



W4GF call for application - W4GF accountability work to sustain global & national advocacy and track Global Fund investments towards gender equality across HIV, Tuberculosis & malaria

1. Introduction

Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) will implement its community-led monitoring and feedback [Accountability Toolkit](#) in Cameroon, India and Tanzania this year through to November 2021.

The W4GF Accountability Toolkit supports women health and human rights advocates to:

- conduct independent, community-led monitoring and tracking of Global Fund-supported programmes and services to assess the effectiveness of services, including by gathering client perspectives;
- ensure that countries take the right steps to achieve gender equality and uphold human rights by highlighting what is/is not working well in Global Fund-supported programmes and services and advocate to reprogramme and scale up programmes and services that are effective; and
- build and strengthen strategic partnerships between communities and the organizations and institutions implementing the grants, which is essential to enable women to remain meaningfully engaged and to assess their own effectiveness as W4GF advocates in Global Fund processes at the national level.

Women from Cameroon, India and Tanzania who are interested in engaging in this work and see it as an extension of work they are already doing around the Global Fund are encouraged to apply to be part of the core **W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group** for the project.

W4GF will select **10 women from diverse communities in each country** to conduct this work, with special effort to engage networks of young women; women living with HIV; sex workers; transgender women; women who use drugs; and networks of TB advocates and malaria. In addition, **a lead organisation** will be selected in each country from the 10 selected women to lead all national work linked to the W4GF Accountability Toolkit (more details on the lead are below). An overarching goal of the project is to advance community-led monitoring women so that women are empowered to provide effective oversight of programmes that are supported by the Global Fund in a transparent and systematic manner, and with the key goal of ensuring quality of care and access.

The deadline to apply is 5pm CAT on Wednesday 10 February 2021. If you are interested in applying, please read the rest of this call and then complete the form linked to this call. The application requires you to submit a letter of support from your organisation and/or network.

2. How this work will take place

This work is being conducted in four stages, all coordinated and supported by W4GF.

Stage 1: November 2020 – March 2021: W4GF to select and confirm three countries (which is already done: Cameroon, India and Tanzania). W4GF to identify the W4GF Advocates who will pursue this work and the lead organisation. Together they will become the W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group.

Stage 2: April 2021: W4GF will conduct a virtual three-week induction training workshop on community-led monitoring and support the setting up of the W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group after the workshop

Stage 3: **May – June 2021: The lead organisation** will be responsible to organise and expand (together with the W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group in each country) organised a process to reflect and assess their engagement in Global Fund processes to date. They will engage other national-level discussions and work with other women allies, relevant organisations and stakeholders including on the CCM to organise and inception and planning process to assess the engagement needs and potential processes and to plan how to implement the Accountability Toolkit at national level.

Stage 4: **July – Nov 2021: The lead organisation** will implement community-led monitoring in each country together with the W4GF Accountability Toolkit implementation group and any other identified women and networks along the way with findings channelled to influence national HIV, TB and malaria programmes and priorities as well as Global Fund global policy and processes vis-à-vis gender equality, human rights, and women’s meaningful engagement. National-level advocacy work based on the findings from the community-led monitoring can be initiated near the end of the projects, with coordination support provided by W4GF.

As the overview above indicates, all those selected will become members of the **W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group** and will kick off their work with a virtual training workshop (April 2021) before they begin engaging in national activities in May.

3. Criteria for the W4GF Accountability Toolkit Implementation Group and the lead organisations

The following criteria will be used to select participants:

- Ability to demonstrate ties to the national country coordinating mechanism (CCM) and national networks addressing HIV, TB or malaria in the selected countries and consider such monitoring activities as an extension of their work;
- Ability and interest in representing women in all their diversity;
- Affiliation with one or more networks or organisations of young women, women living with HIV, women’s/human rights groups, and networks of TB and malaria who are willing to support this work; and
- Affiliation with one or more networks or organisations of women from key populations – including but not limited to women with disabilities, women who use drugs, women who engage in sex work, and lesbian, bisexual and transgender women.
- Bilingual abilities will be essential – English will be required.

The lead organisation or network will lead and support all national work linked to the implementation of the W4GF Accountability Toolkit. As part of this work, it will also take steps to support women to influence Global Fund grants and programming – including by highlighting what is and is not working well from the perspective of women living with or affected by HIV, TB or malaria. The lead organisation will also support women advocates to identify what requires refocusing in Global Fund programmes and services and then ensuring that this information is made available and publicized in ways that might best influence positive change.

The following diversities and criteria will be essential for the three lead organisations selected:

- Directly represent and support women and prioritize gender equality;
- Demonstrated ties to the CCM and national networks addressing HIV, TB or malaria;
- Strong commitment to human rights and a focus on HIV, TB and malaria;

- . strong affiliations with networks or organisations of women/people living with HIV and/or organisations or networks focusing on TB and malaria that are willing to support this work;
- . strong commitment to and support of women from key populations, including (but not limited to) women with disabilities, women who use drugs, women who engage in sex work, and gay, lesbian and transgender people; and
- . Ability to administer funds and staff who can dedicate time to this work and see this as an extension of their work at the national level;
- . Existing for at least 3 years.

4. How to apply

If you are interested in applying, please complete this [form](#).

Created in 2013 to ensure that gender equality is central to the Global Fund, W4GF remains the only network and space for women in all their diversity to convene and focus around gender equality and the Global Fund. Its need and relevance remain essential for women and gender equality advocates and its strength is grounded in building and sustaining connections among diverse women and young women. Women working in communities play a crucial role to ensure that no one is left behind and that funds reach those they were intended for and have true impact. To read a 2020 report on W4GF's history, success and impact click [here](#) and this [infographic](#) explains W4GF at a glance.

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