# KENYA COORDINATING MECHANISM REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS IN HEALTH, KENYA.

# CONSTITUENCY FEEDBACK MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

#### I.I EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights sessions covered, and recommendations made during the Development Partners in Health (DPHK) Constituency feedback meeting held virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> February,2021. Key issues discussed during the meeting include update on GF operations in Kenya, status update on Kenya's funding request application to the Global Fund. Updates on the ongoing Global Fund grant making/negotiation process. The Global Fund Principal Recipients in Kenya i.e. The National Treasury, AMREF Health Africa and KRCS shared updates on the performance of Global Fund grants in Kenya.

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#### Acronyms

CHMT County Health Management Team

CHU Community Health Unit

CHV Community Health Volunteer

COVID Corona Virus Disease

DFID Department for International Development

DPHK Development Partners In Health, Kenya

DNMP Division of National Malaria Program

GF Global Fund

Funding RA Funding Request Application

KCM Kenya Coordinating Mechanism

KEMSA Kenya Medical Supplies Authority

KRCS Kenya Red Cross Society

MOH Ministry of Health

NASCOP National AIDS and STIs Control Program

NTLLP National Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Lung Program

PR Principal Recipient

SR Sub Recipient

TNT The National Treasury

USAID United States Agency for International Development

UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

WHO World Health Organization

#### 2.0 Introduction/Background

The Global Fund assesses CCMs through 6 Eligibility requirements. Constituency engagement is a key eligibility requirement for CCMs. One of the strategic objectives of the KCM is to engage constituencies and share Global Fund information transparently, equitably and accurately.

To ensure inclusivity and participation at all stages of Global Fund grant management, KCM brings together eleven Constituencies. National and County Governments, Faith Based Organisations, development partners, Civil Society Organizations, private sector, development partners, communities, Key Populations, persons living with and affected by the diseases and adolescents and young persons. The DPHK Constituency is represented in KCM by, the WHO, UNAIDS, DFID, JICA and USAID.

The DPHK held a Consultative meeting virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> February,2021 to discuss the meeting was attended by KCM GOK members, Heads of Programmes, Counties/COG representatives, KEMSA, the National Treasury, DPHK Secretariat, USAID, UNAIDS, PEPFAR, DFID and JICA.

#### 3.0 Purpose and Objectives

#### **Purpose**

Engage with KCM DPHK Constituency members and share information on GF Programming in Kenya.

#### **Specific objectives**

- Update DPHK on KCM Operations / status of Kenya's funding request application to the Global Fund including the ongoing Grant Making / negotiation process
- Share updates on the performance of Global Fund Grants in Kenya including achievements / lessons learned

#### 4.0 Sessions Covered/Discussion

#### 5.0 Introductions

The meeting started off with opening remarks by Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu who welcomed the members on call. Annexed find presentations and recommendation made during the meeting. The Members through the meeting objectives/CCM Eligibility requirements/KCM Updates.

#### 6.0 Meeting Objectives /CCM Eligibility requirements / KCM Updates

The KCM Coordinator took members through the meeting objectives/CCM Eligibility requirements/Updates from the KCM. The presentation entailed; **CCM Eligibility** Transparent and inclusive FR development process.2. Open and transparent PR selection process.3. Oversight planning and implementation. 4. Processes for non-government CCM member selection.5. CCM membership of affected communities.6. Management of conflict of interest on CCMs /Code of Ethical Conduct

**Specific Functions** To coordinate, approval, endorsement and submission of Funding RA.2 To select Principal Recipients through a transparent and documented process. 3. To oversee the implementation of activities under the Global Fund approved programmes, including approving major changes in the implementation plan. 4. To evaluate the performance of Global Fund grants and Principal Recipients including major changes to programme plans. 5. To ensure linkages between GF assistance and other assistance and programmes in line with national priorities/NSPs. 6. To ensure all relevant constituencies are involved in the decision-making process for the Global Fund grants

Government: Define the legal and policy environment within which responses to the three diseases are developed. Manage a large share of the health infrastructure and work force. Provide support for an empowering environment, advocacy, oversight, and implementation, particularly with national ministries and disease-specific agencies. Health Sector coordination and improving aid effectiveness. Timeline for Kenya grant-making and grant signing: 22nd January 2021- Country submits applicant response forms + grant documents. 25 Jan – 5 February 2021- GF / LFA review; 8 February – 5 March 2021- Grant negotiations with country stakeholders through virtual meetings; 12 March 2021- Country submits final grant documents + applicant response forms to CT; 24 March 2021- Deadline for CT to submit documents for GAC meeting; 15 April 2021- Grant Approval Committee (GAC) Meeting; 17 May 2021- Estimated Board Approval; June 2021- Estimated Grant Signing ahead of I July 2021 start date.

The Grant Making Chair- Mr. Peter Kimuu took members through the National Treasury TB Grant Review discussions with the Global Fund Team. The presentation highlighted.

#### 7.0 Global Fund Grant Making 2021-2024

The Grant making chair took the meeting through the Updates on ongoing GF Grant-making/negotiation process – his presentation entailed: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria are global pandemics associated with huge negative socio-economic consequences. That the Global Fund (GF) had been a major partner in the Fight against HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria in Kenya since 2002. To date, GF signed grants with Kenya amounting to not less than 1.42B. The Achievements as outcome indicators, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Grants January 2018 – June 2021, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Grants Proposals July 2021 – June 2024, **Key issues** which include Huge financing gaps, Inadequate partner collaboration and coordination at all levels, Weak

partner mapping systems, Duplication of interventions, Inadequate financial resources tracking.

Amref HA took members through TB, Malaria and the Covid 19 Response Mechanism Project implementation updates, Financial Performance/update, Challenges and mitigation measures, Lessons learned. Key focus for January – June 2021.

KRCS took members through the HIV Grant Progress Update for July to December 2020, program Coverage, Progress Updates as coverage Indicators, WPTM, Modular Cumulative Absorption, Key Financial Indicators, Program Successes, Challenges which include Slow implementation during COVID 19 onset; KRCS Developed of guidelines for implementation during COVID 19 period and used engagement of Outreach workers and some Peer Educators to deliver essential. Maximized utilization of mobile van. Development of BCPs/Aligning activities to meet MOH measures/Seeking authorization from counties. **Issues** highlighted included Lack of nutritional support affecting adherence in ART. Violence and discrimination against KPs remained a challenge and barrier to access services. Increased cases of Sexual Transmitted Infections among key population.

KENYA COORDINATING MECHANISM- DPHK CONSTITUENCY FEEDBACK MEETING INPUTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS							
S/No	Key issues Discussed	Recommendations/actions	Responsible Person/Entity	Other Entities	Timeline		
1.	need for increased intersectoral collaboration	GF to coordinate health systems strengthening with other initiatives like GFF and GAVI	KCM	KCM Secretariat ML/BL	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021		
2.	Need to increase KP Programming	GF to support KP Programming in the 7 counties that PEPFAR is not currently in	ML/BL KCM	KCM Secretariat Key Population	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021		
3.	Huge funding gaps within the current grant	Seek out innovative ways to bridge the gap	TNT	MOH BL/ML	June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021		

#### 7.1 Conclusion

The Chair thanked all members for attending the DPHK Constituency meeting and emphasized the need to implement the recommendation made during the meeting. She pointed out that there was need for the DPHK Constituency to hold frequent similar forums in future.

## 7.2 Annexes (Program and Participants list)

### KENYA COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL FUND DPHK CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP HELD VIRTUALLY ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY,2021 PROGRAM

KCM DPHK PROGRAM					
8.00 am – 8.15 am	Introductions/Opening Remarks	Chair- Dr. Medhin Tsehiau			
8.20 am – 8.35 am	KCM Operations / status of Kenya's funding request application to the Global Fund.	Mr. Sam Muia			
8.40 am- 8.55 am	Global Fund grant making/negotiation process	Grant Making Chair DR. Peter Kimuu			
9.00am- 9.15am	Amref HA/PR performance of Global Fund grants in Kenya including achievements / lessons learned.	Amref HA Dr. Bernard Langat			
9.20am- 9.25am	KRCS/PR performance of Global Fund grants in Kenya including achievements / lessons learned.	KRCS Ms. Emily Munga			
9.30am- 10am	Plenary	All			

# List of Participants

	Name	Organization
1.	Dr. Medhin Tsehiau	UNAIDS
2.	Samora Otieno	DFID
3.	Stanley Bii	USAID
4.	Eggers Rudolf	WHO
5.	Meshack Ndirangu	Amref HA
6.	Pierre-Vyes Bello	French Embassy
7.	Bernard Langat	Amref HA
8.	Emily Munga	KRCS
9.	Justin Williams	
10.	Marc Bulterys	
11.	Paula Morgan	
12.	Githuka George	Team Lead DNMP
13.	Bernards Ogutu	KEMRI
14.	Heather Smith	
15.	Vincent Kutai	
16.	Jane Chuma	Japan Embassy
17.	Samburu Washiko	Gates Fundation
18.	John Kuehnle	USAID
19.	Mona Almudhwahi	
20.	Sandra Erickson	DPHK Secretariat
21.	Margaret Ndubi	UNAIDS
22.	Dan Koros	PEPFAR
23.	Samuel Muia	KCM Secretariat

24. 2.	Mr. Simon Ngigi	TNT
25. 3.	Stephen Muiruri	GF Coordinator TNT
26. 4.	DR. Peter Kimuu	TNT
27. 6.	Ms. Meboh Abuor	KCM/COG
28. 7.	Dr. Ischar Oluoch	KCM/COG
29. 8.	Dr. Bob Agwata	DNMP
30. 9.	Mr. Julius Ogato	MOH/NHSS
31. 10.	Dr. Nazila Ganatra	HSWG Chair
32. 11.	Dr. Valeria Makory	DMSPPH/MOH
33. 12.	Dr. Lenai kamario	COG
34. 13.	Ms. Josephine Mwaura	KCM Secretariat
35. 15.	Ms. Margaret Mundia	KCM Secretariat
36. 16.	Mr. Kevin Ogollah	KCM Secretariat
37. 17.	Mr. Anthony Miru	TNT
38. 19.	Mr. Jackson Mwangi	KCM/Min. of Dev.
39. 20.	Dr. Elizabeth Onyango	Team Lead-DNTLDP