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Available GC8 Resources: Key Tools Developed by the Communities for the Communities

The Global Fund's Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) introduces major strategic shifts, compressed timelines, and tighter funding envelopes. To make sure communities in each country are not left behind, various global and regional networks have developed practical guides, tools, and resources.

This newsletter focused on the listing out the latest resources developed by communities organization in 2026 that would support community leaders, networks, Civil Society Organization, CCM and others involved in any Global Fund structures during not only the country dialogue and grant-making phases but throughout the GC8 process.

Podcast for the communities for GC8 under 8 minutes

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APRLH with the support from Global Fund Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE-SI) develops the 8-minutes podcast series that provides a quick, practical guide to understand the Global Fund's Grant Cycle 8 (GC8). Till now it has 6 episodes. The main objective is to provide clear, digestible insights directly from technical experts to help communities and civil societies meaningfully engage in GC8 funding requests and grant-making focusing on up to 3 critical questions from each topic.

Watch All Podcast Here:

- [Podcast 1 : TB key Priorities Under Grant Cycle 8 | Dr. Jamie Tonsing](#)
- [Podcast 2: HIV key Priorities Under Grant Cycle 8 | Beatriz Thome](#)
- [Podcast 3 : Removing Human Rights Related Barriers in HTM under Grant Cycle 8 | Alexandrina Iovita](#)
- [Podcast 4: Removing Gender-Related Barriers in HTM under Grant Cycle 8 | Thea Willis](#)
- [Podcast 5: New enabling guidance on Integration | Estrella Lasry](#)
- [Podcast 6: CSS Key Priorities under Grant Cycle 8 | Olga Richkova](#)

A Community Guide to Integration in GC8

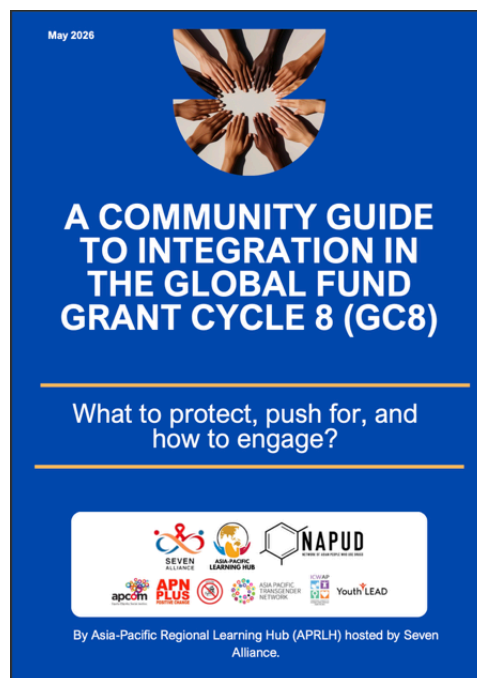
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This helps to understand what the shift toward merging disease programs into primary healthcare (PHC) systems means for communities.

It outlines the exact risks and opportunities of integration, giving communities a clear roadmap to advocate for community -competent, non-discriminatory care within integrated systems.

"Integration is an opportunity only if communities have a seat at the design table. Rushed integration without safeguards will alienate populations."

Read the Integration Tool Here: [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#)





Guide for Communities on Sustainability, Transition, and Co-Financing (STC)

Published by: EANNASO | Year: 2026

It helps communities understand how to navigate domestic health budgeting and push for social contracting so that services for key populations are protected during transition, not quietly dropped.

"Transition without community safeguards means the most marginalized lose services first."

Read the STC Tool Here: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

GC8 Costing Guide and Tool

Published by: Frontline AIDS | Year: 2026

This helps to understand how program activities are budgeted, allowing them to estimate the real costs of community-led interventions. It understands the communities and civil societies to calculate a minimum viable price ("floor price") covering direct and overhead costs, making it harder for writing teams to exclude community-led activities on budget grounds.

[Read the Costing Guide Here](#)



THE GLOBAL FUND GRANT CYCLE 8 (GC8) MODULAR FRAMEWORK

A GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

The Network of Asian People who Use Drugs (NAPUD) has produced this guide to support the engagement of people who use drugs in identifying their priorities and submitting them to the CCM and funding request writing team, in line with the Global Fund GC8 Modular Framework.

The guide is a collation of contents most relevant to people who inject drugs that are extracted from two major Global Fund publications: (i) Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) Reprioritization Guidance, HHS and (ii) Modular Framework Handbook Grant Cycle 8. It also refers to WHO's 2022 Consolidated Guidelines on HIV, viral hepatitis, and STI prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care for key populations.

We strongly recommend reading this guide alongside a recent publication by the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) – "How people who use drugs can influence Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 (GC8)".

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By the Network of Asian People who Use Drugs (NAPUD)



The Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 (GC8) Modular Framework: A Guide for People Who Use Drugs

Published by: NAPUD | Year: 2026

An Asia-specific guide includes the contents most relevant to people who use drugs from the official GC8 HIV Reprioritization Guidance and the GC8 Modular Framework Handbook alongside reference to WHO's 2022 Consolidated Guidelines for key populations. It identifies exactly where harm reduction (NSP, OAT, Naloxone) fits within the framework so communities do not have to search through the full handbook to find their matching codes.

[Read the NAPUD Framework Guide Here](#)

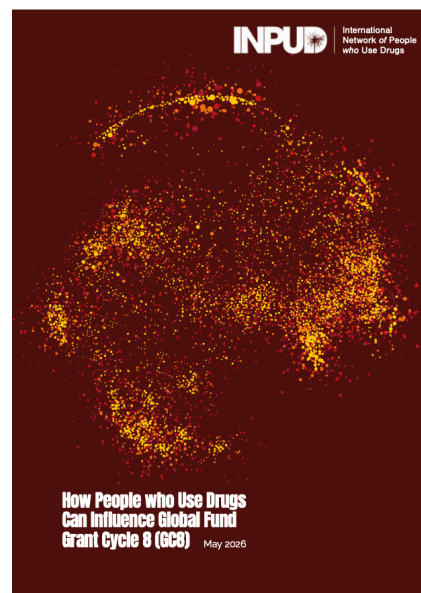
How People Who Use Drugs Can Influence Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 (GC8)

Published by: INPUD | Year:2026

It contains the key steps and advocacy opportunities to present evidence and influence country funding requests. It provides strategic advice on building community coalitions and organizing consultations to push harm reduction programming even in hostile, criminalized environments.

"People who use drugs are experts on their own health needs. GC8 has mechanisms for that expertise to be heard."

[Access the INPUD Guide Here](#)



GC8 Youth Engagement Guideline for Asia-Pacific Youth-Led Organizations

Published by: Youth LEAD (Y2Y) | Year:2026

This regional guideline focused on building capacity for young advocates and youth-led networks to participate meaningfully in dialogues and CCMs. It tackles tokenism directly by showing young people how to navigate technical structures, request observer status, and integrate digital or climate-resilient elements into proposals.

"Youth are not just beneficiaries but leaders and innovators of change."

[Read the AP Youth Guide Here](#)

Global GC8 Youth Engagement Guideline (AP, Africa, EECA)

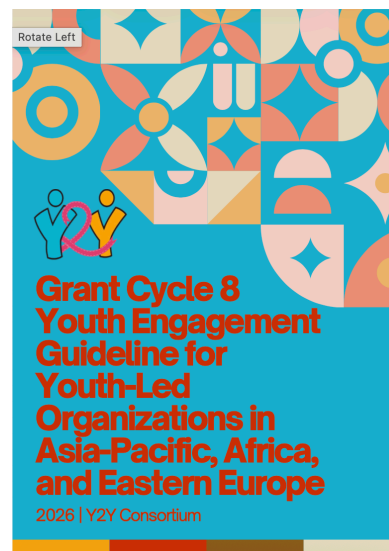
Published by: Y2Y Consortium | Year:2026

An expanded multi-regional version of the youth guideline covering Asia-Pacific, Africa, and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It provides comparative guidance and cross-regional examples of youth-led engagement, making it an excellent

resource for cross-country networking and solidarity.

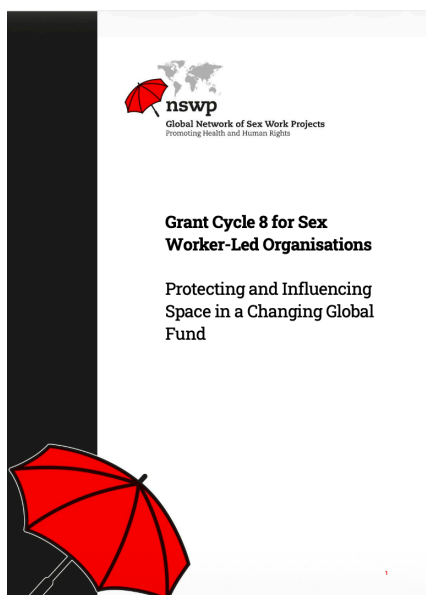
"Cross-regional organizing helps youth networks replicate successful templates and hold decision-makers globally accountable."

[Read the Global Youth Guide Here](#)



Grant Cycle 8 for Sex Worker-Led Organisations

Published by: NSWP | Year: 2026



A practical guide detailing how sex worker-led organizations can understand the framework and protect their programmatic space. It helps communities on how to prevent their services from being diluted into generic categories and how to leverage the newly reclassified RSSH modules to fund human rights and gender enablers.

"Sex worker-led services are not a duplication of national programs. They are what reaches people the national system does not."

Download the NSWP Sex Worker Guide Here: [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Russian](#)

CS4ME Guide on GC8 – Malaria Component

Published by: CS4ME | Year: 2026

This guide is for malaria-affected communities and civil society on navigating the paradigm shift from vertical programs to primary care integration. It contains a complete structured directory of integrated activities, teaching advocates how to propose cross-cutting

interventions that combine malaria with HIV/TB components.

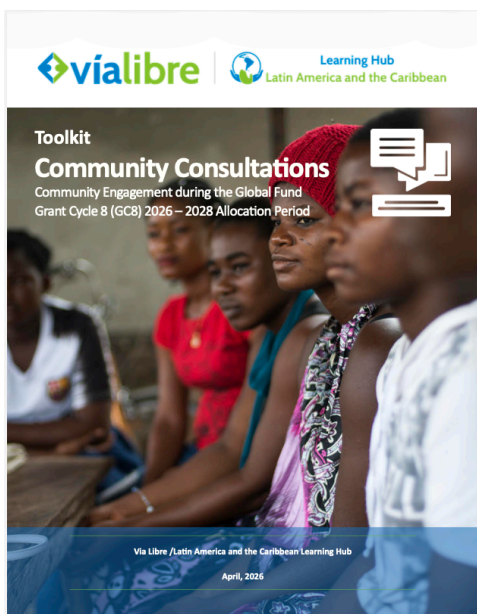
"While the world has changed, one thing remains constant: communities, you, remain at the center of this fight"

Read the CS4ME Malaria Guide Here: [English](#) , [French](#)



Community Consultations and Engagement During GC8

Published by: Vía Libre / LAC Learning Hub | **Year:**2026



This helps to understand how to organize consultation, and document community priorities across the full grant lifecycle. It offers concrete methodologies for prioritization including weighted voting and impact/feasibility matrices to turn raw community discussions into clean, structured reports for CCMs.

"The earlier the community consultations take place, the better the chances of ensuring that priorities are included in the funding request."

[Read the Consultation Guide Here](#)

GC8 Guide for Trans and Gender Diverse Communities

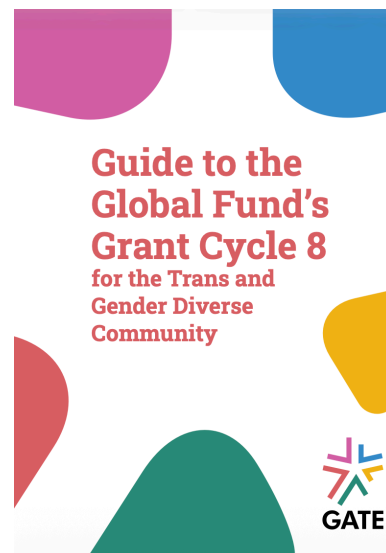
Published by: GATE | **Year:**2026

A dedicated operational guide explaining GC8 processes, relevant funding modules, and how to advocate for trans-specific priorities in country proposals and CCMs. It maps trans

community priorities directly to GC8 modules, translating community realities into the Global Fund's exact decision-making logic so writing teams cannot easily erase them.

"If trans priorities are not in the proposal from the start, they will not be added later."

[Read the GATE Trans Guide Here](#)



A TOOLBOX FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



For more resources, explore the official **Community Engagement Toolbox**, it is a digital library containing 140 community-developed tools available in 19 languages. Designed by 37 civil society partners, it provides a user-friendly library to help networks strengthen meaningful participation across the grant life cycle.

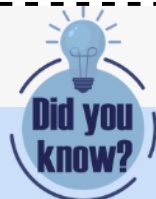
[Access the Toolbox Here](#)

FIVE THINGS EVERY COMMUNITY LEADER MUST KNOW ABOUT GC8

- **Deadlines are happening right now.** Country dialogues and proposal submission windows are open or closing soon across regions. Advocates should check the CCM timeline in each country immediately, because priorities not submitted early will not be added to the funding request later.
- **There is a formal, mandatory entry point.** For High Impact and Core portfolios, the *Community Priorities Annex* is completely mandatory. This is not an optional consultation space; it is a required document where community priorities must be formally recorded and reviewed.
- **Community-generated data is legitimate evidence.** Outreach records, loss-to-follow-up charts, and documented service gap barriers carry immense technical

weight. Advocates can collect data from community-led monitoring (CLM) or focus groups and bring it directly to negotiation rooms to back up their asks.

- **Integration does not automatically mean inclusion.** GC8 strongly promotes merging HIV, TB, and malaria services into primary healthcare. However, integrated systems are not automatically safe or accessible for key populations. Healthcare worker training, non-discrimination policies, and community-competent delivery must be explicitly funded components—never assumptions.
- **Participation requires full access to documents.** A seat in a dialogue meeting is tokenism if community representatives are kept in the dark. Meaningful engagement means demanding access to early proposal drafts, tracking detailed budget lines, and following through during grant-making negotiations before final signing



Cambodia has made history for being first country in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve the global 95–95–95 HIV targets announced on June 12, 2026 jointly by the Royal Government of Cambodia and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. As external funding declines, the Cambodian health leaders including Minister of Health, H.E. Prof. Chheang Ra emphasizes transitioning to a sustainable, domestically financed system to fully eliminate AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

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