with other groups.
- Think beyond the Global Fund for CCMs (resource mobilisation, sustainability, etc.)

Regional consultations will start soon. This is what NSWP knows about the consultations:

- Asia/EECA: 29 - 30 August in Bangkok
- Anglophone Africa (organised by GIZ/BACKUP): 5 – 6 September
- Francophone Africa (organised by French 5%): 12 - 13 September
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Global Fund is still planning it.

Agendas and invitations will be issued, but NSWP does not have information about who will be invited and when. Currently there is no information available about the selection process or representation of communities living with and affected by the diseases and civil society.

If NSWP members in Africa have contacts in GIZ/BACKUP and French 5%, they could contact them about the consultation processes and ask what options are available for participation or to contribute to the consultation process.

NSWP would encourage members to reach out to their representative on the CCM and ask about the regional consultation process, how they can be invited to participate or contribute to the process.

It is important to ensure sex workers' issues and key messages related to the CCM are brought forward in those meetings. The involvement of key affected populations in this is critical.

### **Blended Financing**

Although there are always many issues ongoing related to the Global Fund, there are currently discussions around what is called 'blended financing'. This is a very complex issue, but basically it relates to using Global Fund grants funds to pay down loans from Development

Banks to help countries and their governments achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

NSWP is concerned that 'blended financing' will result in even less funding for rights-affirming key population programming, as governments who continue to criminalise key populations will have even more influence over the spending that will continue to ignore the needs of communities and key populations beyond treatment. In addition, loan negotiations with Development Banks never provide opportunity for meaningful engagement with communities. At present there is little discussion or information on how 'loan buy down' or any kind of blended financing model will guarantee scale up of key population programmes, particularly services beyond treatment and purchasing commodities.

It is important that the Global Fund continue its core business as one of the only global financing institution that has human rights and community response at the heart of their strategy framework, and that they maintain the highest level of transparency in their funding response to the three diseases. NSWP is concerned these values will be compromised if the Global Fund takes up blended financing, and that it will create potential conflicts of interest for Board Members of the Global Fund who also work at some of the global financial institutions who would be collaborators in blended financing.