



**The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
(GFATM)
Partnership Protocol**

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**India Country Coordinating Mechanism for GFATM,
Ministry of Health and Family welfare,
Government of India**

Global Fund Partnership Protocol

Introduction

The Global Fund (GFATM) is a partnership between governments, civil society, private sector and people affected by the diseases to provide substantial new resources to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) has had a strong and sustained partnership with India since 2003, with nearly US \$1.6 billion invested to date to save lives, prevent new infections and strengthen health systems.

Objective

The objective of the Global Fund partnership protocol is to define roles and responsibilities and communication strategy amongst various stakeholders.

Stakeholders are as given under:

1. Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
2. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)/ Government operational PR
3. Global Fund Country Team for India

Roles and responsibilities of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and procedures to be followed:

1. Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) shall be the Principal Recipient for receiving the Global Fund grant, being the nodal department to do so*.
2. DEA shall sign the Framework Agreement with the Global Fund for India (the host country) as per conditions laid in the New Funding Model (NFM) of the Global Fund.
3. DEA shall sign the Grant Confirmations issued by the Global Fund as required for making disbursements under the grant.
4. DEA shall interact with the External Relations Division of the Global Fund as per protocol under intimation to MoHFW.

Roles and responsibilities of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and procedures to be followed:

1. MoHFW through India CCM shall be the Operational partner for the Global Fund grant.
2. The Framework Agreement and the Grant Confirmations, after duly signed by the GFATM shall be sent to DEA and Controller, Aid Accounts & Audit Division (CAA&A) by HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria programme divisions under intimation to India CCM Secretariat.
3. The programme divisions shall take approval of the competent authority for utilization of the Global Fund grants.

* Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, GOI. *Bilateral Development Assistance, A Handbook on Systems and Processes*

4. The HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria programme divisions shall send a programme implementation report semi-annually to DEA in the standard reporting format under intimation to India CCM Secretariat.
5. MoHFW shall make necessary Budget provisions in their Detailed Demand for Grants, for Global Fund assisted projects.
6. MoHFW shall facilitate the Global Fund Country team visits /Mission to India as and when required.

Roles and responsibilities of the Global Fund Country Team for India and procedures to be followed:

A. Communication Protocol:

1. The Global Fund Country Team shall support and facilitate timely approval and disbursement of grant.
2. The Global Fund Country Team shall share the requisite correspondence related to grant approval, grant making, Framework Agreement, Grant Confirmation and grant disbursement with MoHFW through I- CCM secretariat.
3. Communications related to routine grant implementation operations for grants executed by MoHFW shall be shared by the Global Fund secretariat with MoHFW.
4. All the communications of the Global Fund representatives with MoHFW/ Other Ministries with regards to grant and related issues shall be conducted under intimation to I- CCM secretariat.

B. Protocol for visits

1. The Global Fund Country Team representatives shall require prior consultations with MoHFW for their visits and missions to India for GFATM grants related operations at least two weeks in advance.
2. The Global Fund representatives shall conduct exit briefings with Member Secretary and concerned Programme heads for their visits/ missions to India.
3. The Global Fund representatives shall share a detailed report of their visit/ Mission to India with India CCM secretariat at regular intervals.
4. The Global Fund will provide a copy of amendments to Grant Agreement & Disbursement Notifications to DEA as and when required.