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Millions of children have been orphaned and made vulnerable because of HIV/AIDS. Yet, it is only in recent years that a concerted effort has been launched, in some of the hardest hit countries, to address the needs of these children. Very few proposals to the Global Fund have focussed on children affected by HIV/AIDS, particularly in the early rounds of funding. The Global Fund has the potential to be a major funder in this area.

The purposes of *"The Aidspace Guide to Developing Global Fund Proposals to Benefit Children Affected by HIV/AIDS"* are to encourage and facilitate more proposals to the Global Fund benefiting children; and to help countries not yet ready to submit proposals benefiting children to understand what is needed to get to the point where they are ready to submit such proposals.

The primary target audiences of the *Guide* are Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) and institutions supporting CCMs; national AIDS committees; and national committees, task forces and organisations working on issues concerning children affected by HIV/AIDS – in countries where some specific strategic planning in this area has already occurred. Secondary target audiences include the same types of organization in countries where specific strategic planning in this area has not yet begun or is just getting underway.

The main sections in the *Guide* are as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction and Background

- Purpose of this *Guide*
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- Guidance for CCMs Concerning How to Go About Including Children-Related Content in Proposals
- Guidance for OVC-Related Organisations Concerning How to Promote the Inclusion of Children-Related Content in CCM Proposals
- Guidance for OVC-Related Organisations Concerning How to Contribute to the Development of Proposals
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- OVC-Related Websites
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- Aidspace Documents

Appendix I: Summary Information on the OVC National Plans of Action

Appendix II: Summary Information on Approved Global Fund Proposals with OVC-Related Content

In the appendices, the *Guide* contains a summary table for each of the OVC National Plans of Action developed in 16 sub-Saharan African countries; and for each of the 22 proposals approved by the Global Fund in Rounds 1-5 that contained activities specifically targeting children.

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2. EXCERPT: Guidance for CCMs and OVC-related Organizations on Including Children-Related Content in Proposals

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[The following text is excerpted from Chapter 5 of “The Aidspace Guide to Developing Global Fund Proposals to Benefit Children Affected by HIV/AIDS.”]

Suggestions to CCMs to help ensure that future proposals to the Global Fund incorporate content related to orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC):

- Include a representative of organisations providing services to OVC (or working on OVC issues) on the CCM.
- Ensure that CCM members are familiar with issues concerning children affected by HIV/AIDS. Invite someone with knowledge of these issues to make a presentation to the CCM. Review some of the reports that have been written on these issues. In countries where OVC-specific

strategic planning has been done, review the outcomes of this process, including OVC National Plans of Action.

- Ensure that OVC-related organisations and lead government ministries dealing with children's issues receive information concerning the CCM's proposal development process.
- Ensure that OVC-related organisations and lead government ministries dealing with children's issues are included in the call for submissions for possible inclusion in the CCM's Global Fund proposal.
- Consider including representation from OVC-related organisations on the team that reviews submissions from stakeholders.

Suggestions to OVC-related organisations to help ensure that future proposals to the Global Fund incorporate OVC content:

- Make sure that addressing the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS is one of the priorities of the national HIV/AIDS strategy.
- Cultivate relationships with CCM members.
- Attempt to convince the CCM to include a representative from OVC-related organisations or lead Government ministries dealing with children's issues on the CCM.
- Attempt to educate CCM members about issues concerning children affected by HIV/AIDS. Use international and national NGOs already sitting on the CCM as a conduit.
- Lobby the CCM to ensure that OVC-related organisations and lead Government ministries dealing with children's issues receive information about the proposal development process and are involved in the process.
- Make the argument to the CCM that HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria are *dramatically* contributing to child vulnerability and, therefore, that it is entirely appropriate for the resources of the Global Fund to be used to address these heightened vulnerabilities.

Suggestions to OVC-related organisations concerning how to contribute to the development of proposals to the Global Fund:

- Become familiar with the Global Fund proposals development process.
- Develop a process to ensure that one joint submission is tendered to the CCM on behalf of all OVC-related organisations and lead Government ministries dealing with children's issues.
- Do not wait for the call for submissions from the CCM to begin preparing your submission.
- Wherever possible, base your submission on OVC-specific strategic planning that has already taken place in-country, including the OVC National Plans of Action.
- Review previous submissions and proposals, OVC National Plans of Action, and guidance documents produced by the Global Fund and Aidspace, for guidance on the format to be used for your submissions.
- Ensure that your submission describes any technical assistance that is required to successfully implement your programme.

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