

Information for Countries who can Apply Jointly to GAVI and the Global Fund for HSS Support

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A number of countries are eligible to submit joint requests for Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) funding to GAVI and the Global Fund as part of the Health System Funding Platform. These are countries that are eligible for cross-cutting HSS support from the Global Fund in Round 11, and for renewed GAVI HSS support in 2011 and early 2012. Countries can submit their HSS proposals using the GAVI and Global Fund *Common Proposal Form for HSS*.¹ Note that if a country already went through a joint assessment of the national health strategy (JANS)² it can use the *Funding Request Template* when applying to GAVI for HSS support.³ Joint proposals *submitted through a Common Proposal Form or Funding Request Template* will be reviewed in a coordinated manner by the GAVI Independent Review Committee (IRC) and the Global Fund Technical Review Panel (TRP).

It was initially expected that countries would apply to both agencies using the Global Fund's Round 11 deadline of Dec 15, 2011. However, the Global Fund Board decided to extend the submission deadline for Round 11 until at least March 1st, 2012. It also noted that support from the Global Fund may not be available before the fourth quarter of 2013, and that there may be modifications to application, renewal and approval processes for new and existing investments (including eligibility and prioritization).⁴

There are now three options for countries who wish to request HSS funding from GAVI and the Global Fund. Each has implications, depending on a country's perspective and specific situation.

1. Apply to both agencies by Dec 30, 2011

- Countries can submit their proposal to both agencies jointly using the Dec 30th deadline.
- **Considerations:**
 - Only one request needs to be prepared for both agencies. Funds from GAVI will be available from Q2 of 2012.
 - The Global Fund Board decision regarding timing and application modalities of Round 11 will only be available after Dec 1st, 2011 which may affect the proposal form and information required. Also, as funds from Global Fund may not be available before the fourth quarter of 2013, there will be a long time-lag between application and funding.

2. Apply to both agencies using the Round 11 deadline (to be confirmed)

- Countries can submit their proposal to both agencies jointly under the new Round 11 deadline, which will be announced Dec 1st 2011.
- **Considerations:**
 - Only one request needs to be prepared for both agencies. Revised Round 11 submission guidelines will be in place so it will be clear what is required from the Global Fund.

¹ The common proposal form can be found at: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/application/materials/>

² For more information about the JANS, please see http://www.internationalhealthpartnership.net/en/about/j_1253621551

³ For applications to the Global Fund, or joint applications to GAVI and Global Fund, the *Funding Request Template* can be used only by Ghana, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi and Nepal, which are the pilot countries for the Global Fund.

⁴ For more information, please see the Round 11 website <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/application/>

- The application date for Round 11 will only be known by Dec 1st, 2011. If Round 11 is delayed, this will affect the timing of flow of funds to countries. For Global Fund, funds may not be available before the fourth quarter of 2013.
 - From January 2012, GAVI will accept HSS application on rolling basis. Application submitted to GAVI by Global Fund's Round 11 deadline will be reviewed in May 2012 and the funding will be made available from Q3 of 2012.
3. Apply to GAVI by Dec 30, 2011 and apply to Global Fund in the Round 11 deadline (sequential approach).
- Countries can submit their funding requests sequentially, i.e. to GAVI by Dec 30th 2011, and to the Global Fund using the new Round 11 submission deadline.
 - **Considerations:**
 - Funds from GAVI will be available as specified above for option 1. The proposals can still be joint, in that that they are complementary to each other in terms of content, and use of M&E and financial management systems.
 - Two applications will be required, one for GAVI, one for the Global Fund.
 - The application date for Round 11 will only be known by Dec 1st, 2011 and funds may only start to flow from the Global Fund in the last quarter of 2013.

In the case of all three options, submissions to both agencies will be reviewed in a coordinated manner by the IRC and TRP, and the agencies will aim to use joint fiduciary and M&E mechanisms as requested in the proposals.