

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS N.º TGF-17 -068****CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS****Support to the Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative (2017-2019)**

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The Global Fund invites potential suppliers to submit proposals to support, as service providers, the roll-out of the Community Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative, during 2017-2019, in **one or both** of the following categories:

1. Civil society and community organizations to provide peer-to-peer short-term technical assistance for civil society and community engagement in Global Fund and related processes;
2. Civil society and community organizations to host a Regional Platform for Coordination and Communication;

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (**RFP**) is to select a set of global, regional and national level civil society service providers with appropriate technical expertise, who can offer the best value to the Global Fund by way of both technical and cost factors.

The services to be provided are fully described in the Statement of Work in **Attachment A**, for each of the requested categories. All proposals will be evaluated by the Global Fund in accordance with the Evaluation Criteria in **Attachment C**.

The Global Fund wishes to stress that an objective of this process is to provide a rigorous and comprehensive review within the confines of a competitive commercial environment. Therefore, we encourage the proposals to provide their best offer and to propose any alternative approaches together with the advantages and disadvantages to the Global Fund.

The proposal shall not be construed as a contract or a commitment of any kind. It in no way obligates the Global Fund to award a contract, nor does it commit the Global Fund to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposal(s).

The **Global Fund Standard Terms and Conditions** form an integral part of this RFP and will be included in any contract resulting from this solicitation. Submitting a proposal in response to this RFP constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions, found at this link on the Global Fund website <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/business/>

To be eligible as a supplier with the Global Fund, any organization or individual must comply with the **Policy on Ethics and Conflicts of Interest for Global Fund Institutions** and the **Supplier Code of Conduct**. Both are located on the Global Fund website at the following link: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/library/documents/>

Please submit your proposal in accordance with the instructions given below, no later than the closing date and time, by email to: [solicitation@theglobalfund.org](mailto:solicitation@theglobalfund.org) and [orion.yeandel@theglobalfund.org](mailto:orion.yeandel@theglobalfund.org)

# ATTACHMENT A

## STATEMENT OF WORK

### I. Background information

In 2014, the Global Fund Board approved US \$15 million to support the engagement of civil society and communities to effectively engage in the New Funding Model (NFM). The Community, Rights and Gender Special Initiative (CRG-SI) was implemented throughout 2014-2016 via three mutually reinforcing components<sup>1</sup>:

Component 1. Short-term technical assistance: Provision of peer-to-peer technical assistance on human rights, gender, community systems strengthening (CSS) and several other related areas to allow better engagement of civil society and community organizations in the country dialogue and concept note development.

Component 2. Long-term capacity development of key population networks: Support to the long-term meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations in Global Fund processes.

Component 3. Regional civil society and community coordination and communication platforms: Civil society and community coordination and communication across all three disease areas and community systems strengthening in Asia Pacific, Anglophone Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Francophone Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Middle East and North Africa.

The Global Fund Board reaffirmed its commitment to civil society and community engagement in approval of the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy *Investing to End Epidemics*<sup>2</sup>. Specifically, *Strategic Objective 2 “building resilient and sustainable systems for health”* recognizes communities as critical actors for inclusive access to health care while *Strategic Objective 3* identifies meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations and networks in Global Fund-related processes as a corporate priority.

To contribute towards these objectives, the Global Fund Board approved \$ 15 million to continue with the implementation of the CRG SI throughout the 2017 to 2019 allocation period. Now named the Community Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative, the 3 components noted above will remain the primary operational modalities. Thus, component 1 - the short-term technical assistance component will be expanded however and provide support for community and civil society engagement across the entire grant life cycle including grant implementation and transition planning processes. Likewise, component 2 - long-term capacity development - is also expanded to support engagement amongst a wider range of communities such as adolescent girls and young women (AGYW), as well as civil society and communities working with populations affected by Malaria and TB<sup>3</sup>. Finally, the four core objectives of component 3 - Regional Communication and Coordination Platforms – will have minor updates in order to offer a more adequate response to civil society needs across the six regions in which the Global Fund has grants.

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<sup>1</sup>For more information about the Community Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative, please visit:

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/search/?q=community+rights+and+gender>

<sup>2</sup> To see the 2017-2022 Global Fund Strategy “Investing to End Epidemics”, please follow the link:

[http://www.theglobalfund.org/documents/board/35/BM35\\_02-TheGlobalFundStrategy2017-2022InvestingToEndEpidemics\\_Report\\_en/](http://www.theglobalfund.org/documents/board/35/BM35_02-TheGlobalFundStrategy2017-2022InvestingToEndEpidemics_Report_en/).

<sup>3</sup> Please, note that a separated RFP is to be launched to select organizations to operate under the second stream of the CRG-SI.

## II. Description

This RFP invites qualified suppliers to present technical proposals demonstrating their expertise and capacity as service providers to the CRG-SI throughout 2017-2019.

Civil society and community organizations can submit proposals in **one or both** of the categories below:

**(a) Technical assistance (TA) provider** to offer short-term peer-to-peer TA for civil society and community engagement in Global Fund and related processes (component 1 of the CRG-Special Initiative).

**(b) Host of a regional platform for coordination and communication** in one of the six regions where the Global Fund has grants (component 3 of the CRG-Strategic Initiative).

## III. Objective of the Community, Rights and Gender Strategic Initiative

Civil Society and communities are effectively engaged in, and contributing to, the development, implementation and oversight of Global Fund supported programs.

## IV. General requirements to all applicants

Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate the following requirements:

- Be registered as a civil society or community organizations;
- Demonstrate a substantial expertise and track record in addressing human rights barriers to accessing health services, gender equality, community responses and systems/or the meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations;
- Have an excellent knowledge of the Global Fund mandate, strategy and business model;
- Have an excellent understanding of the International Health Funding Architecture.

## V. Application requirements

For guidance on how to apply as a Short-term TA provider and/or Host of a regional platform, please refer to **annex B – Guidance for Suppliers** – of this document.

Please, note that organizations applying to both categories **must to submit two different applications** according to the specific guidelines and requirements detailed in **Annex B**.

## VI. Time schedule

All contracts signed under this RFP should cover the CRG-SI implementation period – **1 July 2017 to 30 December 2019**. Please note that:

- Organizations chosen to host a regional platform will be requested to develop a detailed work plan with timelines and agreed methods to achieve the expected outcomes;

- Short-term TA providers will sign an IQC contract and be part of a pre-qualified pool of consultancies to be deployed on **demand basis**. The contract, however, **does not obligate the Global Fund to award consultancies or related assignments** to the providers.

## VII. Conditions

The service providers are expected use an approach that is both collaborative and highly professional to ensure high-quality products and service delivery. The service providers must establish and maintain open communications with the Community Rights and Gender Department of the Global Fund and, when relevant, with other Global Fund Secretariat Staff and country level stakeholders.

In accordance with standard terms and conditions, apart from disclosures, consultations with third parties and peer reviews required for the timely and effective completion of this assignment, the service providers shall not publish, present or cause to be published the results of this assignment without prior written consent of the Global Fund.

The service providers should keep confidential all non-public information known to them by reason of conducting this review. This includes, without limitation, analyses performed and viewpoints expressed by key informants.

(Call n.º1)

## CIVIL SOCIETY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

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<b>Title:</b>	Civil Society Technical Assistance Provider (General call for a pre-qualified pool of TA providers).
<b>Location:</b>	All countries receiving or eligible for Global Fund funding. Please refer to the <a href="#">Global Fund eligibility list (2017)</a> for details.
<b>Contract starting date:</b>	1 July 2017
<b>Contract end date:</b>	30 December 2019

### 1.1 Description

The objective of the CRG SI Technical Assistance Program is to rapidly and effectively respond to civil society and community networks and organisations short term needs to engage in Global Fund and related processes. The CRG SI Technical Assistance Program can be accessed during the entire grant life cycle including the development of funding requests, grant making, and grant implementation phases, by civil society and community organizations in all countries eligible for Global Fund support, as well as those under multi-country support.

Please note, however, that strengthening Sub-Recipients (SR) and Program Recipients (PR) capacity to implement Global Fund grants is outside of the mandate of the CRG SI Technical Assistance Program.

With a view to strengthening the CRG-SI TA program in different technical areas and in a wider geographical coverage, the Global Fund invites eligible suppliers to submit proposals to provide technical assistance (TA) in **at least one** area of the following areas:

- Human rights barriers to accessing health services;
- Gender equality;
- Adolescent girls and young women's vulnerability within the context of HIV and AIDS prevention and care;
- Community responses and systems as part of broader systems for health and disease responses;
- Engagement of and program design for key and vulnerable populations within the context of HIV and AIDS, TB and Malaria;
- Youth and adolescents from key and vulnerable populations;
- Engagement of community-led responses to malaria and support to address barriers to effective malaria responses;
- Community TB/ engagement of community TB activists;
- Community led monitoring and feedback mechanisms for social accountability
- Sustainability, transition and related processes, *i.e.* health financing, budget advocacy, social dialogue and social contracting.

### 1.2 Specific Objectives

The objectives of the short-term TA are:

- Support civil society and community networks and organizations on conducting situation analysis and planning, by accessing the evidence that they need to ensure that funding requests adequately reflect and respond to issues associated with community, rights and gender;
- Support civil society and community networks and organizations to meaningfully engage in the country dialogue, through training, mentoring and advocacy;
- Support civil society and community networks and organizations on program design, plan, and budget for program interventions for inclusion in funding request and grant making;
- Support civil society and community networks and organizations on monitoring and following-up grant implementation through active participation in the CCM and other relevant coordination mechanisms;
- Support meaningful engagement of civil society and community networks and organizations in processes of transitioning out of the Global Fund funding towards a sustainable setting.

### **1.3 Key activities**

The CRG-SI TA program is mainly driven by civil society requests for engagement in Global Fund processes in countries eligible to receive Global Fund grants. Selected suppliers will thus be included in a pool of pre-qualified TA providers, who may be invited to deploy a consultant/team of consultants in response to specific requests. Please note, however that there is no guarantee that pre-qualified TA providers placed in the pool will be offered assignments.

Common TA assignments include, but are not limited to the areas below<sup>4</sup>:

#### 1. Situational analysis and needs assessments

- The translation of essential Global Fund documents into local languages.
- The assessment of gender issues and harmful gender and other social norms that affect vulnerability to the diseases and access to services in the country.
- The assessment of the current local legal environment.
- The assessment of needs of key and vulnerable populations to inform program design.
- The assessment of community sector involvement in HIV, TB and malaria programs and of community systems strengthening needs.
- Community validation of key population size estimations.

#### 2. Engagement in the country dialogue

- Caucusing.
- Strengthening knowledge on the Global Fund model of work.
- Training and mentoring for funding request writing representatives.
- Translation and consolidation of community sector inputs for submission to CCMs and writing teams.
- Support for meaningful engagement of civil society and community representatives on the CCMs.
- Training on effective programming, advocacy and legal literacy for the purpose of funding request preparation.
- Facilitation of funding request review.

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<sup>4</sup> Please note that, based on specific areas of expertise, suppliers will be expected to deliver on some, not on all of the tasks listed in section 1.3.

### 3. Supporting program design

- Support communities, organizations and networks to design, plan, and budget for programs or interventions for inclusion in the funding request, with a particular focus on community, human rights, gender and key populations programming.

### 4. Support oversight and monitoring of grant implementation

- Train and empower communities, organizations and networks on community monitoring and oversight of Global Fund processes.

### 5. Support engagement in sustainability and transition strategies

- Develop strategies for community involvement in processes of transitioning out of Global Fund support;
- Provide technical assistance to communities, organizations and networks on issues related to readiness assessment, social contracting and social dialogue.

## **1.4 Specific requirements**

In addition to the general requirements to all applicants (**section IV**), suppliers applying in the category of Short-term TA providers are expected to present the following:

- Substantial demonstrated expertise in addressing human rights barriers to accessing health services, gender equality, community system strengthening and/or the meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations;
- Sound expertise and experience in providing TA in one or more of the relevant CRG areas listed in this call (see section 1.1);
- Demonstrated experience in and capacity to rapidly and effectively respond to TA requests from civil society and community organizations from different countries;
- Capacity to ensure high-quality project design, processes as well as timely implementation of agreed work plans;
- If proposing to provide TA in the area of human rights, the service provider must demonstrate expertise in international human rights standards and legal procedures that affect the rights of people at risk or affected by HIV/AIDS.
- A demonstrated portfolio of qualified consultants that can provide TA in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, French, Russian and Arabic is highlight desirable.

## **1.5 Specific conditions**

Please, note that selected applicants will be part of a **list of pre-qualified TA providers** during the period of 1 July 2017 to 30 December 2019. As TA assignments are deployed on a demand basis (with requests being processed by the CRG department), the contract established with the pre-qualified TA provider **does not obligate the Global Fund to award consultancies** or related assignments to the providers.

Finally, in order to promote sustainability, wherever possible technical assistance will be provided by a **domestic or regional** civil society/community organization or network, with strong links to the country where the recipient of the TA is based.

### **1.5.1 Specific note for organizations registered as TA Providers under an IQC with the Global Fund**

Organizations currently registered as TA Providers under an IQC agreement with the Global Fund and with contract expiring in 2017, will **need to re-apply to this RPF** in order to be considered for continuation in the list of pre-qualified TA Providers until December 2019. The same application requirements and conditions apply to all applicants.

### **1.6 Technical and financial proposals**

Please see attachment B – Guidance for suppliers for more details.



(Call n.º2)

## ORGANIZATION TO HOST A REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

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**Title:** Organization to host a regional platform for communication and coordination

**Location:** Multiple locations:  
- Asia and the Pacific  
- Anglophone Africa  
- Francophone Africa  
- Middle East and North Africa  
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia  
- Latin America and the Caribbean

**Contract starting date:** 1 July 2017

**Contract end date:** 30 December 2019

### 2.1 Description

The regional platforms for communication and coordination have a key role in engaging civil society organizations and community networks in Global Fund processes. They are responsible to foster regional dialogue, exchange knowledge and good practices among civil society actors and networks, as well as to disseminating information on technical assistance opportunities across civil society and community groups across all countries where the Global Fund has grants and/or countries under Global Fund multi-country grants. Please see the [Global Fund eligibility list \(2017\)](#) for reference.

The Global Fund invites organizations with sound expertise in community systems and civil society strengthening - especially in the field of HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria – to apply to host a platform **in one of the regions** below:

- Asia and the Pacific
- Anglophone Africa
- Francophone Africa
- Middle East and North Africa
- Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean

### 2.2 Specific Objectives

To progress towards general CRG-SI goal, the host organization will achieve the following objectives:

- Further the meaningful engagement of civil society and community groups through regular communication and provision of information to enhance the knowledge and participation of these actors in Global Fund-related processes
- Strengthen the engagement of civil society and communities affected by HIV, tuberculosis and malaria to improve the overall impact of Global Fund programs and interventions, and disease responses more globally.

- Improve access to technical assistance for civil society and community groups through greater coordination with the CRG Strategic Initiative short-term TA component, as well as key national, regional and global technical assistance partners
- Support strategic civil society and community capacity development initiatives through fostering spaces for engagement and collective participation in key decision-making processes, in particular as they relate to community, rights and gender.

## **2.3 Key activities**

### **1. Enhance knowledge of civil society and community groups on Global Fund related processes;**

- Compile and update list serves of civil society/community groups in the region
- Disseminate by email/web/conference calls regular information in appropriate languages on issues related to the Global Fund New Strategy and TA opportunities in different audiences, including national level civil society and community groups;
- Organize information sharing at relevant regional meetings, conferences and tools;
- Ad-hoc support to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)/community groups asking for support in developing requests for TA either to the Global Fund or other TA programs.

### **2. Coordinate with other TA initiatives**

- Provide regular information to other TA initiatives and programs in the region about any planned TA and information activities being conducted by the Regional Platform;
- Compile and disseminate up-to-date information on sources of civil society TA and capacity development in the region.

### **3. Improve understanding of TA/capacity development gaps for civil society and community groups**

- Conduct national level studies of access to information, TA and capacity development among civil society organizations and community networks in a sample of countries in the region; disseminate results and recommendations.
- Coordinate with TA programs and technical partners in the region in the conduct of periodic reviews of TA effectiveness/reach.

### **4. Strategic capacity development initiatives**

- Strengthen civil society and community groups' capacity to effectively participate in mid-term reviews and national strategic planning and policy processes for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.
- Support coordination of country civil society organizations and community networks in reviewing Global Fund funding requests.
- Support to "shadow reporting" of civil society regarding Global Fund processes and structures.
- Support civil society engagement in processes related to sustainability and transition, such as transition readiness assessments, social dialogue processes, and studies related to transitions from Global Fund financing.

## **2.4 Specific requirements**

In addition to the general requirements to all applicants (**section IV**), service providers applying for hosting a Regional Platform are expected to:

- Be regional civil society and/or community networks/organizations with demonstrated understanding of Global Fund processes, and with experience working on HIV, TB and malaria.
- Be specifically focused on civil society and community related interests.
- Have a proven record of accomplishment in supporting human rights based and gender transformative approaches, strengthening community engagement, as well as in Community systems and responses.
- Have demonstrated existing relationships with a range of civil society, communities, and key population networks and organizations within the region and at country level.

## **2.5 Specific conditions**

Please, note that all organizations currently hosting a regional platform will also need to apply to this RFP in order to be considered for continuation. The same application requirements and conditions apply to all applicants.

## **2.6 Technical and financial proposals**

Please see attachment B – Guidance for suppliers for more details.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**GUIDANCE FOR SUPPLIERS**

**A. General guidance**

The proposal should be concisely presented and structured, and should explain in detail your availability, ability, capacity and resources to provide the requested services. **All proposals must be submitted in English.**

Proposals that are incomplete or not responsive to these criteria may not be considered in the review process. In case potential candidates require additional information for their proposal development, this would be provided to them by the Global Fund on demand.

On electronic submission of the proposal and for correspondence regarding this request for proposal, the RFP number, as appears in the cover letter for this solicitation and your company name must be clearly indicated in the subject line of your e-mail and in the names of any documents attached to the e-mail.

**B. Proposal requirements**

Please follow the application requirements according to the category in which you want to apply, *i.e.* (a) Technical assistance provider or (b) Host of a regional platform. Applicants willing to apply for both categories are expected to **submit two different proposals** following the application guidelines for each category.

**1. Required proposal for technical assistance providers**

**1.1 Concept paper (max 3 pages),** containing the following information:

- Organization profile;
- Designated Technical Advisor;
- ALL areas of expertise under the CRG-SI relevant areas for which the organization can deploy TA (Please, see section 1.1) and the respective languages in which TA can be provided for each area listed in the proposal;
- Countries or regions where the applicant is willing to deploy TA.
- Concrete examples of TA deliverables that the organization would be willing to provide;

**1.2 Statement of past professional experience (max 5 pages),** containing:

- Description of 1 to 3 projects executed within the last five years, which demonstrate technical ability to conduct assignments that are similar to the description of this RFP. The description should include the following:
  - o Place and period of performance
  - o Description of the work
  - o How performance was assessed
  - o Timeline and milestones for the project;

**1.3 Evidence of technical expertise (max 2 pages for each CV attached),** including the following:

- The CV of one designed Technical Advisor or focal point to respond to the Global Fund technical requests.

- A summary description of the organization’s portfolio of consultants (both associated and independents) presented in the following format:

Name	Summary of past experience, core expertise and qualifications	Areas where the consultant can deliver TA (please refer to CRG-SI relevant areas)	Languages
1.			
2.			

[Please add as many rows as you need]

#### **1.4 Estimated finance proposal (max 2 pages)**

The finance proposal should be denominated in US dollars. It should reflect an estimation of cost to a short-TA assignment – between 30 and 90 days and include the following components:

- Administrative fees;
- Consultancy daily rates per team member/role; *i.e.* Senior Consultant, Junior Consultants and administrative Staff;

#### **1.5 Other supplementary documents**

In addition, potential suppliers may add any other documents they see relevant to clarify their expertise in conducting this work, including reference/recommendation letters.

### **3. Required proposal for organizations to host a regional platform**

#### **3.1 Concept paper (max 3 pages)**

The potential applicants are required to produce a concept paper describing the following:

- Overview of the organization (e.g. location, structure, number of staff, revenue etc.)
- Experience in the region where the organization will host the platform, particularly in:
  - o Working with multiple stakeholders including country and regional level civil society, community and key population networks and organizations, UN agencies and bilateral and multilateral donors;
  - o Coordination of TA, knowledge and information development and dissemination; national strategy and review processes for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.
  - o Supporting human rights and gender transformative based approaches, strengthening community engagement, working with key and vulnerable populations, as well as in community responses for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.
- Overview of the applicant’s understanding of the regional context and of the challenges linked to civil society, community and key population engagement in Global Fund processes.
- Overview of the applicant’s effective partnerships and collaborations with other regional and country level actors, including technical assistance programs, technical partners, donors, UN agencies etc.

#### **3.2 Action plan for supporting the CRG-SI throughout 2017-2019 (max 5 pages)**

The action plan should not exceed 5 pages and include the following:

- Technical approach (including arrangements for hosting and location of the proposed team – 5 pages maximum)

- A brief summary work-plan detailing proposed approaches to delivering the specific objectives of the platforms (section 5.2. of attachment A).
- Description of proposed partnerships and collaborations in the region where the organization will host the platform.
- Proposed location of the Regional Platform headquarter.

### **3.3 Evidence of technical expertise (max 2 pages per CV attached)**

The proposal should include:

- Description of team structure, including anticipated roles, responsibilities and LOE of core staff that will support the work of the platform.
- CVs for each team member that will directly support the work of the Platform.

### **3.4 Budget proposal (max 2 pages).**

The budget requested by the host organization to implement the platform activities should be denominated in US dollars and cover costs from June 2017 to December 2019 (2,5 years), including the following:

- Monthly net staffing costs, including salaries and all social benefits;
- Administrative fees;
- Monitoring and evaluation activities (please note that 3% of the total budget should be set aside to this cost category)
- Breakdown estimate of any other direct costs, which are considered necessary for completion of the work.

Please state assumptions made when submitting pricing including any additional options, and stating all conditions.

Please, note that the budget proposal **should not exceed the yearly amount of:**

- US\$ 350,000 for hosting a platform in Anglophone Africa and Asia & the Pacific regions;
- US\$ 250,000 for hosting a platform in Francophone Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Latin American & Caribbean and Middle East and North Africa.

Please note that the above are maximum ceilings. Final awards may be less with multiple factors including geographic size and complexity considered in determination of contract amounts.

### **3.5 Other supplementary documents**

In addition, potential suppliers may add any other documents they see relevant to clarify their expertise in conducting this work, including reference/recommendation letters.

## ATTACHMENT C

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

A Global Fund evaluation panel will assess the extent to which proposals submitted in response to this RFP meet the evaluation criteria below. The evaluations are divided into technical and cost factors. These factors will be evaluated relative to each other as described herein.

#### 1. Technical Evaluation Criteria

In assessing each proposal, the Global Fund will allocate greater importance to technical factors than to cost factors. A two stage procedure will be utilized in evaluating the proposals, with evaluation of the technical proposal being completed prior to any price proposal being considered; and cost evaluation is only undertaken for technical submissions that score above the minimum.

The score assigned to each proposal will be of guidance in determining which proposal would provide the greatest value to the Global Fund. However, the Global Fund reserves the right not to employ raw scores in determining best value where it considers, in its sole discretion, that this would not be appropriate.

The technical merit of proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

Category	Max. score
<b>a. Technical structure/ organizational capacity</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<u>All applicants:</u> The extent to which the concept paper was able to show that the organization was able to deliver high standard outcomes that contributed to the strengthening of civil society actors by civil society actors.	
<b>a. Technical approach</b>	<b>40 points</b>
<u>TA providers:</u> The extent to which the concept paper demonstrates sound knowledge and capacity to deliver TA in multiple areas that are relevant to the implementation of the CRG Strategic Initiative (Annex A/section 1.1.)	
<u>Hosts of a regional platform:</u> The extent to which the proposed approach and methodology contained in the statement of work are solid, feasible, implementable, effective, and relevant as demonstrated in the concept paper.	
<b>b. Expertise and qualifications</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<u>All applicants:</u> The extent to which the applicants have demonstrated to have sufficient personnel with the necessary education, training, technical knowledge, and experience for their assigned functions.	

A minimum technical score of **70 out of a maximum of 100** is required to pass the technical evaluation. A proposal which fails to achieve the minimum technical threshold will not be considered further.

#### 2. Cost Evaluation Criteria

The cost proposal will be evaluated in terms of best value to the Global Fund, price and other factors.