

Our Reference: **C19RM_GEORGIA_ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

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Subject: COVID-19 Response Mechanism additional funding for Georgia

Your Excellency Minister Tikaradze,

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly spreading across the globe and threatens to derail HIV, TB, and malaria programs, overwhelm community and health systems and cause significant morbidity and mortality. To mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the three diseases and support health and community systems in Georgia, the Global Fund has approved **USD 703,540** of additional investments for your country's COVID-19 response, under the Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM).

Please note that this is a one-time investment additional to your country's 2017-2019 allocation (and where necessary, the 2020-2022 allocation) and will become part of grant GEO-H-NCDC.

The interventions, activities and investment amounts approved by the Global Fund are set out in Annex 1 of this letter.

These interventions and activities were identified for immediate award due to programmatic need. Given the urgency of these interventions and activities, the funds should be incorporated into the grant no later than 12 August 2020. Additional amounts requested under your C19RM funding request have not been approved at this stage but may be approved if further funding becomes available.

Set out below are the next steps required to enable swift implementation of the approved interventions and activities.

1. By 30 June 2020, the Principal Recipient is requested to finalize with the Global Fund, the remaining order details (e.g. delivery address and incoterm) for procuring the COVID-19 diagnostics products under C19RM through Wambo (if applicable) as well as a breakdown of COVID-19 diagnostic orders per grant. The Principal Recipient is also requested to provide a copy of this information to the Global Fund Supply Operations team within the same timeframe.

2. By 30 June 2020, the Principal Recipient is requested to finalize with the Global Fund, a breakdown of the approved C19RM funding, activities and health products by grant. The funding breakdown should preferably be at quarterly and cost-input level to facilitate revision of the Detailed Budget.
3. By 14 July 2020, the Principal Recipient is requested to finalize with the Global Fund, a revised Detailed Budget capturing all approved C19RM interventions and activities within the budget template's COVID-19 module and interventions. Revisions to the Detailed Budget are expected to follow standard requirements as set out in the Global Fund Guidelines for Grant Budgeting (2019, as amended from time to time).

The Global Fund Country Team will issue an Implementation Letter upon receipt of the above items to the satisfaction of the Global Fund. In order to avoid delays in programming the additional funds, the Principal Recipient is requested to return the countersigned Implementation Letter by email as soon as possible and in any event, no later than 15 days from the date the letter is sent. Failure to do so may result in the funds being reinvested elsewhere by the Global Fund.

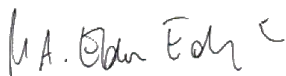
The additional funds must be used by **30 June 2021** and only for the purposes for which the funding was approved and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

Please note that C19RM support and grant flexibilities for the COVID-19 response cannot exceed an amount equivalent to 10% of the country allocation for the 2020-2022 allocation period.

Your Global Fund Portfolio Manager will be in touch shortly to advise further on the above process.

We stand ready to support Georgia in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatens to destroy years of progress against HIV, TB and malaria. To defeat COVID-19, protect progress against HIV, TB and malaria, and save lives, we must unite to fight.

Yours sincerely



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Annex 1

Breakdown of C19RM interventions, activities and investment amounts approved by the Global Fund

Table 1: Breakdown of C19RM investment amount by category

	Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs	Reinforcing national COVID-19 response	Urgent improvements in health and community systems
Immediate award	USD 175,600	USD 527,940	N/A

Table 2: Breakdown of interventions and activities for immediate award by category

Immediate award	
Category	Approved interventions / activities
Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs	<p>The Global Fund has approved the interventions and activities set out at section 1.2 (<i>Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs</i>) of the C19RM Funding Request subject to the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The funding of to USD8,600 for activity 2.2 (<i>Shelters for KPs, including migrant KPs left without housing</i>) is not approved. However, the requested amount should be reinvested into nutritional support for TB patients, PLHIV and KPs. <p>In addition, the Global Fund has approved the following activities set out at section 1.3 (<i>Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs</i>) of the C19RM Funding Request for immediate award:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity 1 (<i>KAPs HIV Self-testing capacity strengthening in preparation of the next wave of COVID-19 infection</i>) in the amount of up to USD30,000; and 2. Activity 2 (<i>IT Capacity strengthening of NGOs/CBOs for outreach data management during COVID-19 epidemic</i>) in the amount of up to USD25,000.
Reinforcing national COVID-19 response	<p>The Global Fund has approved the interventions and activities set out at section 1.2 (<i>Reinforcing national COVID-19 response</i>) of the C19RM Funding Request.</p> <p>In addition, the Global Fund has approved the following activity set out at section 1.3 (<i>Reinforcing national COVID-19 response</i>) of the C19RM Funding Request for immediate award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity 6 (<i>Ensure Protection of health care workers and personnel of NGO/CBOs providing HIV and TB services</i>) in the amount of up to USD78,000
Urgent improvements in health and community systems	No funding requested/approved under this category.