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## Updates

### WEBINAR: Unpacking Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health and Pandemic Preparedness and Response in GC8: Through the Community Lens

**UNPACKING RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS FOR HEALTH AND PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS IN GC8**

**“THROUGH THE COMMUNITY LENS”**

**WEBINAR**

January 28, 2026  
10:30 AM CET, 4:30 PM BKK Time  
<https://bit.ly/4m0iBI>  
Interpretation available in Portuguese, Arabic, French and Russian

**OBJECTIVES**

- Unpack key RSSH-PPR information note through the lens of communities, focusing on community perspectives under GC8.
- Explore diseases integration's impacts on the program implementation and communities.
- Equip communities to leverage the RSSH-PPR new areas in GC8 discussions and funding requests and oversight.

**WHEN:** 28 January 2026, 10:30 AM CET

**WHERE:** [Zoom](#)

Join the Joint Learning Hub Webinar: ***“Unpacking Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) and Pandemic Preparedness and Response (PPR) in GC8: Through the Community Lens”***. Organized by the Asia Pacific Regional Learning Hub (APRLH) by Seven Alliance, in collaboration with MENA, Anglophone Africa, EECA, Francophone Africa, and LAC Learning Hubs, this session ***aims to build community capacity and ensure meaningful participation in Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) processes.***

The webinar will cover:

- The RSSH-PPR Information Note from a community perspective.

- CRSS, human rights, and gender-related modules within the GC8 framework.
- Strategic entry points for community engagement in country dialogues.
- Community-friendly tools and guidance for GC8.

### Featured Speakers:

- **Shunsuke Mabuchi** – Head of RSSH – PPR, Global Fund
- **Olga Rychkova** – Technical Advisor, CRSS, Global Fund
- **Alexandrina Iovita** – Senior Technical Advisor, Human Rights, Global Fund
- **Thea Willis** – Senior Technical Advisor, Gender, Global Fund
- **Gavin Ried** – Senior Technical Advisor, CE CRG Department, Global Fund
- **Two Community Speakers** – Highlighting best practices from GC7 with examples from RSSH.

**Languages:** interpretation will be provided into Portuguese, Arabic, French and Russian (Spanish yet to be finalised).

More [information about the webinar and speakers can be found on EECA Regional Platform website](#).

Register!

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## Global Fund Eligibility List 2026

On the 8th of January the Global Fund published its [2026 Eligibility List](#). This Eligibility List identifies which country components (HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis or malaria) are eligible to receive an allocation for the 2026-2028 allocation period (Grant Cycle 8 (GC8)). If a country has no eligible components, it does not appear on the list.



### Eligibility List 2026

Date Published: 8 January 2026  
Date Updated: 22 January 2026

For a number of lower burden, higher income country components GC8 might be the final country allocation.

**Changes in eligibility** are relevant for the following countries in the EECA region:

- Armenia, HIV component - not eligible. This component received Transition Funding in the 2020-2022 (GC6) and 2023-2025 (GC7) allocation periods. As per the Eligibility Policy, country components that have received Transition Funding or have voluntarily transitioned from the Global Fund are not eligible to receive an allocation in future grant cycles.
- Kosovo, HIV component - not eligible. Same explanation as for the Armenian HIV component.

- Russia, HIV component - not eligible. Russian Federation is now classified as a high-income country based on the latest three-year average of GNI per capita data (Atlas method). As a result, Russian Federation is no longer eligible for an allocation under paragraph 9B of the Eligibility Policy. Country components with existing grants that move to High Income are not eligible for Transition Funding in line with Paragraph 19 of the Eligibility Policy.

Regarding the eligibility of disease components for other countries, please note that eligibility does not guarantee an allocation.

[Read more!](#)

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## List of core Global Fund guidance for GC8



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**Core Guidance**

The [list of core Global Fund's guidance for GC8](#) is being progressively published starting in mid-December. Core guidance are documents the Global Fund considers essential reading for those participating in country dialogue, funding request development, grant-making, and grant implementation. They are based on normative technical guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and relevant partners and aim to guide Global Fund investments across HIV, TB, malaria and Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health grants. Other specialized documents are labeled as "[supplemental guidance](#)".

[Read more!](#)

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## GC8 Funding Request Documents



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**Funding Request Documents**

Applicants apply for a country allocation by completing and submitting a funding request. Different [Funding request application packages](#) have been developed which are tailored to

the needs of different portfolios with different forms, required documents, and review criteria.

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