



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

### 1. Background

Women4GlobalFund (W4GF) organised a webinar from women's rights and civil society advocates on 6 May 2021. The invitation was circulated on 3 May 2021 and despite short notice, 107 participants registered for the webinar, with 96 effectively joining the call – an indication of the need and appetite to share more information and provide more learning opportunities on the Global Fund's COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM) and how women can meaningfully engage. The webinar provided an opportunity for participants to:

- Learn about the [COVID-19 Response Mechanism \(C19RM\)](#) initiative, scope and timelines;
- 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 of our diversity – including by accessing technical assistance to support meaningful engagement.

To access the slides presented click [here](#) and the webinar recording click [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 two distinct opportunities for Q&A, 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 delivered a valuable presentation on the initiative. In the presentation, which was also shared via email with webinar participants, 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: 27 out of 47 respondents declared they do not know.
- Most respondents are not currently participating in the development of their country application: 25 out of 41 respondents declared that they are not involved.
- 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: 36 out of 51 declared some degree of contact, while 15 declared that they have no contact.
- While the majority of respondents have not met with women's advocates to identify key priorities, they intend to do so: 32 out of 48 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: 20 out of 38 respondents stated that they did not know. Click here to see the [menti](#) results

W4GF is 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](#)