

RBM PARTNERSHIP TO END MALARIA
Country and Regional Support Partner Committee

**Orientation of Malaria Programmes and Partners on
Global Fund Grant Cycle 7, Nairobi, Kenya
12 - 17 December 2022**



MEETING REPORT

Introduction

The Global Fund launched the Grant Cycle 7 (GC7) for the period 2023 – 2025 in December 2022. The GC7 features a differentiated application process that requires countries to develop a funding application according to their needs and specific context. Each type of application requires a different review and approval processes.

The majority of countries have malaria Global Fund grants from the current cycle ending on 31 December 2023 and need to submit their funding request in either Window 1 or 2 to prevent a disruption in funding. It is expected that 47 (approx 80%) funding requests for malaria for the grant cycle 7 will be submitted in Window 1 and 2 (submission window deadlines indicated below).

The submission window deadlines are listed below. Additional windows will be announced once available.

Window 1 20 March 2023,
Window 2 29 May 2023,
Window 3 21 August 2023

Application materials for the Global Fund’s 2023-2025 funding cycle are now available on the [GF website](#). These are aligned to the [2023-2028 Global Fund Strategy](#).

In preparation for the Global Fund funding request for the Grant Cycle 7, the RBM Partnership to End Malaria through its Country Regional Support Partner Committee organized two back-to-back orientation workshops in Nairobi, Kenya, from December 12–17, 2022 as follows: the first meeting for the English speaking countries was held from 12 - 14 December 2022 and the second meeting from 15 - 17 December 2022 for a mix of French, Spanish and Portuguese. The reason for splitting into two meetings was to limit the number of attendants at each of the workshops as part of the mitigation measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission while at the workshop. In addition, this gave the opportunity for the countries to easily interact among peers without language barriers.

Meeting Objectives

The main purpose of the orientation workshop was to provide more insights to the representatives of Malaria Programmes of eligible malaria endemic countries and interested partners on Global Fund application, orient on support tools, provide updates on technical recommendations, offer an exchange platform to countries for sharing their current challenges and past application processes experiences and provide an opportunity to work on application development plans, timelines and technical

assistance needed. This meeting also provided an opportunity for presenting tools and mechanisms available to support countries to develop technically robust malaria concept notes that fit into their needs and specific contexts.

Specific Objectives

The specific objectives of the workshop was to:

- Provide detailed information on the Global Fund differentiated application processes;
- Provide an overview of WHO technical recommendations for malaria;
- Support countries to develop their application development plans and timelines
- Review RBM Partnership to end malaria support tools including the programmatic and financial gap analysis template to be used to support the submission; and
- Compile and review the technical support needed through RBM/CRSPC.

Meeting Participants

The meeting participants for the face to face meeting for both meetings included the following:

- National Malaria Programmes in Africa - National Malaria Programme Manager, Global Fund Focal Point, Monitoring and Evaluation focal point and WHO NPOs;
- National Malaria Programmes in Asia and Latin America - National Malaria Programme Manager and Global Fund Focal Point;
- RBM/CRSPC Consultants who will provided technical support during the application development;
- Global, regional and national level partners including PRs;
- Facilitators: WHO HQ, WHO AFRO, Regional Advisors, Multi-Country Assistance Teams;
- Facilitators: Global Fund Secretariat team;
- Facilitators; RBM Partnership Secretariat team and CRSPC co-chairs and Steering Committee members.

Virtual participants

Members of the CCMs, Principal Recipients, civil society organizations, relevant personnel from Ministries of Health (e.g. RSSH, UHC etc) and other partners joined through virtual means. RBM provided the Zoom link platform through which those who had registered through RBM website endmalaria.org, connected virtually.

Fifty three malaria endemic countries attended the meetings from Africa, the Americas, and the Asia Pacific, and were represented by Malaria Programme Managers, M&E

Officers, Global Fund focal personnel and their local country partners including WHO. In addition, the workshop was attended by RBM Secretariat, Global Fund Secretariat, RBM consultants supporting countries, WHO, US PMI, and other Partners. Both events were held as hybrid meetings, with in-person and virtual participation, attracting a total of 373 face-to-face participants and 266 virtual participants, that included UN agencies, NGOs, academia, parliamentarians, private sector, and Civil Societies. (Annex 3).

Meeting Modality

Meeting Modality: both meetings were held for 3 days, during which different agenda items were presented. (Annex 1) The national malaria programs were guided through the application procedure, tools, and timelines for the 2023-2025 cycle proposals to allow for forward planning. The participants were oriented on the new and existing Global Fund application tools and materials; updated on WHO technical recommendations for malaria; updated on the RBM/CRSPC support tools including the use of the programmatic and financial gap analysis template; and identified the technical support needs.

Presentations were made in plenary which were followed by discussions on technical updates, Side meetings were held with individual countries/program managers and partners. In addition to the above mentioned consultations, many partners seized the opportunity of CRSPC meeting to engage bilaterally with countries and amongst themselves. The Presentations can be found on [RBM website](#).

Outcomes of the Meeting

The meeting provided an opportunity to engage National Malaria Control Programmes. As 2023 is the start of the new Global Fund grant cycle 7, national malaria programmes and partners were oriented on the highlights of the global fund application tools for the 2024-2026 funding cycle.

In addition, the meeting also provided an opportunity for countries from Africa, South East Asia, Asia Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America to get to know each other, discuss, exchange experiences and to network. It also provided an opportunity for RBM consultants to meet and receive orientation on new tools and support requirements for grant cycle 7 which provided clarity on their concerns and challenges they face during country support missions. RBM Partners and Partner Committees, the Global Fund and CRSPC also had opportunities for side meetings with countries.

The Overall Outcomes of the Meeting were:

- The national malaria programs were guided through the application procedure, tools, and timelines for the 2023-2025 cycle proposals to allow for forward planning.
- The participants were oriented on the new and existing Global Fund application tools and materials;
- Updated on WHO technical recommendations for malaria;
- Updated on the RBM/CRSPC support tools including the use of the programmatic and financial gap analysis template; and identified the technical support needs.
- The post meeting evaluation displayed a very high satisfaction rate across all countries and partners, highlighting the importance both workshops had in increasing Country preparedness for the upcoming funding cycles.

In conclusion, the meeting was a success as it was the first ever meeting to be attended by representatives of all invited countries from Africa, South East Asia, Asia Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America, and partners. Furthermore, the main objective of the workshop was achieved as shown in the meeting evaluation.

Meeting Evaluation:

At the end of the meeting, the participants provided feedback on the logistics as well as the technical aspects of the meeting.

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Next steps & Follow-up

- Compile and finalize the technical support needed by the countries through RBM/CRSPC
- Follow up the additional technical support countries need that are an input to the Global Fund funding requests such as CRG assessment using malaria Matchbox tool, MPR and revising NSP
- Map and consultants to provide the technical assistance for the Global Fund funding requests and other supports
- Map and revise the list of countries that will submit during the different submission windows and adjust the technical assistance needs accordingly.

- Start planning for the first peer review (mock TRP) meeting which is tentatively set for 21-23 February 2023.
- Continue to communicate with NMCP managers to follow up on any new developments around technical assistance needs, window of submission etc.
- Plan for holistic technical assistance for the countries which includes international consultants, grants for local consultants and in-country stakeholders consultation meetings.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Agenda

Day 1

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Method of Work
08:00	Registration	RBM Secretariat
9:00	Opening remarks Opening remarks Official opening and welcoming Introduction, Meeting Objectives,	Dr Corine Karema, Interim CEO, RBM Partnership Dr Adourahmane Diallo, WHO Country Representative, Kenya H.E Minister of Health of Kenya CRSPC
10:00	Coffee break and group photo	
10:30	Global Fund Overview of Application Process - Funding cycle - Differentiation - Country Dialogue and CCM eligibility - Prioritize Above Allocation Request - Sustainability - Catalytic funding	GF team (Access to Funding - Bianca) (Chairperson - Susie)
11:30	Global Fund Overview of Application Process - Program Essentials - Data tables - Q&A	GF team (Chairperson - Susie)
12:00	Global Fund Overview of Application Process Key messages on malaria	GF team
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	Global Fund Overview of Application Process - Surveillance, Monitoring and Evaluation – 20 mins - Value For Money – 20 mins Q&A	GF team
16:00	Coffee break	
	Global Fund Overview of Application Process GF in COE and emergency settings – 20 mins Q&A	GF team
17:30	End of Day 1	

Day 2

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Method of Work
08:30	Global Fund Overview of Application Process - RSSH – 20 mins - CRG – 20 mins Q&A	GF team
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Updates on WHO Malaria Guidelines	Dr. Olumese
	Updates on subnational stratification and targeted malaria intervention	Dr. Noor
	Updates on the Strategy to Respond to Antimalarial resistance in Africa	Dr. Ringwald
13:00	Lunch break	
14.00	Strengthening human resource capacity for malaria programme	Dr. Ortega
	Integrating gender, equity and Human Rights considerations in malaria	Dr Tarwo Oyelade
15.00	CRSPC high level lessons learnt from previous concept note process.	CRSPC
	Review of the CRSPC Gap Analysis template:	CRSPC
16:30	Coffee break	
16:50	Review of the CRSPC Gap Analysis template: continued	CRSPC
17:20	Global Fund refugee/IDP analysis results	Dana
17:40	End of Day 2	

Day 3

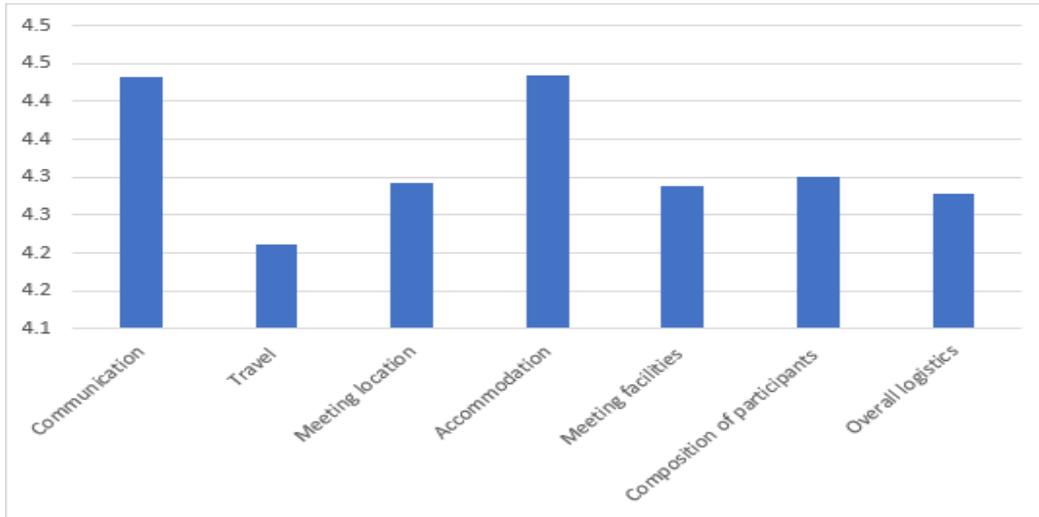
Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Method of Work
08:30	Review of application templates 1. Programme Continuation; 2. Full applications; 3. NSP applications 4. Tailored Focus countries	GF team (Access to Funding - Bianca)
10:00	Coffee break	
10:30	Review of application templates continued	GF team (Access to Funding)
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	Application TA/process planning	Individual country team work
	Clinics: Individual consultations with experts -GF applications, RSSH, SNT and SBC	Expert groups
16:00	Coffee break	
16:30	Next Steps and Meeting Closure	CRSPC Co-Chairs

Annex 2: Meeting Evaluation

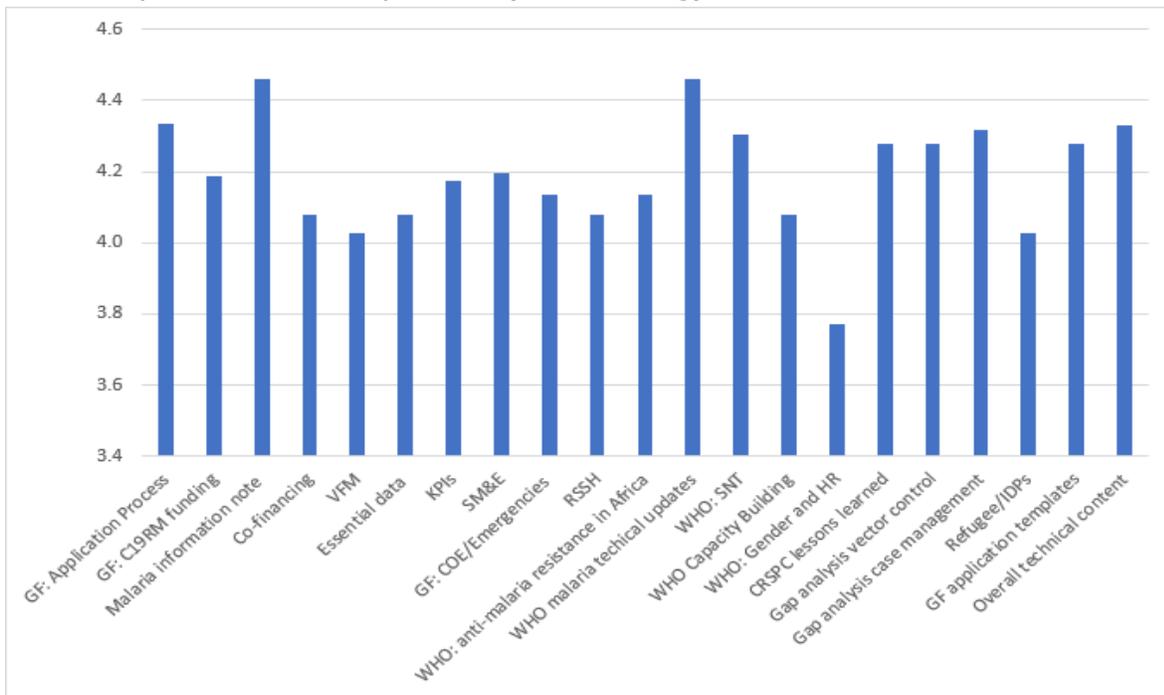
At the end of the meeting, the participants (N366) provided feedback on the logistics as well as the technical aspects of the meeting.

In general, the participants rated the meetings high in the scale of 1 lowest to 5 highest both logistical arrangements and technical aspects as indicated in the charts below.

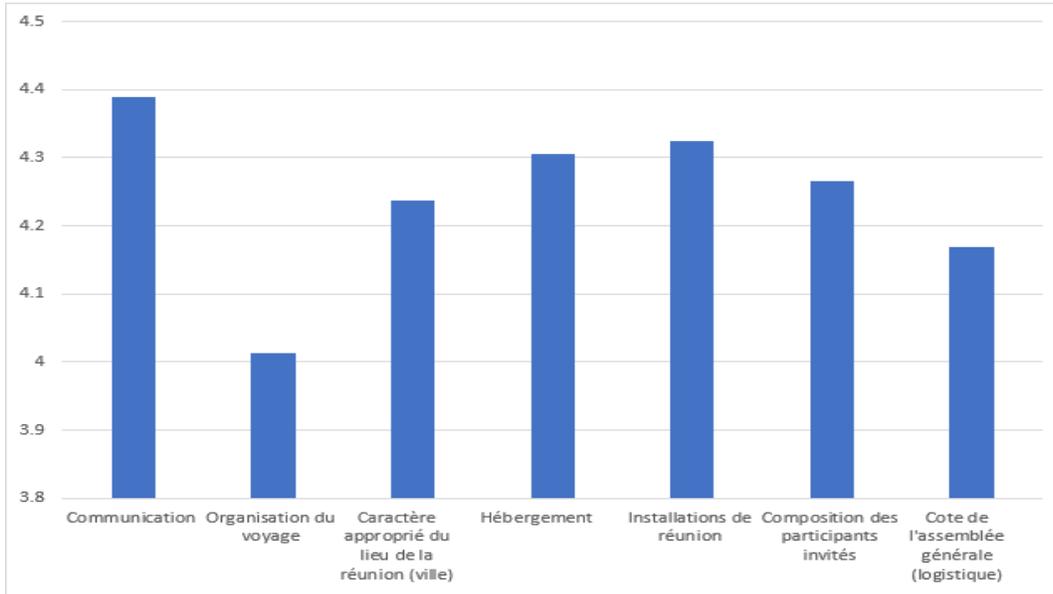
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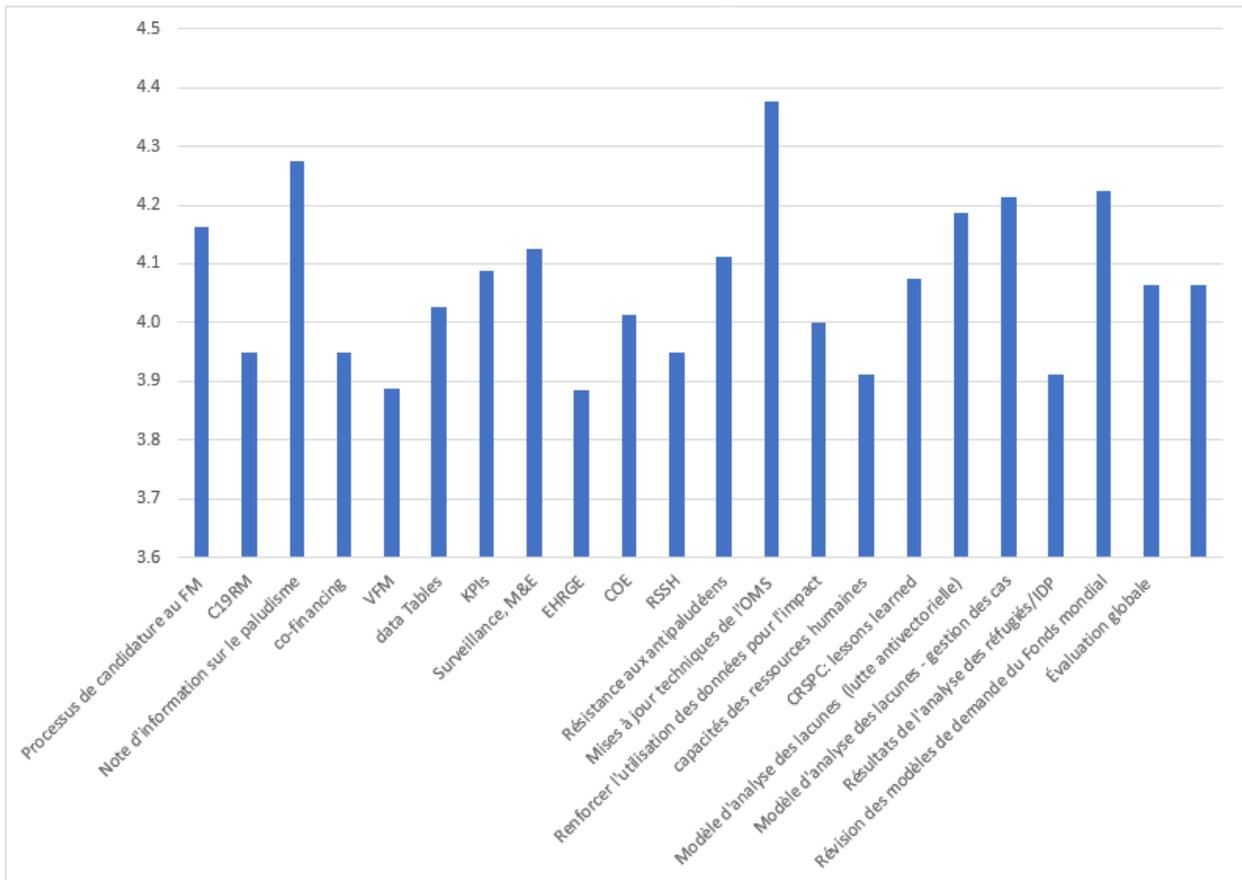
Technical presentation components (first meeting)



Meeting logistics (second meeting)



Technical presentation components (second meeting)



Annex 3: List of participants

Link to the list can be found here

[List of Participants - Orientation meeting Dec 2022](#)