



INFORMATION SESSION

Applying for Funding in GC8

Introduction Session

15 December 2025

Agenda slide

- ① Implications of Replenishment Outcomes
- ② Overview of Applying for Funding in GC8
- ③ Preview of Application and Guidance Materials
- ④ Operational Planning
- ⑤ Information Sessions and Resources

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Implications of Replenishment Outcomes

We should anticipate



Reduced Country Allocations



Accelerated Transitions



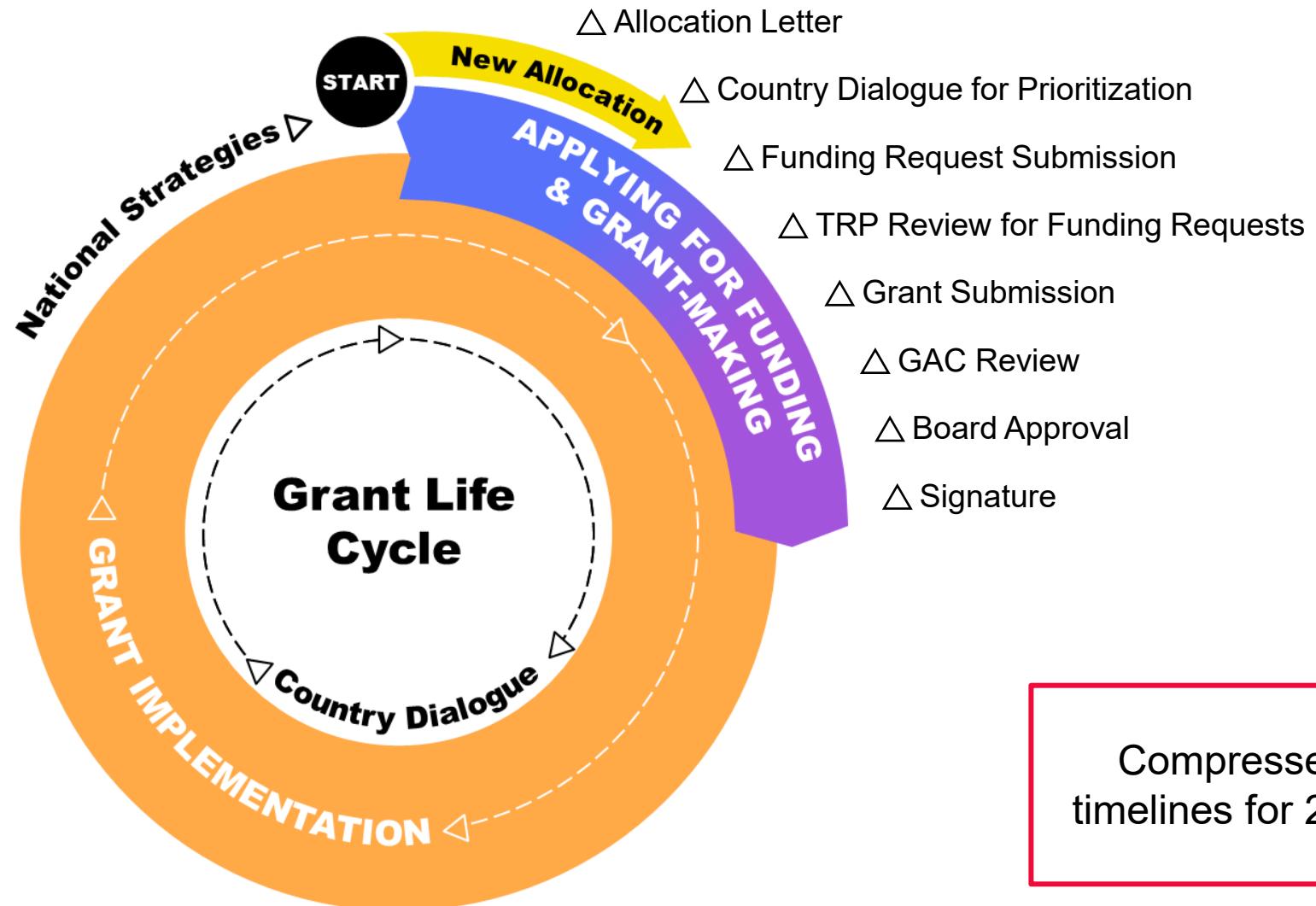
Final Allocations

Critical to maximize outcomes through **prioritization, integration**, by **focusing on most at risk** populations, equipping for **self-reliance**, and expediting access to **innovations**.

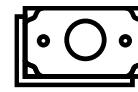
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Overview of Applying for Funding in GC8

Fundamentals of Applying for Funding Remain



Eligibility for Allocation



⑧ = Different in GC8

Income level	Disease Burden	Eligibility
Low Income Countries (LICs)	No restriction	✓
Lower-Middle Income Countries (LMICs)	No restriction	✓
Upper-Middle Income Countries* (UMICs)	High	✓
	Not high	✗
High Income Countries	N/A	✗



Eligibility **does not** guarantee an allocation.

⑧



Country components that have received **transition funding or voluntarily transition** **are not eligible**, regardless of disease burden/income.



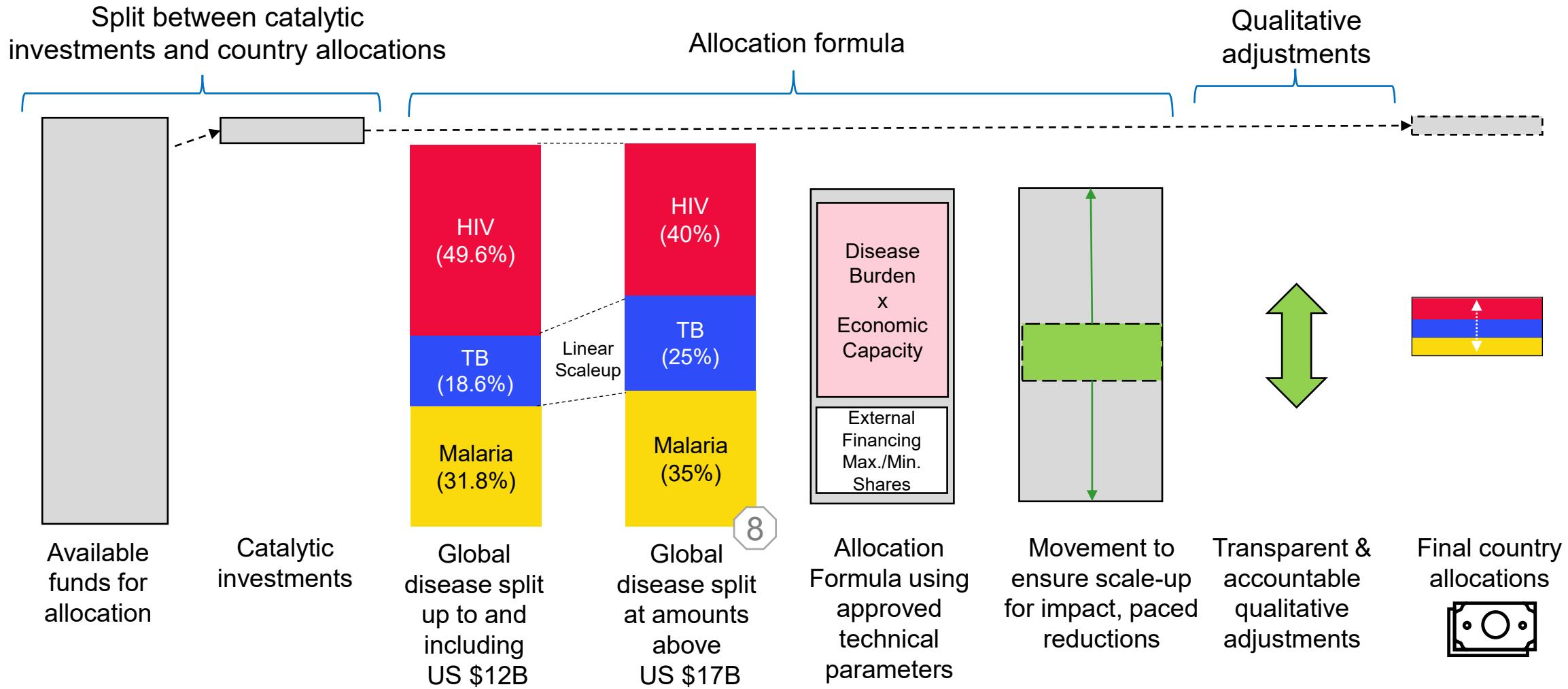
Malaria partners may recommend that a country be made exceptionally eligible for an allocation in the event of significant resurgence.

The Global Fund Eligibility List identifies country components eligible to receive an allocation

* UMICs must meet specific requirements and must have high disease burden. In addition, for HIV, UMICs must be on the OECD Development and Assistance Committee's list of recipients of Official Development Assistance, if not, they may be eligible subject to an assessment of demonstrated barriers to providing funding for interventions for key populations, as supported by the country's epidemiology. UMICs identified by the International Development Association (IDA) as 'IDA Eligible Small States', including Small Island Economies are eligible regardless of disease burden. Challenging Operating Environments (COEs) with existing grants may continue to be eligible as long as classified as COE.

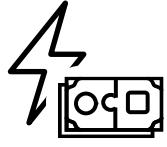
Overview of the GC8 Allocation Methodology

Dedicated
training in
March



Catalytic Investments

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Matching funds



Catalytic Multicountry



Strategic Initiatives

Provisional priority areas for GC8:

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NextGen Market
Shaping &
Response

Emergency Fund

Address Human
Rights & Gender
Barriers

Build Community
Networks &
Engagement

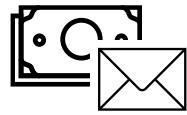
Supporting
Sustainability &
Transition from
Global Fund
Financing

Optimizing RSSH

Climate and Health

Allocation Letters

Target to send early March



Allocation Letters are sent to countries receiving an allocation, with tailored messaging on:

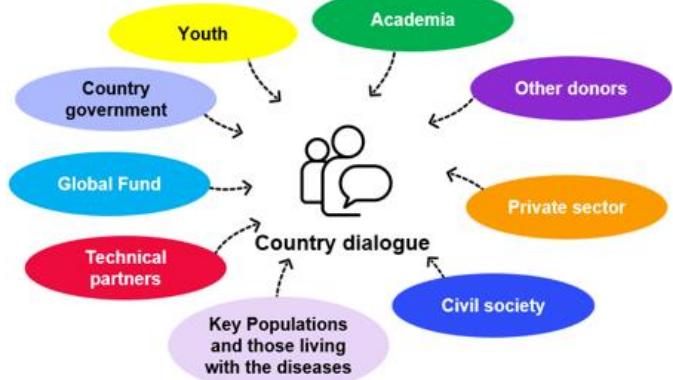
- Allocation Amount + Allocation Utilization Period
- Application Approach
- Co-financing Requirements
- Aims of the Allocation + Priority Investment Areas
- Catalytic Investments (if applicable)
- Transition Pathways and Timelines

Country Dialogue

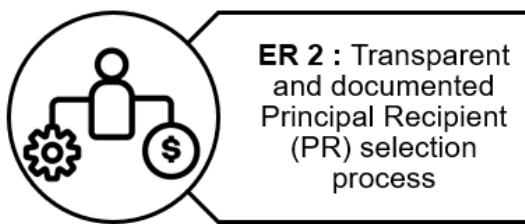
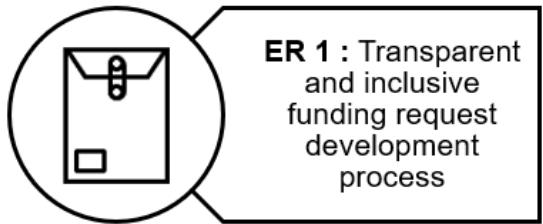


Country Dialogue is required in all contexts, but will need to evolve:

Inclusivity still mandatory

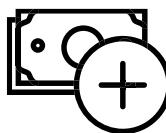


Eligibility Requirements still need to be met



Integrated dialogue will be essential for holistic prioritization

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Need to move away from disease-specific priorities and towards a holistic prioritization of the allocation

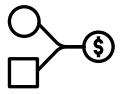
Need to focus dialogue on highest impact and value for money

Start with understanding of programmatic gaps and funding landscape

Tailor dialogue to the country context, considering degree of needed change



Co-financing is critical to supporting sustainable domestic financing and effective transitions.



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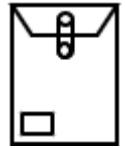
New policy on co-financing in GC8 focuses on:

- Progressive increases in overall health expenditure (a focus for LICs and LMICs)
- Increases in financing of HIV, TB and malaria (all countries)
- **Progressive increases in financing of key interventions to strengthen country ownership of key priorities (all countries)**



Essential to start discussing concrete co-financing commitments during country dialogue

Funding Requests in GC8



Applicants develop a **funding request package** which tells the Global Fund how the Allocation will be invested.



Funding requests should be **aligned with country processes**, reflect the **national health strategy** as expressed in **costed and prioritized National Strategic Plans**, and be informed by **country dialogue**.



For GC8, **countries required to submit funding requests for all eligible components at the same time**, ideally as a single multi-component request.

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Two funding request application packages for GC8:

High Impact and Core Portfolios



Full Review

Funding Request Package for GC8:

Form +
11 Annexes

Dedicated training in January

Focused Portfolios



Transition / Focused

Funding Request Package for GC8:

Form +
9 Annexes

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GC8 FR/GM submission pathways



Important to confirm implementation arrangements early, to improve implementation-readiness. Key prerequisite to allow development of Grant-ready Funding Request.

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Description

If CCM nominates existing PR(s) they can request that PR(s) develop grant-level PF/DB as part of the Applicant's Funding Request submission

Benefits

- ✓ Expedites grant negotiations
- ✓ Reduces manual rework
- ✓ Ensures strong early grant design from the start

Eligibility

For Applicants that **nominate existing PRs for all grants** within the same FR



Early nomination of PRs is critical



Traditional Funding Request completed by the Applicant, with FR-level PF/DB, reviewed by TRP before negotiating grant-level PF/DB

- ✓ Ensures a rigorous FR prioritization process in case of changing PR, or significant changes to implementation arrangements or national reprioritization

For applicants nominating a **new PR for one or more grants**, or who choose to use the classic approach



Early nomination of PRs still recommended

Funding Request Review by Technical Review Panel



The Technical Review Panel (TRP) is an independent, impartial team of experts recruited to review funding requests. Review approach for GC8 is being updated to ensure greater differentiation and alignment with key changes in GC8.

The TRP assesses the extent to which funding requests demonstrate:

Strategic Focus

Technical Soundness

Potential for Impact

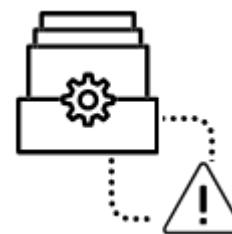
Poised for Sustainability

TRP Review Criteria are tied to the 2023-2028 Global Fund Strategy.

Following the review, funding requests are either:

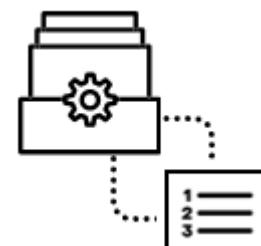


Recommended for Grant-making

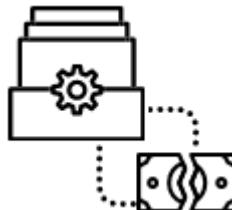


Recommended for Iteration

The TRP also identifies:



Issues and Actions to be Addressed



Items from PAAR assessed as Unfunded Quality Demand (UQD)

Grant-making



Translating the funding request into quality grants that are disbursement- and implementation-ready.



Grant negotiations between the Global Fund and the selected Principal Recipient, in consultation with in-country stakeholders (including communities).



The programmatic targets and budget are agreed upon and documented in the Performance Framework and Budget.



Following GAC recommendation, the grant is signed by the PR and CCM, and is signed by the Global Fund upon Board approval.

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Preview of Application and Guidance Materials

Full Review – Funding Request Form



Form and Instructions **60% shorter** in GC8 than in GC7

Four Sections of the Form:

Country Context & Priorities

Funding Request and Rationale

Sustainability, Domestic Financing,
Co-financing and Resource
Mobilization

Implementation

The screenshot shows the 'Summary Information' section of the 'Funding Request Form' for 'Grant Cycle 8'. The section includes fields for Country(s), Component(s), Planned grant(s) start date(s), Planned grant(s) end date(s), Principal Recipient(s), Currency, Allocation Funding Request Amount, Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR) Amount, and Matching Funds Request Amount (if applicable). Each field has a corresponding description in blue text below it. At the bottom of the section, there is a note: 'See the Core Guidance page for guidance on prioritizing and developing the Funding Request. See the Example of a Full Review Funding Request (forthcoming) for an example of how to complete this form.' The Global Fund logo is in the bottom right corner, and the page is numbered 'Page 1 of 5'.

Dedicated training in January

Additional Annexes:

1. Performance Framework
2. Detailed Budget
3. Programmatic Gap Tables
4. Funding Landscape Table
5. Prioritized Above Allocation Request
6. Funding Priorities from Civil Society and Communities
7. National Strategic Plans
8. Assessment of Equity, Human Rights and Gender Related Barriers to Health Services*
9. Sustainability and Transition Documentation**
10. CCM Endorsement of Funding Request
11. CCM Statement of Compliance

* Mandatory for High Impact Portfolios, If available for Core Portfolios

** If available

Transition/Focused – Funding Request Form



Form and Instructions 70% shorter in GC8 than in GC7

Three Sections of the Form:

Funding Request and Rationale

Domestic Financing, Co-financing and Transition

Implementation

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Additional Annexes:

1. Performance Framework
2. Budget
3. Focused Funding Landscape Table
4. Prioritized Above Allocation Request
5. National Strategic Plans
6. Transition Workplan*
7. Assessment of Equity, Human Rights and Gender Related Barriers to Health Services**
8. CCM Endorsement of Funding Request
9. CCM Statement of Compliance

* Mandatory for Transition applicants, If available for other Focused applicants
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Applicant Investment Guidance



Focus on **core guidance** to support prioritization of investments:

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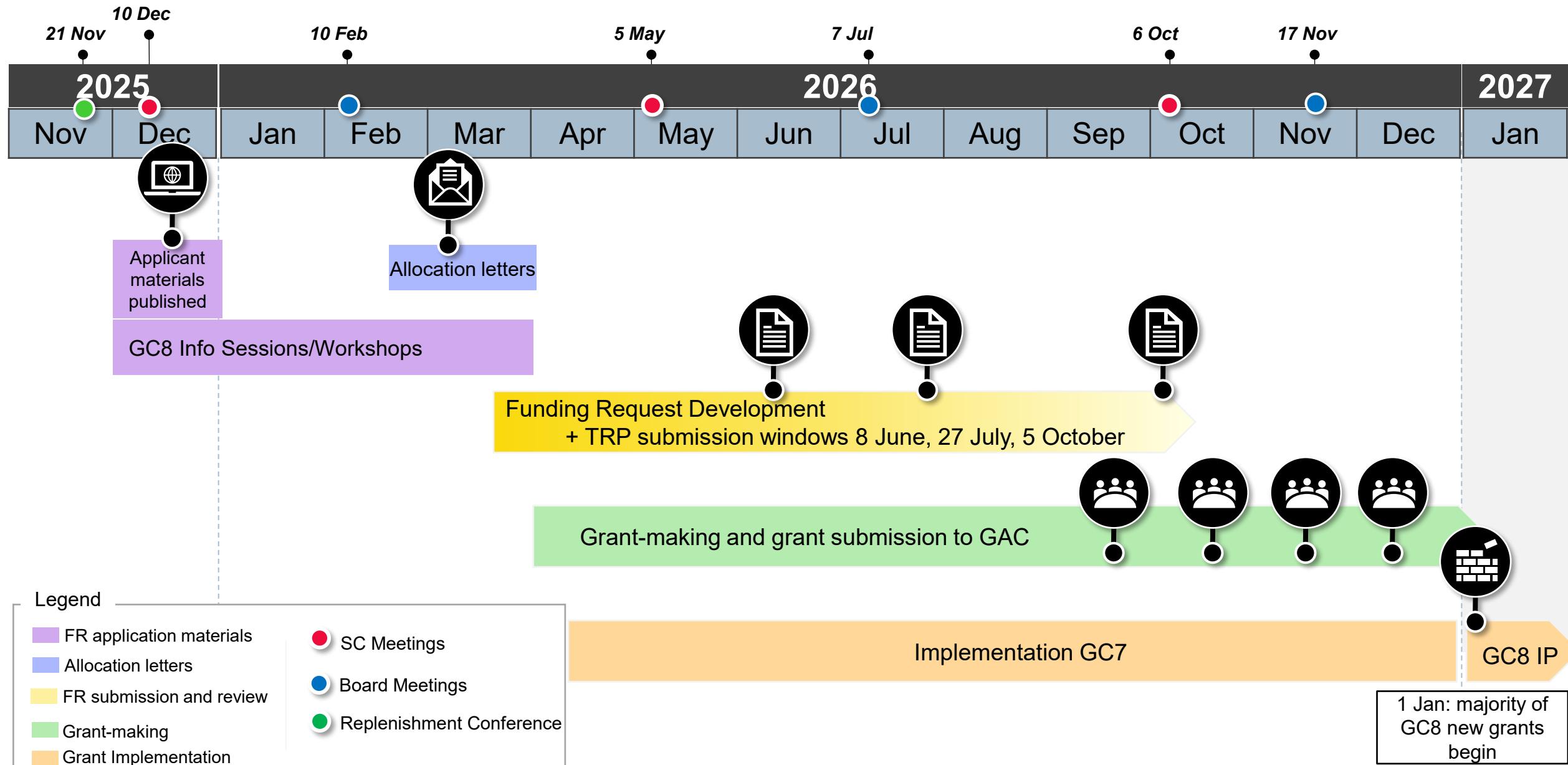
- HIV Information Note
- TB Information Note
- Malaria Information Note
- RSSH Information Note
- Modular Framework Handbook
- Integration Technical Brief
- Sustainability, Transition and Co-financing Guidance
- Removing Human Rights & Gender-related Barriers to HIV, TB and Malaria Services Technical Brief
- Health and Climate Technical Brief
- Procurement and Supply Chain Guidance
- Value for Money Technical Brief
- Payment for Results Technical Brief

Supplemental guidance will separately be available.

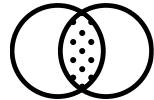
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Operational Planning

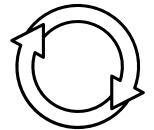
Grant Cycle 8 Timeline: 2026



Important Considerations: discussions should begin now



Accelerate Integration: To drive impact and efficiency, HIV, TB and malaria services and RSSH functions should be integrated within the primary health care (PHC) system. Start discussions now: will take time.



Assess catalytic use and sustainability of Global Fund investments: CCMs can consider how domestic sources of finance will progressively cover i) all or most first line HIV, TB and malaria treatments, ii) diagnostics and service delivery costs, and iii) how Global Fund investments can be more catalytic (including for health and community systems) and can **synergize with other international sources of finance and agreements.**



Simplify Implementation Arrangements: CCMs are encouraged to consider how to simplify implementation arrangements with a consideration for Value for Money. This can additionally shorten the time needed for grant-making.

Early Selection of PRs: In all cases CCMs should consider early confirmation of PRs, allowing for key grant-making activities to begin during funding request development.

Submission Windows



In 2026, three TRP Review Windows are planned:

	FR Submission Date	TRP Review
Window 1	8 June	July
Window 2	27 July	September
Window 3	5 October	November

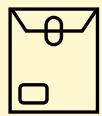
Further windows are expected in 2027.

Submitting Funding Requests



For GC8, CCMs will now manage and submit Funding Requests through the online **Partner Portal** 8

The Partner Portal Funding Request Module is where CCMs will download templates and submit documents. The interface will:



Provide details of required documents and show readiness for submission



Improve visibility of active and completed funding requests



Enhance data quality (automated data quality checks once FR submitted)

Partner Portal Preparations

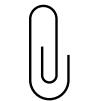
To improve their experience with the Partner Portal and make sure that the right people have access, CCMs should:



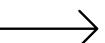
In December 2025: confirm that the names and emails of the CCM Admin Focal Points are correct in the Grant Entity Data App in the Portal



In January- February 2026: discuss which few CCM members and/or consultants will need:



- “Editor” access to download and attach documents



- “Submitter” access to download, attach and submit documents



If preparing a grant-ready FR : Nominate the PR(s) early so PR can work on grant-level PF/DB in the Partner Portal grant-making module

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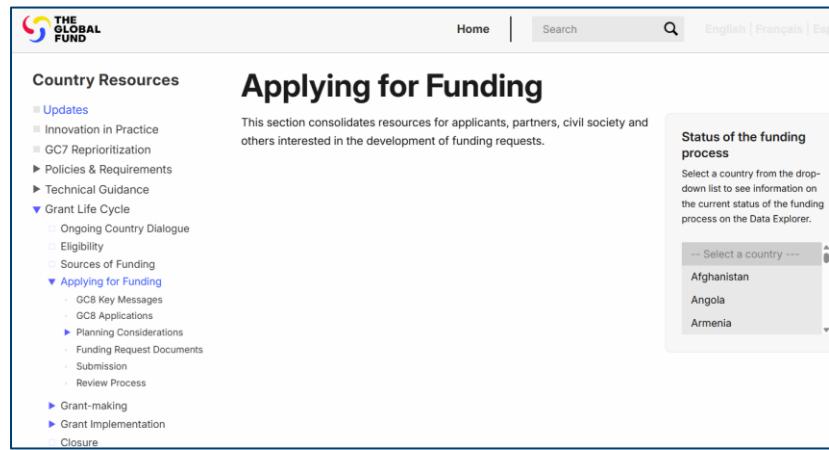
Information Sessions and Resources

Upcoming Information Sessions

Session	Date
Applicant Guidance for GC8: HIV, TB, Malaria, and RSSH	12 January 2026
Applying as Core and High Impact Portfolios with Full Review	22 January 2026
Applicant Guidance for GC8: Sustainability, Transition, Co-financing, Integration and Value for Money	26 January 2026
Annexes Workshop: Modular Framework, Performance Framework, Detailed Budget, Programmatic Gap Tables and Funding Landscape Table	28 January 2026
Allocation and Catalytic Investments Outcomes	12 March 2026
Applying as Focused Portfolios	24 March 2026

Interpretation of the webinars and translated slides will be offered in Spanish and French, and some in Portuguese. Registration, recordings and downloadable slides available [here](#).

Online Resources



The screenshot shows the 'Applying for Funding' page under 'Country Resources'. The page includes a sidebar with links like 'Updates', 'Innovation in Practice', 'GC7 Reprioritization', 'Policies & Requirements', 'Technical Guidance', 'Grant Life Cycle' (with sub-links for Ongoing Country Dialogue, Eligibility, Sources of Funding, and 'Applying for Funding' which is expanded to show 'GC8 Key Messages', 'GC8 Applications', 'Planning Considerations', 'Funding Request Documents', 'Submission', 'Review Process', 'Grant-making', 'Grant Implementation', and 'Closure'), and 'Closure'. The main content area has a heading 'Applying for Funding' and a sub-section 'Status of the funding process' with a dropdown menu showing 'Afghanistan', 'Angola', and 'Armenia'.

Country Resources Subsite

Will include:

- Key messages for GC8
- Applicant guidance and instructions
- TRP Windows and Submission dates
- Country Information trackers (e.g., expected FR per window)
- Registration for information sessions – available now

Forms and applicant guidance published this week