

Final recommendations of the Screening Committee under Chairpersonship of DGHS constituted to shortlist Non- Government Principal Recipients for upcoming Global Fund Grant (2024-2027)

The Global Fund in their communication dated 21st December 2022 have sent the formal allocation letter to India for the Global Fund next Grant cycle- Implementation period 2024-2027. The allocation letter announces India's allocation of USD 500 million for HIV, TB, Malaria and building resilient and sustainable systems for health under its 2023-2025 allocation period (to be implemented for grant period 2024-27).

In accordance to the approved process, an open and transparent process was adopted for selection of Non-Government Principal Recipients (PRs) organizations by seeking Expression of Interest (EoI) from interested Non-Government institutions from 28th June 2023 to 13th July 2023.

In view of the above, with the approval of Secretary (HFW)/ Chair India CCM as the competent authority, a Screening Committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Prof. (Dr.) Atul Goel, DGHS to shortlist received applications for Non-Government PRs selection under the upcoming Global Fund Grant (2024-2027):

(Annexure-I)

S.No	Name	Designation/Organisation
1	Dr. Atul Goel	DGHS as Chair of Committee
2	Dr. R P Joshi	DDG (TB)
3	Dr. U B Das	DDG (NACO)
4	Dr. Tanu Jain	Director (NCVBDC)
5	Ms. Nandini Kapoor	Senior Technical Adviser, UNAIDS/ Chair OC I-CCM
6	Dr. Ranjani Ramchandran	NPO (Labs), WHO/ Alt Member I-CCM
7	Dr. Shubnum Singh	Director (MHC), CII/ Member I-CCM
8	Prof. Ramila Bisht	Professor JNU/ Member I-CCM
9	Ms. T Mercy Annapoorni	HIV CSO Constituency/ Member I-CCM
10	Mr. Sudeshwar Singh	TB PLWD Constituency/Member I-CCM
11	Dr. Ravi Kumar	KP Malaria Constituency, Alt Member I-CCM

Process:

- An advertisement for Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested organizations was floated on websites of India CCM, MoHFW and Programme Divisions (NACO, CTD and NVBDCP) from 28th June 2023 to 13th July 2023
- India CCM Secretariat received a total of 49 applications till closing date i.e. 13th July 2023. (23.59 PM). All applications were received both in hard and soft copy as detailed at **Annexure I**.

- The bid opening meeting on 14th July 2023 was convened to ensure that the members of screening committee are able to witness the opening of and to initial the physical copies of proposals received by due date so that the ICCM Secretariat can thereafter begin the process of checking for completeness and preparing an eligibility matrix to facilitate further discussions and decision making during the subsequent meetings.
- During the 2nd Screening Committee Meeting held on 20th July 2023, concerns were expressed with respect to the financial eligibility criteria being a constraint for adequate numbers of indigenous organizations to apply. It was decided to take up with the Global Fund country team with respect to relaxation of the criteria of to bring down the 10mUSD eligibility criteria, which may ensure better participation by indigenous organizations who have the capacity to work in India, notwithstanding the 10 m USD criteria. To repeat the process of Eol, it was decided to seek further time from the Global Fund Country team beyond the submission window of 21st August 2023.
- During the 3rd Screening Committee Meeting held on 28th July 2023, ICCM secretariat shared that vide email communications, the Global Fund Country team has indicated that no further time could be provided beyond 21st August 2023, and also that the financial criteria were included in the Eol after due prior discussions with the country team and could not be relaxed at this stage.
- It was brought out in comparative analysis from previous exercise that as against the previous Eol, there were 9 new organizations who have submitted proposals in addition to the ones selected previously, of which 8 were indigenous considering that the experience required for eligibility had been relaxed to working in health sector for three years from the previous requirement of five years experience in field of HIV/TB/Malaria including health systems.
- Using the eligibility criteria laid out in the Eol and reproduced below, the documents shared by the organizations were duly scrutinized by the Screening Committee.
 1. Should be a legal registered entity with valid proof of NITI Ayog Darpan Portal registration where applicable
 2. Should be FCRA compliant where applicable
 3. Should have demonstrated experience of managing funding grants at National/ State level
 4. Should have managed projects of more than 10 million USD cumulatively over 3 years out of last five financial years
 5. Should have demonstrated experience of working in health sector preferably in HIV/TB/Malaria for at least 3 years
- Out of the 25 organizations which had applied, 16 were screened to be clearly eligible, 6 were screened to be clearly ineligible and 3 were screened to be “conditionally eligible”

- A table of ineligible and conditional organizations along with the reasons of ineligibility is detailed below:

SI No	Name of Organization	Reason for ineligibility
1	Southern-Health Improvement Samiti (SHIS)	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
2	Absolute Human Care Foundation (AHCF)	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
3	AHCF Consortium	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
4	IPE Global	Not having FCRA registration. Reasons for FCRA exemption not specified. No Niti Aayog registration.
5	SATHI SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHAN	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
6	Prayatna	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
Conditionally eligible organizations		
1	Centre for Health Research and Innovation (CHRI)	Not having FCRA registration. Reasons for FCRA exemption given as “Since the Global Fund is exempted from FCRA regulations as specified in section 2(1)(j)(ii) of the FCRA Act, CHRI is not required to obtain FCRA registration to receive funds from the Global Fund”
2	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)	Financials statements shared are showing disparity in figures with the figures submitted in the Eol application format
3	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	In alignment with Global Fund guidelines, if adequate numbers of PRs are not available, UN organizations may be considered as PRs

- ICCM secretariat had sent mails to CHRI and TISS to seek clarification on the points mentioned above with a closing time of submission at 5:30 PM on 31st July 2023. There was no response from CHRI and response was received from TISS on 29th July 2023. Based on clarification from TISS, it was considered eligible. Mails trails may be seen at **Annexure II**
- The Screening Committee members further examined the documents and proposals at length and following a detailed analysis provided objective scores to eligible organizations on the parameters given below as per the Eol:
 1. Organizational capacity—25 marks

2. Experience and Past projects in HIV/TB/ Malaria including Health Systems—25 marks
3. Proposed Technical Proposal—50 marks

- It was decided that **60 marks** be considered as the cut-off score for selection as prospective PRs as per previous exercise to maintain uniformity.
- Since the GF rating as received from the LFA was for a limited period (Oct 2022- Mar 2023), it was not considered as a basis for final recommendation.

Key recommendations:

- Out of the 39 proposals submitted by 17 eligible organizations, 27 proposals of 14 organizations were found to have average scores above the cut off of 60 marks.
- 14 organizations are recommended by the Screening Committee to become Non Government Principal Recipients in the upcoming grant following an open, transparent, and consultative process. Details of these 14 Organizations recommended to be NGPRs may be seen at **Annexure 3**
- The disease wise details of qualified proposals may be seen at **Annexure 4** and summarized below:
 - HIV – 13 / 16 proposals
 - TB - 10 / 19 proposals
 - Malaria – 4 / 4 proposals submitted
- Three organizations – World Health Partners, Humana and Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses were not recommended as their average scores were below the qualifying score of 60 marks.

The Screening Committee also recommended the following:

- Performance and Impact assessment of NGPRs may be incorporated by the Programme Divisions to be included as a mid term exercise in the upcoming grant period, since such a mechanism does not exist currently.
- It should be flagged to the ICCM that due consideration be given by selected PRs to engage indigenous organizations which had applied for PR-ship but could not qualify the financial or technical criteria but have good working experience at the field level as SRs and SSRs.
- It was strongly recommended to build more enabling conditions for more indigenous organizations to become SRs and SSRs of selected PRs which will also enable the capacity building of such organizations.
- In addition, more involvement of communities and community based organizations especially in the field of TB for SRs and SSRs should be

undertaken so that it will aid in their capacity building.

- In light of fewer NG PR for Malaria, the selected PRs of HIV and TB may be encouraged to expand their scope of work and also submit proposals for Malaria as per programme needs for future.
- It may be duly deliberated and discussed with the Global Fund to bring down the financial criteria for selection of non Government Principal Recipients from 10 mUSD to 5 mUSD for the next round of grant cycle.

List of Proposals received for the Global Fund upcoming Grant 2024-2027 submitted on or before 13th July 2023

Sl. No.	Name of the Organization	Soft Copy	Hard Copy	Received by or before 13 th July 2023 (COB)	Received after 13 th July 2023	Remarks
1	Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)	Yes	Yes	11 th July 2023		
2	Southern Health Improvement Samiti (SHIS)	Yes	Yes	11 th July 2023		
3	India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA) (HIV)	Yes	Yes	12 th July 2023		
4	India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA) (TB)	Yes	Yes	12 th July 2023		
5	Absolute Human Care Foundation (AHCF)	Yes	Yes	12 th July 2023		
6	Absolute Human Care Foundation (AHCF) Consortium	Yes	Yes	12 th July 2023		
7	Centre for Health Research and Innovation (CHRI)	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
8	The UNION (HIV)	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
9	The UNION (TB)	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
10	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
11	YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE)	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
12	Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF) - Malaria	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
13	TCIF-HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
14	TCIF-TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
15	TCIF-Comprehensive	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
16	World Health Partners	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
17	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)- HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
18	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)- TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
19	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)- Malaria	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
20	India Health Action Trust (IHAT) HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
21	India Health Action Trust (IHAT)-TB Rural	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
22	India Health Action Trust (IHAT)-TB Urban	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
23	FIND-HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
24	FIND-TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
25	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII) HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
26	SAATHII-TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
27	HLFPPT- HIV Accelerating	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
28	HLFPPT-HIV Samarthyaa	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
29	HLFPPT-TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
30	HLFPPT-SCM	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		

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31	HLFPPT-TSU	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
32	IPE Global	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
33	PLAN India-HIV 1-COMPOSITE	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
34	PLAN India HIV 2-COMMODITIES NACP	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
35	PLAN India-TB 1-SCM	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
36	PLAN India-TB 2-PMTBMBA	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
37	PLAN India-Malaria	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
38	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
39	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- HIV	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
40	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- MALARIA	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
41	SPYM- HIV1-SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISION	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
42	SPYM-HIV2--PRISON	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
43	SPYM-TB-	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
44	PCI-TB	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
45	PCI-MALARIA	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
46	SATHI SAMAJ SEVA SANSTHAN	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
47	HUMANA	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
48	PRAYATNA	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
49	DOCTORS FOR YOU	Yes	Yes	13 th July 2023		
Total No. of Proposals		49	49			

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Checked by - Shobini

14/07/2023

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14/7/2023

Annexure-2

Email

Dr Shobini Rajan

Re: CHRI Consortium Application for GFATM grants cycle 2024-27-Part 1

From : Dr Shobini Rajan <iccmsect-mohfw@gov.in> Fri, Jul 28, 2023 05:28 PM
Subject : Re: CHRI Consortium Application for GFATM grants cycle 2024-27-Part 1 5 attachments
To : rojha@chri.org.in
Cc : njain@chri.org.in, pgupta@chri.org.in

Dear Sir,

Greetings!

Based on the EoI submitted by you, kindly clarify the following:

1. Indicate source of funding for projects undertaken.
2. Undertake that CHRI has never applied for FCRA previously or FCRA has never been refused to CHRI previously.

This issues in accordance to Screening Committee deliberations held on 28th July 2023.

Please provide the above mentioned clarifications by 5.00 PM , 31st July 2023 (Monday). Also, please be informed that no new documents will be accepted at this stage which were not submitted earlier with the EoI.

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Best regards,

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From: rojha@chri.org.in
To: "Dr Shobini Rajan" <iccmsect-mohfw@gov.in>
Cc: njain@chri.org.in, pgupta@chri.org.in
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 10:21:02 AM
Subject: CHRI Consortium Application for GFATM grants cycle 2024-27-Part 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the CHRI !

Please find attached cover note, proposal for HIV, TB, Malaria and related annexures in response to the EOI for the selection of **Non-Government Principal Recipients for GFATM grant for the funding period 2024-2027**. Due to heavy size of the documents, CHRI is sharing the supporting documents through 2 emails.

Please feel free to reach out in case any clarifications are needed. Request to acknowledgement receipt to this email to confirm our submission.

We thank you for the opportunity.

Best Regards

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 **CHRI Cover letter_GFATM proposal.pdf**
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 **9. CHRI consortium-Application for HIV, TB and Malaria GFATM grant _2024-2027.pdf**
848 KB

 **CHRI_Annexures TGF EOI July 2023-Part 1.zip**
13 MB

Email**Dr Shobini Rajan**

Re: Application from Saksham, TISS under GFATM for Shortlisting as Non Government Principal Recipient (Tuberculosis)

From : fam saksham <fam.saksham@gmail.com> Sat, Jul 29, 2023 12:09 PM
Subject : Re: Application from Saksham, TISS under GFATM for Shortlisting as Non Government Principal Recipient (Tuberculosis)
To : Dr Shobini Rajan <iccmsect-mohfw@gov.in>
Cc : director@tiss.edu, shweta gfatm <shweta.gfatm@gmail.com>, rc sakshampravaah <rc.sakshampravaah@gmail.com>, cbl sakshampravaah <cbl.sakshampravaah@gmail.com>

Respected Madam / Sir,

Thank you for bringing to our attention the concern regarding the financial turnover indicated in the Expression of Interest (EoI) we submitted on 12th July 2023. We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to clarify the matter and substantiate our claim of eligibility to meet the 10 million USD eligibility criteria.

Saksham as a Division in TISS has a separate financial reporting mechanism for the funding it receives as per the Donor's agreements. However there are more than 650 research and consulting projects that are conducted by the university's various Schools of Studies (School of Social Work, School of Health Systems Studies Etc.). Most of those projects do not have a separate set of financial statements and are a part of the University's financial results. We have not submitted the copy of the audited financial statements of the University, as the financials of the University are not bifurcated for such details. An extract summary of the Financial Statements are available in the annual report in Annexure 1 Documents - Pt 8.

The quantum and the number of projects that were managed during the year are reported to the Ministry of Education for National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF). The NIRF is publicly available data through the Ministry. We have attached the NIRF reports for the last 3 years in Annexure 1 documents - Pt 4 Proof Of Managing Projects. - Refer Sponsored Research details and Consultancy Project Details.

We wish to substantiate our claim for managing Projects more than \$10M with the NIRF data and Standalone Financials of Saksham for the last 3 Years which sets our turnover above the threshold.

Should you require any further details or information to support our eligibility claim, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are more than willing to provide any additional details necessary to resolve this matter satisfactorily.

Thanks & Regards,
Viknesh
Finance & Admin Manager- TISS-Saksham

On Fri, 28 Jul 2023 at 18:09, Dr Shobini Rajan <iccmsect-mohfw@gov.in> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings!

Based on the EoI submitted by you and upon scrutiny of the documents, it was observed that the amount in the audited financial statements do not match with the financial turnover indicated in the EoI submitted by you on 12th July 2023. Kindly clarify the above and substantiate the claim of eligibility of meeting the 10 mUSD eligibility criteria as claimed by you.

This issues in accordance to Screening Committee deliberations held on 28th [July 2023](#).

Please provide the above mentioned clarifications by 5.00 PM , 31st [July 2023 \(Monday\)](#). Also, please be informed that no new documents will be accepted at this stage which were not submitted earlier with the EoI.

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Best regards,

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Cc: director@tiss.edu, "shweta gfatm" <shweta.gfatm@gmail.com>, "rc sakshampravaah" <rc.sakshampravaah@gmail.com>, "cbl sakshampravaah" <cbl.sakshampravaah@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:19:00 PM

Subject: Re: Application from Saksham, TISS under GFATM for Shortlisting as Non Government Principal Recipient (Tuberculosis)

In continuation to the proposal submission , please find attached Audit Reports (Point 6 of Annexure 1) of the last 3 years.

Thanks & Regards,

Viknesh

Finance & Admin Manager- TISS-Saksham

On Wed, 12 Jul 2023 at 16:58, AVS Viknesh <fam.saksham@gmail.com> wrote:

Respected Madam,

Greetings from Saksham, TISS !

Please find attached the Sample Technical and Financial Proposal along with the supporting documents from **Saksham, Tata Institute of Social Sciences** under GFATM for Shortlisting as Non Government Principal Recipient for the **TB Component** .The following has been attached:

- ♦ Cover letter from Prof. Shalini Bharat, Director, TISS.

- Sample Technical and Financial Proposal.
- Supporting Documents with the Proposal (A.Project Report B.Training Feedback C. Patient Support Center Concept Annexure 1 - M&E Plan Annexure 2. Detailed Budget & Indicators in Global Fund Format)
- Documents outlined in Annexure 1

The hard copy of Sample Technical and Financial Proposal along with the supporting documents will be hand delivered tomorrow.

PS : Two of the documents in Annexure 1 (5. Certified Statement of Expenditure and 6. Audit Reports) will be sent in two trailmail separately owing to their large size. However, the entire set will be submitted in hard copy accordingly.

Annexure-3

NON GOVERNMENT PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT FOR GLOBAL FUND GRANT PERIOD 2024-2027		
SI No	Name of the Organization	Type of organisation society, Trust,Company,Others)
1	Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)	Trust
2	India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA)	Company
3	The UNION	Others-Branch office with RBI permission
4	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)	Others- Academic Institute
5	YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE)	Trust
6	Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)	Trust
7	India Health Action Trust (IHAT)	NGO
8	FIND	Company
9	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)	Trust
10	Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT)	Trust
11	PLAN India	Society
12	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF	Company
13	Project Concern India (PCI)	Society
14	DOCTORS FOR YOU	Society

Annexure-4

NON GOVERNMENT PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT FOR GLOBAL FUND GRANT PERIOD 2024-2027-- TB		
S. No.	Name of the Organization	Type of organisation society, Trust,Company,Others)
1	Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)	Trust
9	The UNION (TB)	Others-Branch office with RBI permission
10	Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)	Others- Academic Institute
24	FIND-TB	Company
26	SAATHII-TB	Trust
29	HLFPPT-TB	Trust
35	PLAN India-TB 1-SCM	Society
36	PLAN India-TB 2-PMTBMBA	Society
38	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- TB	Company
49	DOCTORS FOR YOU	Society

**NON GOVERNMENT PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT FOR GLOBAL FUND GRANT
PERIOD 2024-2027- HIV**

S. No.	Name of the Organization	Type of organisation society,
3	India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA) (HIV)	Company
8	The UNION (HIV)	Others-Branch office with RBI permission
11	YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE)	Trust
13	Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)-HIV-1	Trust
15	Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)-HIV-2	Trust
20	India Health Action Trust (IHAT)-HIV	NGO
23	FIND-HIV	Company
25	Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)-HIV	Trust
28	HLFPPT-HIV Samarthya	Trust
31	HLFPPT-TSU	Trust
33	PLAN India-HIV 1-COMPOSITE	Society
34	PLAN India-HIV 2-COMMODITIES NACP	Society
39	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- HIV	Company

**NON GOVERNMENT PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT FOR GLOBAL FUND
GRANT PERIOD 2024-2027- Malaria**

S. No.	Name of the Organization	Type of organisation society, Trust,Company,Others)
12	Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)- Malaria	Trust
37	PLAN India-Malaria	Society
40	William J Clinton Foundation WJCF- MALARIA	Company
45	PCI Malaria	Society