



A Practical Toolkit for Writing Proposals to the Global Fund that Integrate Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS

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Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) is an integral element of successful HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and support programs. As the world's largest funder of HIV/AIDS programs that reflect country demand and local need, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is in a unique position to promote integration of SRH and HIV/AIDS. With the Global Fund having recently launched Round 7 of its grantmaking activities, this Toolkit is designed to help in-country organizations prepare proposals to the Global Fund's HIV/AIDS component that integrate SRH and HIV/AIDS services.

In December 2006, the Global AIDS Alliance, Interact Worldwide, International HIV/AIDS Alliance, International Planned Parenthood Federation, and Population Action International convened an Advocacy Summit with a range of global-, regional-, and local-level stakeholders to create an advocacy agenda for accelerating country demand for funding of SRH-HIV programs and global Global Fund support for these proposals. A Report of this Summit and an Advocacy Action Plan were produced, co-published by the five organizations listed above. In addition, *Guidelines for Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health into the HIV/AIDS Component of Country Coordinated Proposals to the Global Fund, Round 7 and Beyond* was published by these five organizations along with Advocates for Youth. The Guidelines are intended to help implementing

organizations in-country make the case for integration and learn how best to relate to the Global Fund's country-level structures, particularly the Country Coordinating Mechanism.

All three documents, the Summit Report, Advocacy Action Plan, and Round 7 Guidelines, are available at http://www.globalaidsalliance.org/Integrating_SRH_and_HIV.cfm.

The final element of the Round 7 country-level advocacy agenda is this Toolkit. In conjunction with the other three documents, the Toolkit should enable SRH and HIV/AIDS organizations to articulate the case for integration to in-country stakeholders and decision-makers and to produce successful proposals to the Global Fund's HIV/AIDS component for Round 7 and beyond that integrate SRH and HIV/AIDS with lifesaving results.

This Toolkit contains:

1. Mock HIV Proposal
2. Condom Forecasting Tool
3. Interagency List of Essential Medicines for Reproductive Health
4. HIV/AIDS Program Costing Guidelines
5. SRH Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit
6. Additional Resources

1. Mock HIV Proposal:

This Mock HIV Proposal was produced by the Global Fund itself for use during Round 6. It is designed to give useful guidance on the best ways to complete each section of the proposal by providing advice or examples for each response. While this mock proposal is not specific to SRH-HIV/AIDS integration, it is useful for all those who are writing proposals for the Round 7 HIV/AIDS component, particularly for organizations whose experience with the Global Fund is limited or has been unsuccessful. *Please note: this mock proposal is based on the Round 6 call for proposals; there are slight differences in the Round 7 materials and these should be considered as you evaluate the information contained in this mock proposal. You can read the Round 7 Call for Proposals at <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/apply/call7/>.*

2. Condom Forecasting Tool:

Published by the World Health Organization, the *Protocol for Estimating Condom Availability for Distribution at Central and Peripheral Level* is intended to help National AIDS Programs monitor the number of condoms available for distribution at the national level and the number of condoms available per person (age 15-49) in a country. Using these two indicators, stakeholders can assess the effectiveness of the condom distribution system and determine the extent to which condoms are available at the local level, which can indicate whether there are commodities shortfalls as well as highlighting problems with distribution. This document is very user-friendly, providing data collection tools as well as an overview of the methodology for gathering appropriate information. The Global Fund has indicated that it will fund reproductive health supplies, such as condoms, when their positive outcome on one of the three diseases is clearly demonstrated in a proposal. As an essential commodity for both SRH and HIV/AIDS work, those wishing to submit integrated proposals to the Fund may require an analysis of available reproductive health supplies in their country in order to make the case that more are needed or that supply chains need to be managed differently or restructured.

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/measure/publications/unaid-00.17e/tools/whocondom.pdf>

3. *Interagency List of Essential Medicines for Reproductive Health*

This document presents the current international consensus on rational selection of essential reproductive health medicines. The list is intended to support decisions regarding the production, quality assurance, and national procurement and reimbursement schemes of these medicines. Drugs for addressing maternal and neonatal health, sexually transmitted infections including HIV and related opportunistic infections, and malaria and tuberculosis are included. However, many such drugs, along with other reproductive health supplies like condoms, are not included on individual countries' national essential drugs lists. Advocating for the inclusion of these commodities, as recommended in the Interagency List, is important for the scaling up of integrated SRH-HIV/AIDS programming, and could be an appropriate element of an integrated Global Fund proposal. This document is published jointly by the World Health Organization, UNFPA, World Bank, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Population Services International, John Snow, Inc., and PATH.

http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/591_filename_essential_rh.pdf

4. *HIV/AIDS Program Costing Guidelines:*

UNAIDS and the Asian Development Bank produced this booklet, which is designed to support program designers and managers in determining the costs for a range of interventions for HIV/AIDS at the country level. While written for the Asia-Pacific region, the information contained in this document can help program implementers from every region determine priority target populations, set coverage targets, choose from among many interventions and design an appropriate package of services, estimate the total resources needed based on the population(s) in question, and determine the resource gap. These tools can be an important element of establishing how much money should be requested in proposals to the Global Fund and in demonstrating the need that the proposal aims to meet.

http://data.unaids.org/Publications/IRC-pub06/JC997-Costing-Guidelines_en.pdf

5. *Monitoring and Evaluation of Sexual and Reproductive Health Interventions:*

In this document, the EC/UNFPA Reproductive Health Initiative in Asia provides information on the formulation of useful and appropriate indicators for SRH, sources and methods of data collection, creation of a monitoring and evaluation plan, and the use of findings for program planning and policy advocacy. While some of the material is specific to the Reproductive Health Initiative and/or to Asia, many sections stand independently and can be adapted for use in sub-Saharan Africa or Latin America, with excellent results.

http://www.asia-initiative.org/pdfs/m_and_e_manual.pdf

6. *Additional Resources:*

There are many other resources available that may be of use to program designers writing proposals for submission to the Global Fund for Round 7 and beyond. These include (but are not limited to):

- *Integration Between SRH and HIV and AIDS and Malaria: Opportunities and Strategic Options for the Global Fund*, discussion paper prepared by HLSP for the December 2006 advocacy summit on SRH/HIV integration, and the resources cited in that document (<http://www.globalaidsalliance.org/docs/Global%20Fund%20SRH%20Integration%20FINAL.pdf>);

- *Round 7 Proposal Guidelines on SRH-HIV/AIDS Integration* (http://www.globalaidsalliance.org/docs/SRH-HIV_Proposal_Guidelines.pdf) and the resources cited in this document, published by the six partners mentioned above;
- *Indicators on Linkages Between Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS*, provided by the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (http://www.globalaidsalliance.org/docs/WHO_Indicators_Linkages_SRH_HIV.pdf);
- *Using Round 7 of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to Support Health Systems Strengthening*, published by Physicians for Human Rights (<http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/library/report-2007-03-17.html>);
- *Aidspan Guide to Round 7 Applications to the Global Fund*, available in English, French and Spanish (<http://www.aidspan.org/index.php?page=guides>);
- *Linking Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS: An Annotated Inventory*, published by UNFPA (http://www.unfpa.org/upload/lib_pub_file/515_filename_annotated_inventory_eng.pdf); and
- Resources for HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health Integration, <http://www.hivandsrh.org>, a comprehensive website that collects resources from around the world that address various aspects of SRH-HIV/AIDS integration.