

TB REACH Wave 6

Information Note – Catalytic Funding

Background

This information note is important to read if, for the Wave 6 application, you are proposing to work in one of the 12 countries that The Global Fund has designated to receive Matching Funds for TB in addition to their 2018-2020 grants. Matching Funds are part of the Global Fund’s [Catalytic Investments](#) framework and intended to incentivize programming of country allocations for maximum impact. In particular, Matching Funds for TB have been allocated to the countries below to catalyse more action and impact in successfully finding their missing people with TB:

Bangladesh	Mozambique	Philippines
DR Congo	Myanmar	South Africa
Indonesia	Nigeria	Tanzania
Kenya	Pakistan	Ukraine

Although the Global Fund’s Matching Funds have already been allocated to these above countries through a Global Fund process and thus separately from the TB REACH grant awarding process, it is strongly encouraged (but not required) that TB REACH proposals from these countries demonstrate a strong linkage between their proposal and their country’s TB case detection plans, as supported through the Global Fund’s Matching Funding. Most of the above countries’ National TB Programmes have already prepared plans and are in planning or early implementation stage of case detection activities that are supported through the Global Fund’s Matching Funding and specifically target detection and notification of the missing people with TB.

The Global Fund’s Matching Funds have been allocated to these countries in addition to their Global Fund grant envelopes and are meant to catalyze innovative and impactful TB case detection interventions. This funding is meant to do things differently, to shift the paradigm on how case detection is approached as current approaches have stagnated in many countries. Each country is setting their own targets for TB case detection as part of their Global Fund grant requirements and is seeking to push for higher performance of their programs.

The Global Fund’s targeted support to countries to find more missing people with TB is in line with the long-standing objective of TB REACH on supporting innovation to improve the number of people treated with TB. Since 2010, it has been the only global initiative focused on finding the missing people with TB for whom estimates have been growing in recent years with over 4 million people being missed by National TB Programs in 2015.

Given TB REACH’s documented practice on proven, impactful TB case detection interventions and its increasing coordination with the Global Fund to ensure their sustainability and expansion¹, applicants from Matching Funding countries for TB are strongly encouraged to demonstrate clear and strong linkages to their countries’ case detection efforts as implemented under their 2018-2020 Global Fund grant. TB REACH will consider interventions in these countries that can complement, inform and support the case detection activities in the country’s funding request to Global Fund. This means that TB REACH stage 1 applicants must demonstrate that they have at least already successfully reached out to their National TB Programme and have discussed how the TB REACH proposal can optimally contribute to the country’s TB case detection activities, as funded by the Global Fund. Successful applicants who TB REACH then invites to stage 2 for developing a full proposal are expected to

¹ TB REACH is formally collaborating with the Global Fund through a joint [Memorandum of Understanding](#) as well as through the Global Fund’s Strategic Initiative on Finding the Missing TB cases. In addition, through the recently launched [Strategic Initiative to Find the Missing People with TB](#), TB REACH/Stop TB Partnership and the World Health Organization have been commissioned by the Global Fund to assist these Matching Funding priority countries in implementing the activities for case detection and in providing technical support and tools for this goal.

further expand on how their interventions will contribute to their country's TB case detection efforts and their expected targets as supported through the Global Fund's grant.

Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

All TB REACH grants (regardless of their Category) are evaluated using a standard M&E framework; please read the dedicated [M&E Concept Note](#) to learn more about how TB REACH will monitor and assess the impact of case detection intervention(s). As such, proposals from Matching Funding priority countries should employ innovative approaches and technologies to produce 'additional notifications' of people with drug-sensitive or drug-resistant TB, who would have otherwise remained undiagnosed, untreated and/or not notified in the absence of TB REACH investments. Applicants should demonstrate how their targeted 'additional notifications' will contribute to their country's respective case detection targets and respective interventions set under the Global Fund grant.

Areas of consideration:

The Matching Funding for the 12 countries represent an opportunity to catalyze the activities in the overall country grant and help focus on improving TB case detection and notification. As such, all approaches that promote improved case detection are eligible for funding as part of TB REACH Wave 6 funding. However, in line with TB REACH's mandate, proposals should be innovative and focus on different approaches, not the status quo.

It is strongly recommended that TB REACH proposals that seek to contribute to a country's Global Fund supported case detection activities are submitted together with a strong NTP letter of support that clearly expresses the expected linkage and results between the proposed TB REACH interventions and the country's Global Fund supported case detection efforts. In line with the TB REACH [Transition to Scale Up framework](#), Category One applications are centered on proof of concept approaches that will be more geared to inform the how the country approaches improving case detection. For example, proposed TB REACH interventions could be submitted as pilot projects to inform the country's larger case detection efforts as supported by the Global Fund with the clear intention of taking the results from the TB REACH project and scaling it up under the new funding cycle. Category Two proposals need to show clear linkages to the work that will be taking place during the Global Fund's new funding cycle and how it aligns, but also compliments and/or leverages such support. Proposals that seek to contribute to countries' Global Fund supported activities also naturally lend themselves to use TB REACH investments to scale up to a TB REACH type 3 co-financing grant, and as an additional effort to fully catalyze a country's potential to find the missing TB cases. If your country is interested in this type of approach please contact the TB REACH Secretariat for more information at tbreach@stoptb.org.

All submitted proposals should have the planning for expanding implementation reflected in the sustainability plan and clearly address coordination with Global Fund principal (and/or sub) recipients, country coordinating mechanisms and other key stakeholders. Proposals from these countries should also demonstrate alignment with the National Strategic Plan's priorities and operational plans as well as any relevant TB case detection work (planned to be) implemented by Government or partners. The TB REACH Secretariat will facilitate outreach and follow-up for optimal coordination and collaboration between the grantee, donors and technical partners, where necessary.

Conclusion

The Global Fund and TB REACH have focused funding and technical support to a number of key countries to help them reach ambitious case detection targets. For TB REACH Wave 6 applicants, this is a unique moment to submit proposals on improved TB case detection that further catalyze and focus the additional investments that the Global Fund is making.

Nota bene: Please note that successful TB REACH proposals would not result in receiving any Matching Funding from the Global Fund. However, linking your proposed TB REACH interventions to your country's Global Fund supported TB case detection efforts in a meaningful and impactful way may have a higher likelihood of ultimately receiving a TB REACH grant. Ultimately, these TB REACH projects, if generating impact in TB case detection may stand a higher likelihood to be considered for future support from other donors, such as the Global Fund.