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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) UNDER THE GLOBAL FUND NEW FUNDING MODEL FOUR (4) TO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL RECIPIENT FOR

- A. **HIV & TB Grant**
- B. **Malaria Grant**

1. **Background**

The Liberia Coordinating Mechanism (LCM) known globally as Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), is a national body responsible for the development and submission of funding applications to The Global Fund (TGF) to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria on behalf of Liberia. The LCM also nominates Principal Recipient/s to execute grants awarded by the Global Fund, oversees grant implementation, and ensures linkages and consistency between Global Fund grants and other national health and development programs in Liberia.

The purpose of the Global Fund is to attract, manage, and disburse additional resources to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Global Fund recognizes that only through a country-driven, coordinated, and multi-sector approach involving all relevant partners will additional resources have a significant impact on the reduction of infections, illness, and death from the three diseases. Thus, a variety of actors must be involved in the development of proposals and decisions on the allocation and utilization of Global Fund financial resources. To achieve this, the Global Fund expects grant application processes to be coordinated among a broad range of stakeholders, each with unique skills, background, and experience, through a Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) – for Liberia-specific, the LCM – and that, the LCM will oversee the implementation of approved proposal and grant management at country level.

Based on the Global Fund Board's decision in November 2022 on the funding available for the 2023-2025 allocation period, Liberia has been allocated to US\$87,307,984 for HIV, Tuberculosis (TB), Malaria and Building of Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH). Eligible disease component allocation (US\$) with allocation utilization periods are:

- HIV - USD 35,963,003 (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026)
- Tuberculosis (TB) USD 7,811,749 (1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026)
- Malaria USD 43,533,232 (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027)

The LCM has also endorsed to submit the HIV & TB Proposal on May 29, 2023 Window 2 and Malaria Proposal on August 21, 2023 Window 3 to the Global Fund.

During Country Dialogue and Program Split Confirmation, the LCM has discussed appropriate RSSH cost to be derived from the three diseases allocation for RSSH investment (5% from TB Grant; 10% from HIV Grant; & 20% from Malaria Grant)

2.0 Grant Specific

A. HIV

The Global Fund had asked the country that the HIV allocation should better account for key and vulnerable population burdens and needs. The Global Fund expects funds to be directed towards expanding the coverage of HIV prevention services among key populations, including PrEP and self-testing, and improving access to treatment, including among children, in complementarity with other partners' support. Liberia is encouraged to scale-up investments in emerging community engagement programs.

B. TB

To respond to TB, Liberia should (i) advance the implementation of the MDR-TB expansion plan, with a focus on increasing the capacity to detect and decentralize the treatment of MDRTB cases; and (ii) improve TB case detection through increased TB screening (including at community level), and investigation of TB contacts with linkage to TB prevention activities.

C. Malaria

The Global Fund expects the country to ensure access to malaria diagnosis and treatment through the public and private sectors, and at community level through the country's community health worker program, and to also build on the results of the Malaria Behavioral Survey and Malaria Indicator Survey to support increased LLIN utilization and IPTp3 uptake.

D. RSSH

The Global Fund expects the country to increase its RSSH and pandemic preparedness investments and suggests a focus on the following priority areas: human resources for health including with respect to community health workers and community-based/led organizations, laboratory systems, supply chain strengthening, and the health management and information system (HMIS)/DHIS2. Targeted health facility assessments (HFAs) to collect RSSH performance data on a periodic basis are key to Global Fund new strategy as they allow for timely decision making and course correction by implementers of programs financed by the Global Fund.

3.0 Application Detail

The LCM invites new applicants to complete the full package for qualified organizations to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) outlined, to serve as a potential **Principal Recipient (PR) for the New Funding Model 4 in any of the following Grants areas:**

1. HIV & TB Grant

2. Malaria Grant

Based on the final decision of the LCM, the selected organization(s) will carry out activities as PR for the disbursement of the Global Fund grant during the implementation of the prescribed activities in the HIV/TB and Malaria grant applications in Liberia as per the [guidelines](#) of the Global Fund. The Local Funding Agent (LFA) will carry out programmatic assessments of the selected PR, in addition to the PR self-assessment using standard tools provided by the Global Fund.

As Principal Recipient, the organization(s) will be responsible for managing the grant, including sub-granting to direct implementers (the Sub-Recipients), monitor the implementation of the grant against approved plans, request for additional disbursement of funds from The Global Fund, and prepare periodic programmatic and financial reports and submit them to the CCM and the Global Fund within set deadlines.

4.0. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Expression of Interest submission should clearly demonstrate the institution capability in the write up.

Organizations or Institutions submitting EOIs should preferably have experience and management systems in international grant management per thematic areas. Interested organizations or institutions must provide information demonstrating that they fulfill the required criteria and have the relevant experience and management system in place to be nominated as potential PR for the Global Fund grant for HIV & TB and Malaria. The submission is limited to 5-6 pages maximum excluding the cover letter (additional pages will not be considered). The following information must be included in the submission:

- A cover letter addressed to the LCM Chair indicating their expression of interest as a potential PR for interest grant.
- Brief description of the organization and its structure and its ability to implement such grant (*broad goals and objectives, when was established, how organization is governed, how programs are administered*).
- Statements of the organization's management capacity (*describe the qualifications and competencies within the organization, briefly describe the professional expertise of staff, and provide organizational chart*).
- Brief description of previous and/or currently health related activities implemented, along with period and geographical locations (*previous experience in thematic related projects, accomplishments, and indication of geographical area of operation*).
- Provide information on the financial management systems and capacities of the organization, including experience in managing large grants, indicating the highest amount ever managed and timeframe. This should include information on internal control mechanisms to

prevent and detect and mitigate misuse, risk, and fraud of funds and other resources and timely approval processes.

- Demonstrated capacity and systems for selecting prospective Sub-Recipients (SRs) and ensure effective management and oversight of the selected SRs.

Eligibility of organizations currently serving as PR

*Based on review of Global Fund CCM eligibility guidelines, the LCM would like to specify that **existing PRs shall submit a 2-3 pages letter only** indicating their willingness to maintain their designation, highlighting any relevant changes in leadership, strategy or approach and existing risk mitigation measures to safeguard the NFM 4 process.*

Supportive Documents (New PRs Only)

In a separate zip folder, provide a soft or scan copy of the following documents below:

- Organization’s registration documents/ Document by Law.
- Last annual report of the organization.
- Audit report of last year. (2022 if not applicable 2021)

5.0. Deadline

All EOIs should be submitted through this email address hos.liberiaccm@gmail.com not later than 4:00 PM on **Friday, May 5, 2023**. No application will be considered after the deadline.

The subject line of the letter should be clearly marked **Expression of Interest “HIV & TB Grant” or or Expression of Interest “Malaria”** and address to:

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For any additional information or clarity, kindly send an email to hos.liberiaccm@gmail.com

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Approved: Ms. Joyce L. Kilikpo
Chair
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