

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

The Global Fund in their communication dated 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Principle Recipients (PRs) organizations by seeking Expression of Interest (Eoi) from interested Non-Government institutions from 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 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)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation/Organisation</b>
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 (NVBDCP)
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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 till 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.
- India CCM Secretariat received a total of 41 applications till closing date i.e. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. Out of the 41, 34 applications were received in hard copy (33+1). One application was received (only in hard copy) after the due date (i.e on 24/2/2023) and 6 applications (out of the 41) were received only in soft copy). List of all applications received are placed at Annex-1.

- During the first meeting of the Screening Committee convened on 27th February 2023 the members of screening committee were able to witness the opening of and to initial the physical copies of proposals received by due date so that the ICCM secretariat thereafter began the process of checking for completeness and preparing documents to support examination by the Screening Committee.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Screening Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, all the EoIs were screened as per 5 eligibility criteria in an eligibility sheet by India CCM Secretariat. The 5 eligibility criteria are as given below:
  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 any one or more out of the three areas of TB/HIV/Malaria including Health Systems in India for at least 5 years.
- It was decided to consider applications which were submitted in hard copy only amounting to a total of 33 applications. Out of the 33 applications, 22 were screened to be eligible and 11 were screened to be ineligible.
- A table of ineligible applications along with the reasons of ineligibility is detailed below:

<b>Sl No</b>	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Reason for ineligibility</b>
1	Sattva	Not having NITI Ayog registration or FCRA registration. Reasons for exemption not specified.
2	TISS (HIV and TB)	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
3	UPVHA	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
4	Gir Pachhat Jati Vikas Sewa Samiti	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
5	CJWS Nellore	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
6	Nijanand Ashram Gujarat /(same as Deepak Foundation)	Not having 5 or more years of experience in HIV/TB/Malaria
7	Apollo Telemed Networking Foundation / Apollo Telehealth Service	Not having 5 or more years of experience in HIV/TB/Malaria
8	CHRI (HIV and Malaria)	Not having FCRA registration. Reasons for FCRA exemption not specified.
9	Share India	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD.
10	Prayatna	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD when financials of lead PR are considered
11	Absolute Human Care Foundation	Cumulative turnover over 3 out of 5 years coming to be less than 10 mUSD

- Further, a detailed analysis of the eligible organizations was done to objectively score them on the parameters given below as per the EoI:
  1. Organizational capacity—20 marks
  2. Experience and Past projects in HIV/TB/ Malaria including Health Systems—30 marks
  3. Sample Technical Proposal—50 marks
- Detailed inputs from the programme divisions were collated by inviting representatives to the discussions held during the discussions on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Inputs were taken from the Programme Divisions for 2 broad areas:
  - i) In terms of performance of the organization ( in case it is an existing PR in the current Global Fund Grant)
  - ii) Second, in terms of the sample technical proposal, the representatives from the Programme Divisions in the Screening Committee further shared the proposals with relevant technical people in the Divisions who took a look at the proposals and shared their inputs with the Screening Committee.
- Grant ranking as received from the LFA for the period of October 2022 to March 2023 was also obtained from LFA through ICCM secretariat and seen.
- Further discussions were continued on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, to draw a consensus over the proposals and create a final scoring sheet which contained the inputs of the Programme Divisions along with the scoring which has been done as per the parameters in the EoI along with LFA GF rating ( for the existing PRs).
- It was decided that **60 marks** to be considered as the cut-off score for selection as prospective PRs. Inputs from Programme Divisions regarding the organizations and the sample technical proposals were duly incorporated while scoring. 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.
- A matrix of eligible applicants with detailed scoring of each proposal arranged in the order of scores as well as an organization wise disease specific matrix indicating the details of the programme inputs and grading was prepared to facilitate the discussions towards firming up the recommendations towards selection of organizations to be Non Government Principal Recipients for the Global Fund Grant cycle 2024-27. (Please refer **Annexure – II**)

**Key recommendations:**

- Out of the 22 eligible proposals submitted by 11 organizations, 18 proposals submitted by 9 organizations are recommended by the Screening Committee to become NGPRs in the upcoming grant following an open, transparent, and consultative process.
- Two organizations-Piramal Swasthya and HLFPT were rejected as their average scores were below the qualifying score of 60 marks (48 marks and 58.6 marks respectively)
- The Screening Committee recommended the following 9 organizations as prospective non government PRs in order of ranking as detailed below:

Organization	Disease Component	Avg Score	Ranking
Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)	TB	93	1
Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)	TB, HIV	91.75	2
PLAN India	HIV, TB	88	3
The International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union)	HIV, TB	87.5	4
William J Clinton Foundation (WJCF)	TB, Malaria	87	5
YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE)	HIV	82	6
Solidarity and Action Against The HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)	HIV, TB	81.5	7
India HIV AIDS Alliance (IHAA)	HIV	80	8
Transport Corporation of India Foundation (TCIF)	Malaria, HIV, Combined	70.5	9

**The Screening Committee also recommended the following:**

- Since the Innovations component in the proposals submitted were limited, the Programme Divisions may start discussions with the selected PRs, so that adequate innovations may be incorporated keeping programme priorities in view.
- The expertise of the organization FIND may be explored for strengthening the Biomedical waste management component.
- Programme Divisions during their discussions with the NGPRs may come up with sustainable transition plans hereon.
- 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.

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