

Text of Global Fund email to partners about changes to Global Fund results reporting / 19 July 2018

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Subject: Changes to Global Fund Results Reporting

Dear Partners,

As a results-based organization, the Global Fund reports in numerous ways on the results and impact of the programs we support. We continually update information on the Global Fund website, including results by country in the grant portfolio section. Throughout the year, we publish reports on aspects of our work, including topics such as Global Health Security or Building Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health. We publish a Results Report once a year, in September, with essential results indicators, including the number of people on antiretroviral treatment for HIV and on TB treatment, and the number of mosquito nets distributed to fight malaria. The Results Report also identifies the total number of lives saved by programs we support, complemented by descriptions of the qualitative changes underway in efforts to improve health in countries all over the world.

During preparatory work for implementing the Global Fund 2017-2022 Strategy, the Global Fund conducted extensive consultations with partners about how to best report results and measure impact of Global Fund investments in national programs. A broad group of partners, including representatives from donor nations, implementing nations and technical partners, eventually came to a consensus that results achieved by country-led programs with additional contributions from bilateral and multi-lateral funders should be estimated and classified with a more contributive model. Partners agreed that, due to the catalytic role of international funders, it is no longer practical nor desirable to disaggregate programmatic results and impact of country-led programs by trying to attribute specific results to singular source of financing. Instead, it makes more sense to recognize the reality that many partners contribute to the success of any specific health program, that national results should be used to measure and evaluate global health performance, and that each partner must be accountable for their specific contributions. An updated methodology incorporates an increased focus on national results, and the Global Fund's thinking and method of compiling results in this manner, as part of setting performance targets for the 2017-22 Strategy, was approved by the Global Fund Board in November 2016.

This year's results report will be based on data collected by the end of 2017, the first year of the Global Fund's 2017-2022 Strategy. With more national results included, the Global Fund results include numbers that in some cases significantly higher than in years past. Because the results methodology has changed, we will no longer report cumulative results on main indicators, such as mosquito nets distributed. Instead of providing a cumulative figure for each results indicator, we will now report a more accurate and appropriate indicator of annual increases. The "lives saved" indicator is the sole exception, where we will continue to report a cumulative total, measured with careful modeling and sophisticated estimates.

To maintain strong accountability for Global Fund investments and complement the reporting of national results as part of the regular results reporting, the Global Fund is now providing its Board with country results profiles for all high impact countries. That gives stakeholders more granular data about the financing landscape and the amount and use of Global Fund investments, amount and use of Global Fund financing in particular country contexts.

Starting in 2018, the Global Fund will expand and improve its main results indicators, including new categories such as key populations reached with HIV prevention programs, and number of suspected malaria cases that receive a parasitological test. In addition, the Global Fund will report its main results indicators on an annual basis, instead of twice a year, as it did previously.

When the Global Fund began in 2002, results-based funding was a new concept in global health. Just 16 years later, results-based funding has been mainstreamed, and is so broadly embraced it is almost taken for granted that any organization that provides funding must show results. We hope you find the new reporting an improvement that better reflects global health progress and the Global Fund's catalytic contributions. We will continue to refine and improve our methods for measuring and compiling results.

Thanks,

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