



# Call for self-nominations to the Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) Advisory Group

## 1. Introduction to W4GF

Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) is a global movement to make the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB & Malaria (Global Fund) responsive and accountable to the needs of women living with (and affected by) HIV, TB and malaria.

The direction of W4GF is overseen by its [Advisory Group](#), and informed by [Key Collaborators](#) who work at national level, as well as through working in partnership with other key stakeholders – networks of key affected women, the Global Fund secretariat and Board Delegations, and technical partners including UNAIDS. These strategic partnerships support W4GF Advocates to achieve a range of objectives, strengthening the movement's virtual organising, enhancing advocacy at national, regional and global level and developing key messages and priorities to deliver the Global Fund's Strategic Objective 3: *"To promote and protect human rights and gender equality"*. A small (virtual) secretariat team – based in Kenya, the UK and Zimbabwe - supports the day-to-day work of the movement.

At the core of W4GF are nearly 200 community-based Advocates from more than 50 countries. W4GF's strength is rooted in creating and maintaining connections among *women in all of our diversity*. This means engaging with diverse women who are engaged at global, regional and national levels in Global Fund processes and structures in key regions most affected by HIV, TB and malaria. Women are not homogeneous: we include women living HIV, affected by TB and malaria, heterosexual, lesbian and bisexual, transgender, intersex and non-binary, women who use drugs, sex workers (over 18 year olds), adolescent girls and young women, Indigenous women, women who are sometimes displaced, migrants and women who are or have been incarcerated, and women with visible and invisible disabilities.

## 2. Advisory Group Role and Responsibility

Established in 2015, the W4GF Advisory Group provides technical and strategic advice to the W4GF Team. Members of the Advisory Group agree to our [values and principles](#) and provide guidance on:

- W4GF strategy,
- Identifying potential donors for W4GF,
- Creating and implementing advocacy plans and activities,
- Progressing activities in the annual W4GF workplan,
- Other areas where the W4GF Global Coordinator seeks support.

Members of the Advisory Group are also committed to:

- Supporting advocacy towards advancing the rights and health of women and girls in their own organisation(s) as well as through Global Fund related processes;
- Expanding the reach of W4GF and the range of W4GF Advocates by building and linking partnerships, organisations and networks with W4GF and at national, regional and global levels;
- Supporting action by W4GF Advocates at national, regional and global levels; and
- Taking proactive action to share relevant information and communication related to women and girls, and relevant to the Global Fund.



Advisory Group members are expected to devote approximately 2 hours per week. Depending on Global Fund decision-making processes, the time might increase at various points of the year. Membership is on a volunteer, unpaid basis. To learn more about the Advisory Group find Terms of References [here](#). As of July 2019, the Advisory Group has been supported by a Chair – this position is currently held by Maurine Murenga, who expects to handover to a new Advisory Group Chair during 2020. The ToR for the W4GF Chair is available [here](#).

### 3. Composition

The Advisory Group currently comprises eight (8) members and these individuals represent community-based organisations and networks, or the civil society organisations that they are working for, and/or bring in additional expertise as individuals to the Advisory Group. Criteria for selection include:

- Individuals from organisations focused on issues of women and girls, as well as promoting gender equity in Global Fund funded countries; and
- Organisations working on HIV, tuberculosis and/or malaria.

The Advisory Group strive to ensure that the composition of the group reflects the diversity of W4GF, including:

- Diversity in gender, sexual orientation and geography;
- Individuals living with and/or directly affected by HIV, TB and/or malaria;
- Expertise across the three diseases; and
- Expertise in issues affecting and impacting key affected women.

Individuals who relocate to another organisation or network during their time on Advisory Group communicate this to the W4GF Chair and Global Coordinator who will consider whether they should remain on the Advisory Group on a case-by-case basis. The W4GF Global Coordinator supports the Advisory Group and serves as an *ex officio* member.

### 4. How to apply

To be considered to be invited to join the W4GF Advisory Group please submit an application via this [link](#) no later than **Friday 10 July 2020**.

Please email [info@women4gf.org](mailto:info@women4gf.org) with any further questions.

### 5. W4GF Background

**W4GF's vision** is to live in a world where all women have equal access to HIV, TB and malaria services and the treatment they need and that all women enjoy their rights and are afforded the same status and respect as men in society.

**W4GF's Mission** is to catalyse the power of women in all their diversity to advance gender equity through the Global Fund - one of the world's most important finance mechanisms for HIV, TB and malaria. W4GF is designed to empower women to participate in decision-making at global and national levels, to ensure diverse voices influence how money is spent to achieve the greatest impact in communities, and to hold the Global Fund accountable for the impact of spending that will advance gender equity.

In addition to the core work of movement building, W4GF has **three overarching objectives**:



- **Objective 1:** To improve awareness and understanding of Global Fund processes, policies and investment support among women in all their diversity around the world – so women of different backgrounds and experiences become stronger advocates, to influence how the Global Fund achieves gender equity and human rights at all levels;
- **Objective 2:** To create a platform where women make connections, learn from each other, strategize and collaborate to set priorities for Global Fund advocacy;
- **Objective 3:** To secure accountability for and critique of Global Fund investments: tracking Global Fund-supported programmes and services, and influencing global and national processes to inform stronger programming for women and girls.

In less than a decade, W4GF has grown significantly as a movement, has had major advocacy successes, and has seen transformation and growth through the extension of global partnerships. These partnerships enable the expansion and reach of the W4GF movement, to mobilise more Advocates, especially those already engaged with partners who may not otherwise engage with the W4GF agenda, and to maximise the impact of W4GF Advocacy. Beyond the administrative partnership with ICASO (the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations, and in time the Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations, (EANNASO) as fiscal agents – there are broadly three types of W4GF partnership:

- **Engagement with networks of women** living with the three diseases, including the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW Global), the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+), TB Women and Civil Society 4 Malaria Elimination (CS4ME) networks; and global and regional networks of key affected women, in particular the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP), the African Sex Workers Alliance (ASWA), the International Network of People who use Drugs (INPUD), GATE (Global Action for Trans Equality) and Frontline AIDS;
- **Collaborate with the Global Fund-oriented structures**, including the Global Fund Secretariat – notably the teams focused on Community, Rights and Gender (CRG), the six Global Fund CRG communication platforms, the Global Funds Advocates Network (GFAN) and HER Voice Fund, and the three civil society and Communities Delegations to the Global Fund Board – to ensure two-way dialogues with W4GF Advocates, to support each other’s work and to align priorities for advocacy;
- **Strengthening technical partnerships** especially with UNAIDS (working with HQ & Regional Teams, also to prioritise countries for expansion), UN Women, WHO, the Stop TB Partnership and the RBM Partnership to End Malaria, to maintain dialogue and in particular to support advocates at national and regional levels to hone their advocacy skills and impact.

*Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) is a dynamic global movement of women and gender equality advocates committed to ensuring that Global Fund programmes are gender-transformative to meet the rights and priorities of women and girls in all our diversity. For more information, contact Sophie Dilmitis, Global Coordinator, W4GF – [sophie@women4gf.org](mailto:sophie@women4gf.org) [www.women4gf.org](http://www.women4gf.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/women4globalfund/>*