



GC8 and community engagement

Overview of high-level timelines and support available

EECA Regional Learning Hub Webinar

Updates to Grant Cycle 8 Timelines

Context

USD 11.34 billion mobilized

The Global Fund's Eighth Replenishment Summit took place on Friday, 21 November 2025, in South Africa. The Summit was held in a hybrid format on the margins of the G20 Leaders' Summit. This is later than replenishment conference timings in previous grant cycles.



G20 SOUTH AFRICA 2025



We should anticipate



Reduced Country Allocations



Accelerated Transitions



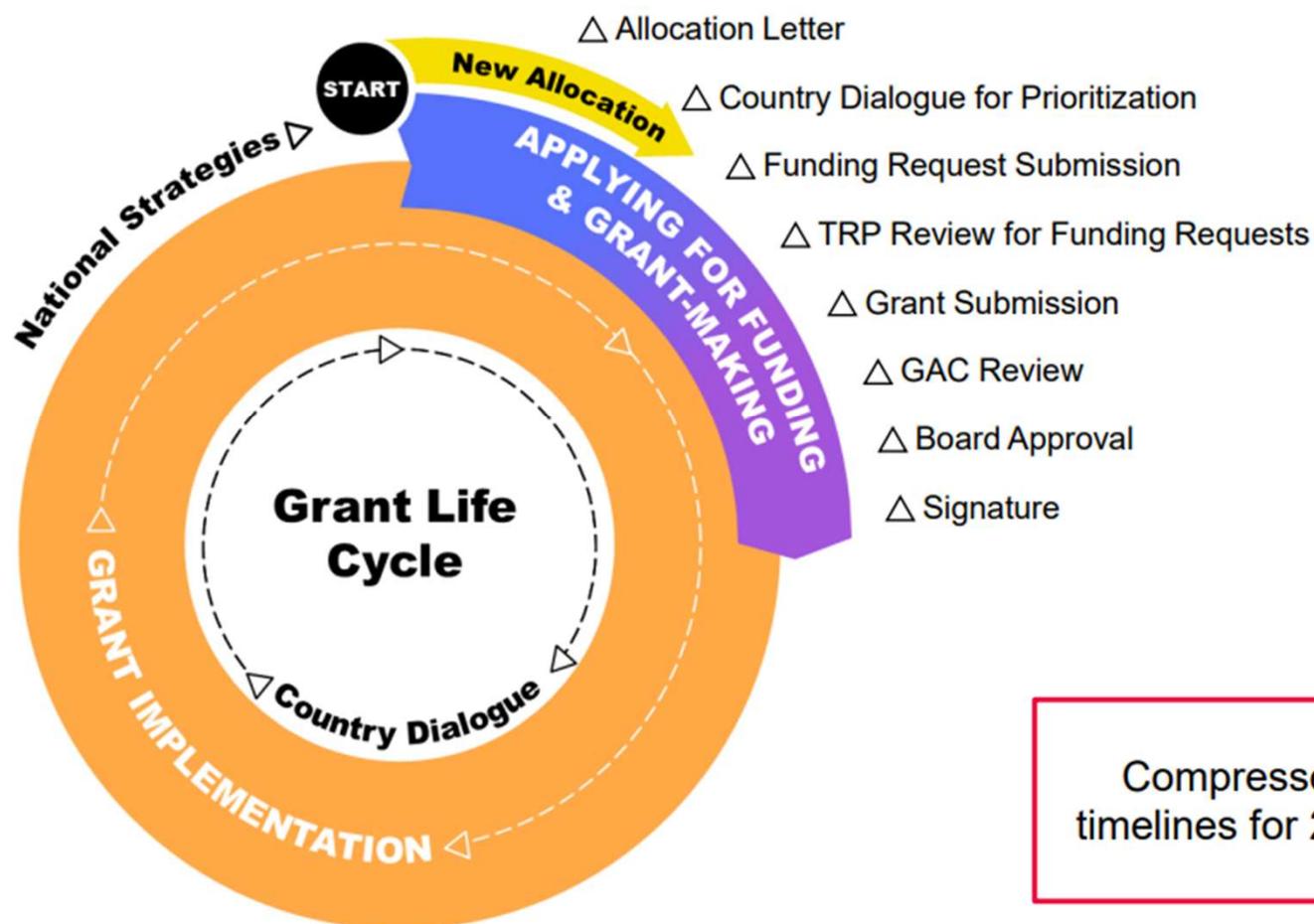
Final Allocations

Critical to maximize outcomes through **prioritization, integration**, by **focusing on most at risk** populations, equipping for **self-reliance**, and expediting access to **innovations**.

GC8 Key Strategic Shifts

- GC8 will introduce significant changes, with **predominantly reduced country allocations** to adapt to new realities and to best prioritize constrained resources.
- Strengthened focus on **pathways for transition from Global Fund financing**, differentiated co-financing requirements, and raising additional domestic financing for health. The aim is to set transition timelines in the path to **self-reliance and sustainability**, all informed by country context, national priorities, and optimizing across all sources of financing for health.
- Investment guidance places emphasis on **rigorous prioritization of investments**, value for money, integration, equitable access, leveraging the catalytic nature of the Global Fund partnership.
- Countries should work to prioritize **integration of HIV, TB and malaria services into primary healthcare** and across health and community systems pillars.
- **Community, human rights and gender** considerations should be planned holistically and specific investments should enable equitable access to health services.
- Two other areas of attention include health product management for all essential medicines from all sources (including non-grant procurement) and **support for introduction and scale-up of innovations**.

Fundamentals of Applying for Funding Remain



GC8 FR/GM submission pathways



Important to confirm implementation arrangements early, to improve implementation-readiness. Key prerequisite to allow development of Grant-ready Funding Request.

8	Description	Benefits	Eligibility
	If CCM nominates existing PR(s) they can request that PR(s) develop grant-level PF/DB as part of the Applicant's Funding Request submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Expedites grant negotiations✓ Reduces manual rework✓ Ensures strong early grant design from the start	For Applicants that nominate existing PRs for all grants within the same FR  Early nomination of PRs is critical
	Traditional Funding Request completed by the Applicant, with FR-level PF/DB, reviewed by TRP before negotiating grant-level PF/DB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ensures a rigorous FR prioritization process in case of changing PR, or significant changes to implementation arrangements or national reprioritization	For applicants nominating a new PR for one or more grants , or who choose to use the classic approach  Early nomination of PRs still recommended

Overview of GC8 (Kickoff) - 15 December 2025, 14:00-15:30 CET

[Recording](#)

Slides - download in [English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)

Grant Cycle 8 Timelines

Milestones	Dates
Application Materials Published	December 2025
Application Guidance Published	December 2025
Information Sessions	December 2025 – March 2026
Allocation Letters Sent	March 2026

TRP Window	Submission Deadline	Review Dates
Window 1	8 June 2026	July 2026
Window 2	27 July 2026	September 2026
Window 3	5 October 2026	November 2026

Guidance

- HIV Information Note
- TB Information Note
- Malaria Information Note
- RSSH Information Note
- Modular Framework
- Health and Climate Technical Brief
- Integration Technical Brief
- Sustainability, Transition and Co-financing Guidance
- Value for Money Technical Brief
- Procurement and Supply Chain Guidance
- Payment for Results Technical Brief
- Removing Human Rights and Gender-related Barriers to HIV, TB and Malaria Services Technical Brief

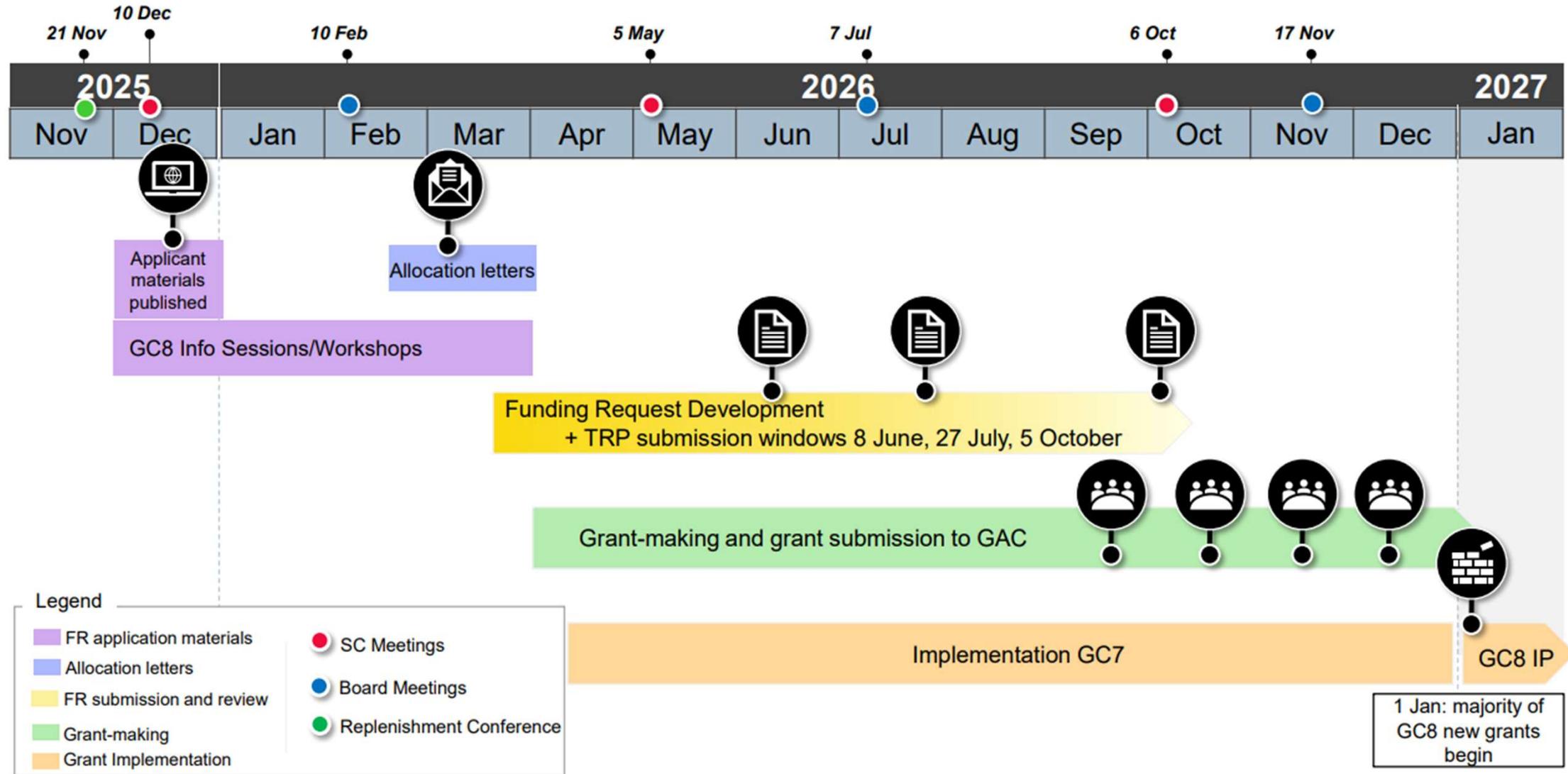
[Access all guidance here](#)

External Information Sessions for GC8 Preparation

Title	Session
Overview of GC8 (Kickoff) 15 December 2025, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, French and Portuguese.
Overview of Applicant Guidance for GC8: HIV, TB, Malaria and RSSH 12 January 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, French and Portuguese.
Applying as Core/High Impact Portfolios with Full Review 22 January 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, French and Portuguese.
Overview of Applicant Guidance for GC8: Sustainability, Transition, Co-financing, Integration, and Value for Money 26 January 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish, French and Portuguese.
Annexes Workshop: Programmatic Gap Tables, Funding Landscape Table, Performance Framework, Detailed Budget 28 January 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and French.
Allocation and Catalytic Investments Outcomes 12 March 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and French.
Applying as Focused Portfolios 24 March 2026, 14:00-15:30 CET	Register here Interpretation will be provided in Spanish and French.

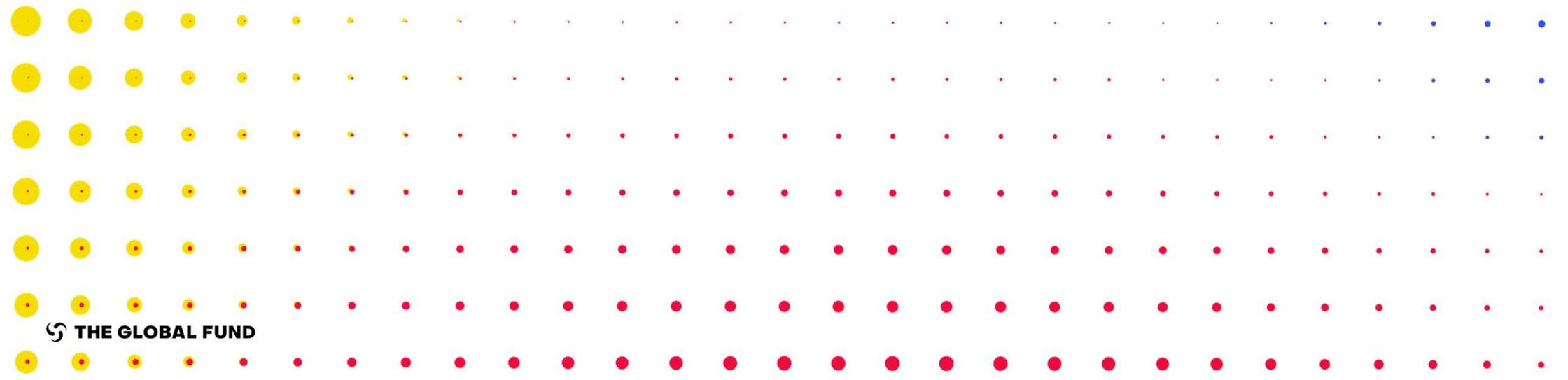
All details are available on the Global Fund website [here!](#)

Grant Cycle 8 Timeline: 2026





Resources for Community Engagement in GC8 through the Community Engagement Strategic Initiative



CE SI **Short-Term TA** for Community Engagement in GC8 Funding Request Development and Grant-making

What can short-term TA cover?	LOE
<p>Track A. Virtual or face-to-face community consultation(s) to inform priorities for GC8 funding request development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation and kick-off • Desk review • Rapid review of GC7 grants/programs • Community consultations (virtual or face-to-face) to identify priorities • Costing support • Reporting and validation • Mentorship during FR writing 	<p>Max. 20-30 expert days (depending on # of disease components)</p>
<p>Track B. Coordinating input into GC8 grant-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation (virtual or face-to-face) • Mentorship • Briefing on grant-making outcomes 	

How to Request TA?

- Discuss among CCM community and civil society representatives the need for TA.
- Reach out to [Learning Hub](#) in your region to request the TA form.
- Identify a community/CS TA focal point, collectively complete the TA request form, and share it with the Learning Hub for review.
- Inform the CCM Secretariat about the TA.
- Submit the final TA request to ceta@theglobalfund.org (copying CCM Secretariat and CCM community/CS representatives involved in the TA).
- Please make sure to submit the request at least six months before your GC8 submission window.

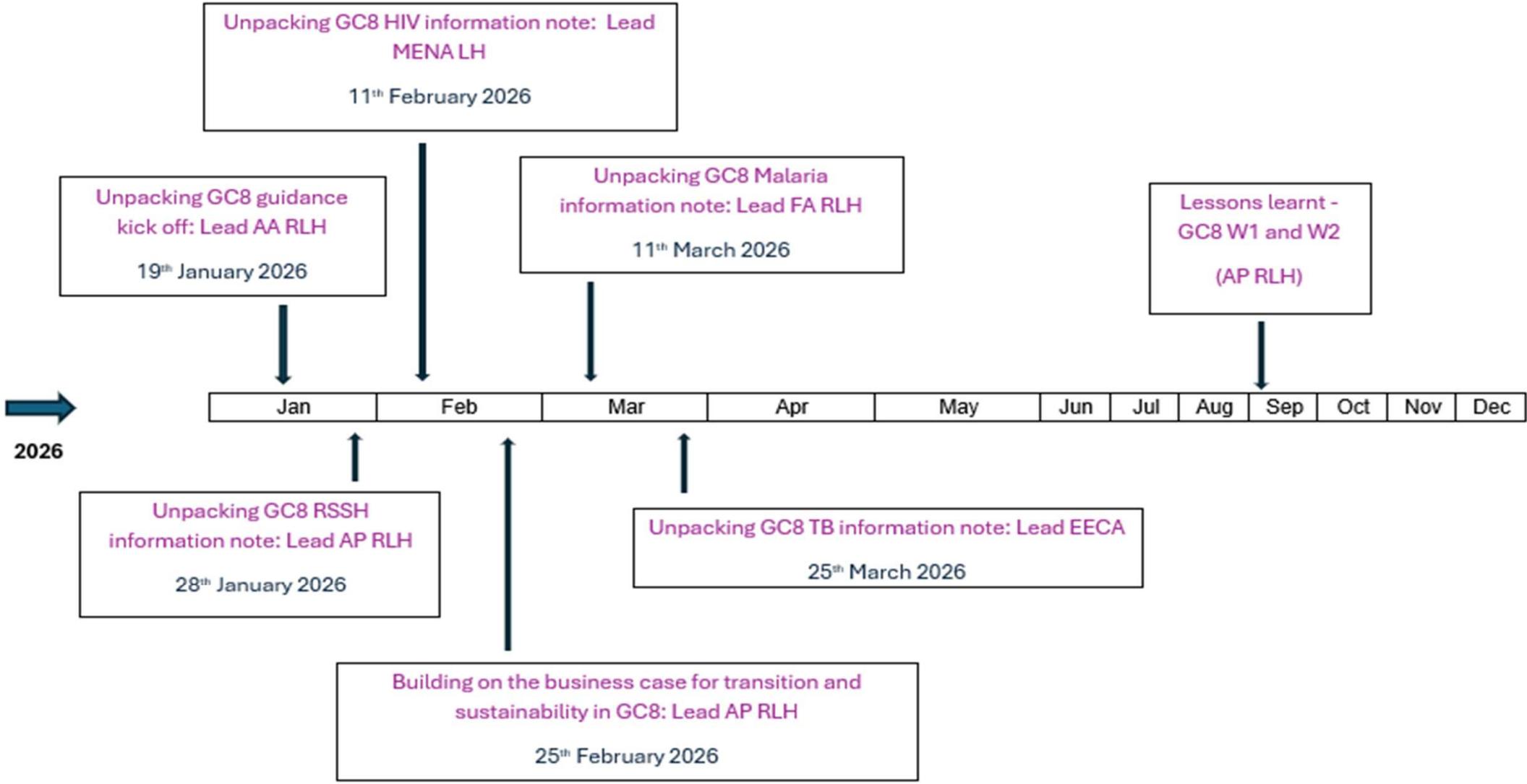
Who can apply? Countries eligible for Global Fund GC8 funding.

CE SI: Rapid Engagement Support (provided by Learning Hubs)

Illustrative Activities for Rapid Engagement Support	Budget	
<p><u>Meeting and participation support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logistics costs for face-to-face or virtual consultations with community/CS CCM members and their constituencies to identify priorities for GC8 funding requests.• Limited support for community participation in decision-making meetings (e.g., CCM, writing retreats).		<h3>How to Request this Support?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss among CCM community and civil society representatives the need for rapid engagement support.• Reach out to Learning Hub in your region to signal your interest.• Identify a community/CS focal point organization and develop a short concept and cost proposal using the template provided by the Learning Hub.
<p><u>Contract consultant to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compile and review relevant documents (e.g., GC7 grant performance/reporting, assessments of programmatic interventions, community data, CRG related assessments) and develop a 2-page rapid contextual analysis.• Prepare, facilitate and document a community consultation.• Virtual mentorship during funding request writing or grant-making (e.g., during review of draft/final funding request or budgets for CCM endorsement)	<p>Up to US\$ 5,000 (depending on available budget)</p>	

Who is eligible? Countries eligible for Global Fund GC8 funding.

Regional Learning Hubs - 2026 Learning Agenda





45 PARTNERS
178 RESOURCES
13 LANGUAGES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOOLBOX

Resources from Partners of the Global Fund's
Community Engagement Strategic Initiative

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Coordinating Advocacy Efforts
Accessing Technical Assistance
Assessing or Evaluating Community Engagement
Examples of Effective Community Engagement
Other Engagement Resources

Access the toolbox [here!](#)

(next update: March 2026)



Thank you