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# **Summary of Changes**

## Revisions

Grant revisions are critical to maximizing impact in alignment with national strategic plans and the <u>Global Fund Strategy (2025-2028)</u>. Through revisions, reinvestments can be undertaken mid-cycle in response to evolving contexts and needs, ensuring efficient and effective use of funds throughout the implementation period and allowing for timely adaptation to shifting priorities. The revision process and requirements are detailed in the updated <u>Operational Policy Note</u> and <u>Operational Procedures</u> on Revise Grants.

Objectives driving the changes:



**Increase flexibility** to respond mid-cycle to evolving business needs, including novel funding areas.



**Reduce administrative burden** for Principal Recipients (PRs) by further simplifying and automating specific tasks, enabling maximum time to focus on grant implementation.



**Improve data quality and monitoring**, enabling robust oversight and streamlined management through every phase of the grant life cycle.

Implementation of key changes:

#### Improved budget management for greater agility

The new budgeting approach improves how budget changes are managed and ensures accurate financial tracking and reporting.

**Incremental Detailed Budget Form.** For Additional Funding or End-date Revisions: when the IP Budget is increased or reduced or there are non-costed adjustments, these changes no longer need to be reflected in the Baseline Budget. Instead, PRs use a new Incremental Detailed Budget Form to capture these changes, which are incorporated into the total IP Budget and formalized through an Implementation Letter (IL).

**Budget Adjustment Form.** For Budget Revisions or Programmatic Revisions which impact the budget: Adjustments are captured in the new online Budget Adjustment Form (BAF), allowing PRs to track changes at summary level without the issuance of an IL. The PR and Global Fund can make adjustments through the BAF at any point during implementation.

#### **Real-time access to the Performance Framework**

Performance Framework data is displayed online in the Partner Portal once the revised Excel file is shared by the Country Team in the Global Fund systems or attached by the PR in the Portal. This ensures quick and easy access to the most up-to-date Performance Framework for all users, with an improved layout for navigation and review. It also lays the foundation for further system enhancements.

### **Redesigning processes for the future**

Changes have been made to streamline workflows, reduce PR effort, enhance visibility and tracking, and improve data quality. Users can now make administrative edits to the existing Performance Framework and budget as part of an Administrative Revision, requiring only a Notification Letter from the Global Fund. Revision types have also been simplified to align with the updated policy.