

The Technical Support Facility Eastern and Southern Africa (TSF ESA)

ENHANCING EFFICIENCY, BUILDING CAPACITY
AND MOBILISING RESOURCES FOR THE HIV AND
TB RESPONSE IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA



The TSF ESA provided 4800 days of consultant technical support in the region from April 2014 to July 2015. We have successfully delivered 89 consultancies in 21 countries, including 33 regional assignments. In addition, the TSF ESA has supported a number of capacity development activities to build country partners' ability to access and use HIV financing in efficient, sustainable ways.

With more than ten years of experience in providing technical support in the region, as well as robust quality assurance mechanisms, the TSF ESA ensures a streamlined and reliable technical assistance mechanism for use by in-country and regional partners engaged in the HIV response. TSF ESA is viewed as a responsive and trusted provider of technical support in the Eastern and Southern African region.

Some examples of our achievements in the past year include the following:

1. Enhancing regional capacity to
RESPOND TO REQUIREMENTS
OF THE GLOBAL FUND'S NEW
FUNDING MODEL (NFM)

TSF ESA collaborated with the Global Fund, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), World Health Organisation (WHO), and other partners to operationalize the NFM, including:

- Regional training orientating consultants and countries to the NFM
- Regional workshop on operationalizing requirements for HIV/ Tuberculosis (TB) integration
- Country-level orientations on NFM
- Civil society orientation to the NFM

Training on the NFM included: 40 regional consultants (from Eastern, Western and Southern Africa), as well as country and technical partners. TSF ESA has already used over 30% of these consultants to support NFM processes

2. Expanding the use of an investment
approach TO ENHANCE
PRIORITIZATION AND IMPACT

TSF ESA and UNAIDS, with partners such as WHO, the Global Fund, and The United States President's Emergency Plan for Relief (PEPFAR), have supported countries and partners across the region in using the investment approach, which promotes evidence-based prioritization, efficiency and sustainability for optimal impact. This included:

- Capacity development for regional United Nations (UN) and country partners on developing investment cases, as well as for potential consultants on the investment approach
- Technical support to eleven countries to develop investment cases. A further four countries have integrated investment thinking into National Strategic Plan (NSP) processes
- Generated strategic information for planning, such as National AIDS Spending Assessments (NASAs), costing of NSPs and Gender Assessments
- Convened regional stock-taking meetings with UNAIDS to review the experience of applying the investment approach, refine methodologies to optimize national programs, and coordinate learning across countries and key partners, including PEPFAR, World Bank and expert technical support providers

3. Successful Global Fund **CONCEPT NOTE DEVELOPMENT**

The majority of TSF ESA technical support focused on GF concept note development:

- Facilitated 14 country and 2 regional concept note applications
- Supported peer review of concept notes, including a regional expert for ESA and West Africa and sharing of good practices with consultants and partners

4. Improving engagement of **KEY POPULATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

TSF ESA support has also targeted the needs of key populations and the role of civil society, including:

- Addressing civil society implementers of Global Fund grants through an Africa-wide forum on risk management
- Guided the development of a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system for advocacy activities conducted by young people living with HIV in Kenya and Uganda
- Conducted consultations with key populations in East African countries, supported regional consultation on HIV and human rights, and engaged in high level policy dialogue on youth
- Led strategic planning for networks of people living with HIV
- Supported regional concept notes covering the needs of men who have sex with men (MSM) and people who inject drugs (PWID)

TSF ESA has supported 16 Concept Note applications to the Global Fund in 2014/15.

Approved Concept Notes thus far amount to \$1.13 billion in funding for Eastern and Southern Africa



For more information about the TSF ESA, a UNAIDS project managed by Mott MacDonald, please visit: <http://www.tsfesa.org/>

5. Supporting **STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY IMPROVEMENT**

Facilitating strategic planning and improved service delivery models has been an area of TSF ESA involvement, including:

- Development of NSPs, M&E plans, and institutional strategies
- Supported the development of a framework and mapping of community service delivery models
- Led the development of national HIV prevention strategies and operational plans for combination HIV prevention

FUTURE DEMAND

Anticipated future needs include the following:

- **Global Fund grant making and implementation:** Numerous countries are moving into grant-making and implementation so demand for technical support is expected to increase. Specifically, sub-recipient (SR) selection and management, financial management, performance measurement and strategic information use, reporting, allocative efficiency, risk identification and management, and Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) oversight are areas where we anticipate requests.
- **Fast-Track pillars:** Support countries in efforts to expand access to equitable and quality treatment, reduce new infections, increase adherence and viral load suppression, eliminate stigma and discrimination, and address resource gaps.
- **Improving operational capability:** Build upon previous engagements by supporting detailed work planning, programming and financial management, procurement supply-chain management (PSM) and M&E strengthening.
- **Ongoing capacity development:** Enhance the capacity of partners, consultants, national and civil society stakeholders across the region in priority areas to improve and ensure the sustainability of their response.