

Portfolio Categorization

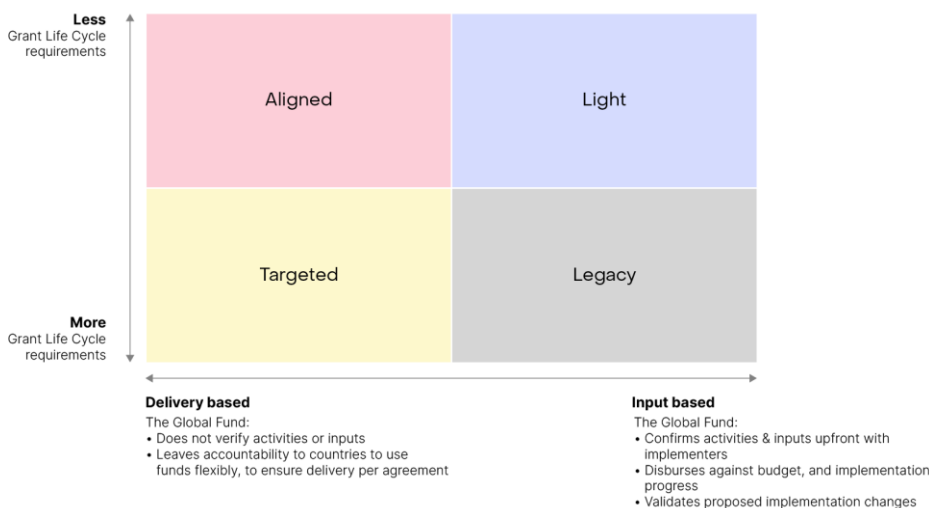
Focused: Aligned Portfolios

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Countries and multicountries eligible for Global Fund support are assigned to one of three portfolio categories: High Impact, Core or Focused, based on country allocations and disease burden. Policy requirements and procedures across the grant life cycle are differentiated based on these categories. For more information on portfolio categorization, see pages 4-6 of the [Operational Policy Manual](#). Countries within the Focused category, while having a lower burden, are very diverse and have a wide range of epidemiological contexts. Therefore, the support from the Global Fund to Focused portfolios is targeted and oversight of grants may vary significantly from one country to another.

In order to further tailor the management process and level of oversight for Focused portfolios, the Global Fund has developed the Focused Portfolio Management Models. These new models, applicable for grants in Grant Cycle 7 and beyond, enable implementers and the Global Fund to better adapt to the needs and context of each country by adapting processes and requirements to provide increased flexibility, placing emphasis on the most value-adding activities.

Graph 1: Focused Portfolio Management models



Main features of the Aligned Model

Under the Aligned management model, the scope of Global Fund support is limited to one or (maximum) two programmatic priorities, ensuring that Global Fund investments can have the most impact and are focused where it is most critical. The objective of this management models is to ensure that Global Fund investment strengthens national priorities and is aligned as much as possible with national systems. This supports country ownership and avoids the creation of parallel processes for Global Fund-specific requirements. The Global Fund maintains engagement and support to ensure meaningful involvement of key stakeholders and civil society, garner political commitment and drive meaningful co-financing investments.

In this management model, the Global Fund invests upfront in specific agreed results to be verified at the end of the 3-year cycle. Under the Aligned model, Principal Recipients have a strong track record of grant implementation, with a demonstrated ability to make decisions and a proven capacity to reach their targets independently. Additionally, the country has robust reporting, oversight, and auditing mechanisms in use.