



EECA CONSTITUENCY STATEMENT FOR THE 43rd BOARD MEETING STRATEGIC MATTERS

Development of the GF next strategy

EECA Constituency fully supports the framework for the development of the next GF strategy. We welcome the approach proposed to be used in the process of strategy development (learning from past lessons, early planning and ensuring a broad participation of important stakeholders). Likewise, we share the global concerns over the burden of the CoV 19, the difficulties this pandemic is posing on all GF processes, including the strategy development. We duly appreciate all efforts deployed by the GF and partners to help countries mitigate its effects and protect the Global Fund's ability to invest USD 13.6 billion in the fight against HIV, TB and malaria and to reinforce health systems in the 6th replenishment cycle.

Undoubtedly, we praise the considerable efforts of the Secretariat to ensure the basic timelines for the Global Fund's Strategy development also remain unchanged. We reiterate our support for the organization of Partnership Forums (PF), including the one scheduled for the EECA & LAC regions. Given the difficulties the CoV might still impose on large in-person meetings, we encourage the Secretariat to further consider appropriate flexibilities in the organization of these regional consultations, yet ensuring that broad regional consultations on Strategy development are sustained. In this respect, the EECA Constituency is ready to engage with the Secretariat on looking for alternative or complementing discussion forums most suited for our region context and potential.

Given the large diversity of local contexts across our region, we expect the PFs to host sound multi-sectorial discussions on regional priorities and challenges and that those priorities are part of the next strategy, including migrants (labor & refugees) and TB/HIV epidemics!

Since more and more countries both in EECA & LAC will face an eventual transition to local funding, while the number of successful transitions is yet very modest, and in many cases regional grants are the only opportunity to access GF funding, we recommend that the PFs provide space for discussion of these grants and include as participants implementers/ beneficiaries of multi-country grants. We would recommend planning pre-meetings for governance constituencies dedicated to Partnership forum participation!

We would encourage the GF Secretariat to engage at the PFs stakeholders from transited countries. Without their experience input, lessons learned from the current Strategy would be incomplete. Given all challenges that characterize EECA & LAC regions and our subregions, which need to be in-depth addressed while developing the next GF Strategy, we would strongly recommend to keep the 2015 % of participants from EECA and LAC regions at the PF (*i.e. 10% out of the total # of participants partaking in all 3 PFs, instead of 7% recommended for this year*) and ensuring equal commitment of all constituencies in the organization and successful conduct of these forums.

Considering the number of countries in transition of preparing for transition in EECA, we suggest to consider participation of the representatives of Ministries of Finance (or higher-level authorities). We think this important in light with the transition and sustainability, where we need political support beyond Ministries of Health.

For a better dialogue in EECA&LAC regions, we reiterate the recommendation to translate the key documents in Russian and Spanish Languages.



Strategic Performance Report

EECA Constituency appreciates the comprehensive report on GF Strategic Performance in 2019. We are content there has been considerable progress in saving lives over the first two years, and that incidence rates are declining across all three diseases. However, we should not disregard that several KPIs that are still not yet achieved or at risk of not being attained. In this respect, we appreciate the extensive consultations held in the 12th SC and AFC, complemented with Secretariat efforts to revise the methodology for KPI 6a and KPI 9c and restate the targets for KPIs 6f and 12b. We would support the four updates to be recommended by the SC & AFC for Board approval. During the spring meetings of standing committees, the EECA constituency expressed support for the updates proposed by the Secretariat. However, a broader picture of indicators performance in the CoV context is required. We would like to know how/to what extent the CoV pandemic would influence the attainment of KPIs in 2020, what is the risk appetite, and what actions are envisioned to mitigate those effects.

Moreover, it is critical for Board to discuss now and recommend alleviating actions in the case of KPI 6a and 9c. For RSSH: National Procurement Systems, the CoV proves again - monitoring OTIF & admin lead time, and making sure that countries have timely access to quality drugs at good price is vital. Thus, we would encourage the GF Secretariat to consider mitigating actions, allowing for better data collection. Subsequently, we hope a clearer and resolutely selected cohort of countries & products (scheduled for presentation in the fall of 2020) will positively impact the data collected and the KPI as a whole.

As for the KPI 9c (Percentage of UMICs reporting on domestic investments in key population and human rights programs), with due consideration for the GF limitations to leverage that, we reiterate our concern related to the poor performance of this Indicator. While we support the updated definition, we would like to be ensured that *key populations and human rights domestic investments in transition countries* will not be overlooked/disregarded under the edited KPI '*Key populations and human rights domestic investments*'. Moreover, we think it justified and appropriate for the GF to look for possibilities, engage with partners on data collection in order to measure the domestic investments in both, TB and HIV services.

Update on Communities, Rights and Gender (CRG)

The EECA Constituency appreciated the detailed report on situation of CRG, with pertinent and detailed findings. At the same time, EECA would like to stress the importance of community-led monitoring to help strengthen the CRG. So, for the next cycle, we would encourage more joint efforts from the Secretariat and technical partners at the local level.

At the same time, we think that CCM Roll-out Program can do more for CRG objectives. There are capacities and funding in this decision-making mechanism that can be used to improve the response to CRG needs and challenges, including strengthening communities and lowering barriers to access services.

We would also encourage the GF Secretariat to work with countries to strengthen the community-led monitoring and make it part of the local government plans. This should be also monitored and advocated for during the funding request development and grant-making processes.