

TRP Review Form - Round 6

Proposal Name	Scaling up the national program activities for the prevention, control and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Sri Lanka.			
Applicant Type	CCM	Country (ies)	Sri Lanka	
Applicant Name	National Country Coordinating Mechanism			
Component	HIV/AIDS	Years included in Proposal	5	
WHO Region	SEARO	Global Fund Cluster	South & West Asia	
Applicant Funding Request *	Year 1	Year 2	Phase 1 Total *	Total over Proposal Term*
	\$ 493,400	\$ 516,360	\$ 1,009,760	\$ 1,884,360

* This amount represents the Applicant's maximum funding request for this disease component. The Phase 1 amount (and therefore the total upper ceiling for the Program) may be reduced as a result of the TRP clarification process and/or grant negotiations. Funding requested beyond Phase 1 is subject to the Global Fund's policy on continuation of grants beyond Phase 1 from time to time.

Country Disease & Income Level Contextual Information

- World Bank Classification: Lower Income
- GDP: \$4,300 per capita (HDR 2005)
- HDI: rank 93 out of 177 countries (HDR 2005)
- Total population: 20,222,240 (World Fact Book)
- People living with HIV: 4,000 - 5,000 (GF – UNAIDS)

Brief description/summary of Component Proposal

The current HIV program focuses on prevention among vulnerable groups and receives support from the World Bank (US\$ 12 million from 2003-2008).

Goal I - To prevent transmission of HIV among Tamil plantation workers (400,000).

Objectives:

1. to increase plantation workers' level of knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention two-fold by the end of the project period in 190 estates in five districts
2. to increase the use of condoms by 50% by the end of 2012
3. to increase access to VCT and STI services

Goal II - To prevent transmission of HIV among school children in grades 10-12 (aged 14-19 years) in 1,326 schools in ten selected districts.

Objectives:

1. to increase knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention methods by 50%
2. to have one peer educator trained for every 25 children in the target age group

Goal III - To improve the quality of life of people living with HIV through the provision of free ARV treatment to eligible patients (150 in Year 1 up to 550 in Year 5).

Objectives:

1. To procure ARV drugs from 2007 onwards
2. To build capacity for care and treatment at the provincial level

The Principal Recipient (PR) is the Ministry of Health Care and Nutrition, which is the PR for four Global Fund grants (Malaria Rounds 1 and 4 and TB Rounds 1 and 4).

This proposal is recommended for funding in Category 2, subject to addressing the weaknesses and clarifications within the prescribed timeframes.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first objective focuses on promoting STI treatment and changes in sexual behavior in the most vulnerable demographic group in the country -- the Tamils in tea plantations • Implementation involves NGOs and the private sector • The proposal plans for gradual introduction of ARVs, to be provided to eligible patients free of charge • The focus on high school children acknowledges the reality that young people start having sex in their mid-teens • The budget is modest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial gap analysis is incomplete. • There is no mention of how men who have sex with men will be accessed in the plantation areas (in a low prevalence country, these men are probably among the most vulnerable to HIV infection) • There is no mention of whether injecting drug use is a problem in the plantation areas (2% of 240,000 opiate users nationwide inject, according to the proposal) • The gender analysis is weak

Recommendation *(Insert Numerical digit in right hand column)*

Category 1: Recommended for approval without changes (no or minor clarifications)	
Category 2: Recommended for approval provided clarifications or adjustments are submitted within a limited timeframe	2
Category 3: Not recommended for approval in its present form but encouraged to resubmit following major revision	
Category 4: Rejected	

Specific issues to be clarified or adjusted *(Category 1 and 2 only):*

1. Please address the weaknesses listed above.
2. Please explain why the proposal states that the PR has not administered any Global Fund grants when in fact it is currently managing four.
3. Please explain why the proportion of the Year 1 budget allocated to the purchase of vehicles is so high.