

Background

The Communities of people living with HIV and affected by TB, and malaria delegation to the Global Fund Board (Communities delegation) would like to inform all our constituents of Grant Cycles 6 and 7 adaptations aimed at ensuring the continuity of essential programming. These measures are particularly important in the context of ongoing uncertainty in the funding landscape for bilateral and multilateral health initiatives, including the Global Fund.

The delegation recognizes that limited resources can force grants to prioritize essential medical supplies and treatments during reprioritisation. However, these life-saving commodities will never reach those who need them most without robust community systems. Therefore, GC7 grants must preserve essential community-led interventions and ensure that the process respects the principles of transparency, accountability, inclusivity, and the protection of rights-based, lifesaving services provided to communities by communities. Our constituents should prepare for the upcoming potential reprioritization and reprogramming exercises.

Please note: This information does not replace the formal reprioritization communications that countries will receive through Principal Recipients and Country Coordinating Mechanisms. We are providing this heads-up to ensure our communities can organize effectively to engage in the process meaningfully.

1. The temporary slowdown letter

In late April, countries and regional entities received a “slow down” letter from the Global Fund Secretariat, whose purpose was to pause or defer lower-priority expenditures by Principal Recipients (PRs) and respective programs to ensure continuity of essential services while awaiting more precise funding projections. This was not a decision to cut grants — it was an interim measure to reduce the pace of spending until the Global Fund’s Board could deliberate further.

2. Formal communication on reprioritisation and reprogramming:

A second letter will be issued after the Board meeting (7–9 May 2025). It will inform countries of actual reductions to GC7 funding envelopes. We have some indications that reductions will likely be a percentage of unspent funds and other non-life-saving expenditures, depending on how much of each grant has already been executed.

3. We called for Detailed Guidance, CCM engagement, and Country Context Consideration

The Communities Delegation requested that the Global Fund Secretariat provide **clear and comprehensive guidance** to countries to ensure that CCMs and community members are meaningfully involved in all adjustment exercises in general, and in particular, where community systems, human rights, gender equality, and key populations’ programs are at risk. We emphasized that all reprioritization and reprogramming processes must fully account for national context and vulnerabilities.

4. Community Readiness

We advise all our constituents to convene national-level awareness and preparation meetings. The goal is to rapidly ensure coordination and identify and prioritize **“must-keep” interventions**. These discussions must involve local data, lived experiences, and community expertise.

5. Inclusive decision-making

All revisions to grants must undergo an **inclusive review process through the CCM**, with meaningful participation from communities. In countries where CCMs do not adequately engage community stakeholders, broader, inclusive mechanisms must be established. It is important to obtain access to the reprioritization letter from your CCM representative to facilitate self-organization. We anticipate that the process will take a few weeks; therefore, if you do not receive any information, be proactive: contact your PR and CCM representatives and frequently request information to share widely with your entire constituency.

We recommend that civil society and communities coordinate and generate spaces for communication and collaboration, as this is essential in ensuring proper preparation and meaningful participation in the process. The review and reprioritization window will be tiny, and the potential losses for our communities will be high if not meaningfully engaged.

For more information, we recommend that you contact us at info@communitiesdelegation.org or reach out to the Community, Rights, and Gender regional hubs [HERE](#) to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Remember to circulate the information to your colleagues.