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Community Engagement beyond Grant Cycle 7

The Global Fund's 2026 Eligibility List, initially published on January 8 and updated on January 22, is a crucial guide for health funding across Asia and the Pacific. This is particularly significant because the region includes numerous "middle-income" countries experiencing economic growth yet still struggling with substantial disease burdens, with several currently navigating a sensitive "transition" phase.

Definition :

- **Eligible** : Country components that meet income and disease burden criteria receive a standard three-year funding (GC8) to scale up or maintain HIV, TB, or malaria programs.
- **Transitioning (The "Final Countdown")** : Transition as the mechanism by which a country, or a country-component, moves towards fully funding and implementing its HIV, TB and malaria programs independent of Global Fund support.

or have already completed their Transition Funding period.

WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE

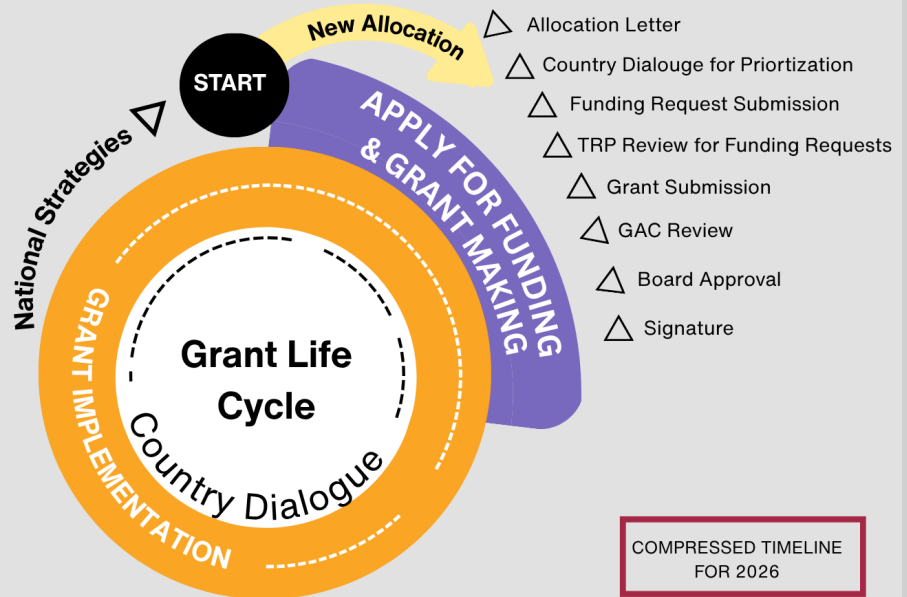
REDUCE COUNTRY ALLOCATION

ACCELERATED TRANSITION

FINAL ALLOCATION

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

FUNDAMENTALS OF APPLYING FOR FUNDING REMAIN



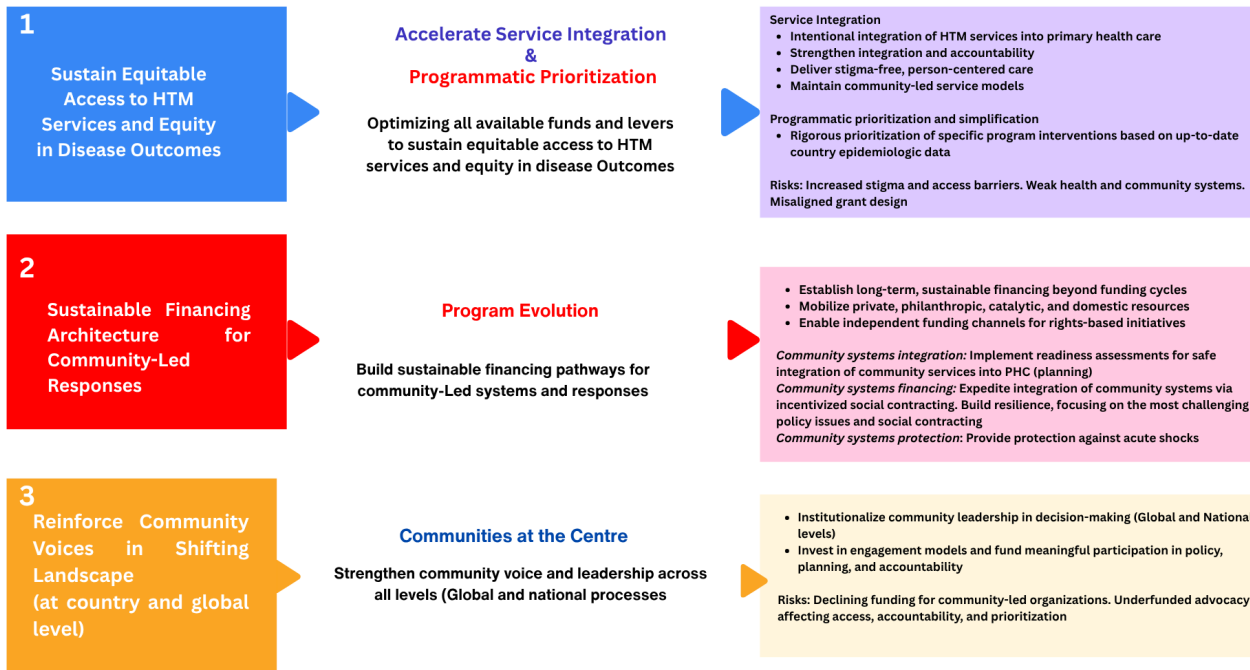
Eligibility for Allocation

Income Level	Diseases Burden	Eligibility	
Low Income Countries (LICs)	No restriction	✓	✗ Eligibility does not guarantee an allocation.
Lower-Middle Income Countries (LMICs)	No restriction	✓	
Upper-Middle Income Countries*	High	✓	➔ Country components that have received transition funding or voluntarily transition are not eligible , regardless of disease burden/income.
(UMICs)	Not High	✗	
High Income Countries	N/A	✗	➔ Malaria partners may recommend that a country be made exceptionally eligible for an allocation in the event of significant resurgence.

The Global Fund has introduced three crucial Strategic Shifts to guarantee the sustainability of HIV, TB, and malaria programs in response to a \$8 billion funding gaps for the GC8 cycle compared to GC7 post-reprioritization. Even as nations move toward domestic finance, these changes—which emphasize service integration and program

overcome these resource limitations without abandoning those who are most impacted by stigma and structural obstacles.

CRG Strategic Shifts for GC8 and Beyond



Inclusivity still mandatory

Eligibility Requirements still need to be met

ER 1:
Transparent and inclusive funding request development process

ER 2:
Transparent and documented Principal Recipient (PR) selection process

Integrated dialogue will be essential for holistic prioritization

- Need to move away from disease-specific priorities and towards a holistic prioritization of the allocation.
- Need to focus dialogue on highest impact and value for money
- Start with understanding of programmatic gaps and funding landscape
- Tailor dialogue to the country context, considering degree of needed change

The GC8 Application Approaches define the available Submission Pathways

	High Impact/ Core			Focused	
Application Approach	Program Continuation	Full Review	Tailored for Transition	Tailored for Focused	CCM Investment Priorities
Submission Pathway	<p>Program Continuation Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing PR develops & negotiates GC8 grant documents with CT, leveraging GC7 grant design. • CCM reviews & endorses grant documents prior to PR submission to Global Fund. 	<p>Grant Ready PR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for existing PRs, optional if existing PRs will implement new components / new activities. • CCM endorses & submits FR, including grant-level documents prepared by PR. • Followed by grant-making. <p>Classic FR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For new PRs; optional pathway for existing PRs. • CCM endorsed & submits FR documents. • Followed by grant-making. 		<p>Investment Prioritise Investmetn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCM defines investment priorities & shares with PR & CT. • PR develops & negotiates grant documents with CT. • CCM reviews & endorses grant documents prior to PR submission to Global Fund. 	
TRP engagement	<p>No TRP Review</p> <p>unless there are material programmatic changes. TRP as GAC partner.</p>	<p>Regular</p> <p>Comprehensive review of strategic priorities and investment approach</p>	<p>Tailored</p> <p>Targeted/strategic feedback on proposed investments.</p>		<p>TRP Oversight</p> <p>Upfront TRP pre-shaping to provide guidance on priority investments. TRP as GAC partner.</p>

CCMs are expected to ensure inclusive Country Dialogue takes place throughout application development and grant-making.

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