



## Webinar Notes: Everything women need to know about the second phase of the Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) Francophone edition

### 1. Background

Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) organized a webinar for women's rights and civil society advocates on 7 May 2021. Up to 15 participants joined, the majority of whom had participated in the equivalent English webinar that W4GF had held the day prior, and/or in the Francophone webinar organized by [Impact Santé Afrique](#) on 5 May. As such, the decision was made with the participants to adjust the webinar format to allow for a more open-ended dialogue. The webinar provided an opportunity for participants to:

- Learn about the [COVID-19 Response Mechanism \(C19RM\)](#) initiative, scope and timelines, with a focus on clarifying key points and questions from participants;
- Reflect on why the C19RM should be a priority for them and the women they work with; and
- Discuss what advocates need to know and do to effectively influence the process in a way that advances the rights and needs of women and girls in all our diversity – including by accessing technical assistance to support meaningful engagement.

To access the webinar recording click [here](#). The presentations prepared in French are available [here](#).

### 2. Session format & speakers

The webinar was interactive and facilitated by Claudia Ahumada on behalf of W4GF. It included the use of Mentimeter surveys, as well as an open-ended dialogue, both of which contributed to ensuring the dynamism of the session. To ensure a shared knowledge base and understanding on C19RM, Gilles Cesari of the Global Fund Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Department joined and was active throughout in addressing questions and concerns expressed by participants. Throughout his interventions, he highlighted key entry points and opportunities for communities.

### 3. Key findings

Using Mentimeter, participants were invited to respond to key questions which shed light on their level of knowledge and preparedness to meaningfully engage in the C19RM second phase. The discussion showed that:

- Most respondents are not aware of when their countries will be submitting their response: 3 out of 5 respondents declared they do not know.
- Some respondents are currently participating in the development of their country application: 2 out of 5 respondents declared that they are involved, while 2 additional respondents stated that while they are not currently engaged, they do plan to participate.
- While most respondents declared that they have some degree of contact with their civil society CCM representative, the depth of this contact varied significantly, while others had no contact whatsoever: 3 out of 5 declared some degree of contact, while 2 declared that they have no contact.
- While most respondents have not met with women's advocates to identify key priorities, they intend to do so: 3 out of 4 respondents stated that they plan to meet.
- Participants expressed uncertainty as to whether the CCM was open to including key priorities for women and girls in the funding application: 3 out of 5 respondents stated that they did not know. See Mentimeter results [here](#)

W4GF has now released a tool [Action Alert: Everything women need to know to engage in Global Fund C19RM](#) to support advocates as they engage in this process. French version coming soon. For more information, please click [here](#).