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The Global Fund e-Forum Strategy Consultation
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Weeks 5 & 6 Theme
Challenging Operating Environments
(Countries in acute and chronic crisis)

7.1 What can the Global Fund do better in its engagement in challenging operating environments?

- **Improve governance, technical support and flexibility of response.**
 - Prioritise support for countries facing immediate and long term crisis situations.
 - Build the capacity of governments and national systems to internalize systematic procedures and improve management of resources.
 - Address issues of social and psychological vulnerability of individuals with HIV/TB in challenging situations.
 - Make funding more easily accessible to meet emerging needs of vulnerable population.
 - Be flexible and provide surge funding in the event of unexpected conflict or natural disasters.
 - Enhance partnerships and strengthen Global Fund governance and financial management to improve accountability mechanisms and effective engagement.
 - In conflict try to reach both sides as they both have unmet needs for prevention and contribute to spreading disease.
 - Provide technical support to help re-build the infrastructure and services as just providing capital and one off events will not have an impact.
 - Across all diseases invest in improving data collection and analysis to monitor the epidemiological situation, and determine response to the situation.
 - Evaluate and determine the impact of your programmes on the health and welfare of key populations.
- (India, *En*; Nepal, *En*; Nicaragua, *Sp*; Ukraine, *Ru*; The Republic of Moldova, *Ru*; Senegal, *En*; United States of America, *En*)
- **Be innovative and enhance quality of community based services.**
 - Focus on prevention, particularly for young people and support social and educational programmes to enhance life skills and rebuild capacity of communities to survive.
 - Displaced populations can be challenging to reach with support and services therefore introduce innovative approaches to training and supporting community health workers, such as MHealth.
 - Integrate the provision of services, for example maternal and childhealth. Use rapid proven effective training methods and provide medical kits for isolated community health workers and support through MHealth.

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- Identify, support and scale-up proven effective practices and innovations, particularly focused on prevention produced by community-based organizations.
- Support smaller organizations to undertake the research needed to scale-up innovative approaches to prevention.
- Base decision on internationally accepted evidence-based guidance and scale up proven effective high impact practices and technologies.
(India, En; Iran, En; Mauritius, En; Myanmar, En; Zambia, En)

7.2 How can the Global Fund better support services for communities affected by HIV, TB and malaria, including women and girls, in conflict and post-conflict settings?

- **Prioritize equitable access, prevention and education**

- In these setting the vulnerable become more vulnerable, prioritize meeting the health, social and psychological needs of people, particularly young people.
- Coordinate and work more effectively with community based organizations and create programmes that empower the displaced and refugee populations to organize and meet their health and social welfare needs.
- Support local structures and initiatives that can provide rapid and sustainable responses.
- Ensure access to essential supplies and medicines are maintained
- Work with the people to create structure from chaos and ensure equitable access to all services, particularly women and girls.
- Prioritize prevention and educational opportunities to enable young people to take control of their lives.
- Coordinate more effectively with all partners. Adopt a multisectorial approach and enhance multisectorial cooperation to ensure equitable access to basic needs, food, water, health, protection, social and economic opportunities.
- Address human rights considerations, stigma, discrimination and gender inequality and inequity in all strategies, funding allocations and levels of cooperation and engagement.
- Support smaller nongovernmental and civil society organizations to undertake the research needed to demonstrate effectiveness of approaches and scale-up innovative approaches to prevention.
- Be more effective in your engagement and co-ordination with non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations.
(Mauritius, En; India, En; Iran, En; Rwanda, Fr; The Republic of Moldova, Ru; Ukraine, Ru)

- **Use, share and exchange effective practices.**

- Provide opportunities for those working in the field to electronically share, exchange and discuss innovative approaches to the provision of prevention and health care

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services, such as how to engage men more effectively in the provision of PMTCT.

- Enhance multisectorial cooperation to promote and protect human rights, support gender equity, reduce stigma and discrimination and scale-up evidence-based practice.
- Strengthen and regulate the competence of health care providers, particularly those working at the community level.
- Undertake research to develop innovative therapies and interventions for at risk populations.
- Support effective, co-ordinated systems of data collection and monitor and evaluate impact of coordination and programmes to determine impact and future programmatic funding.
- Be specific and accountable for defining what support has been provided to the people and the impact it has had.

(India, *En*; Myanmar, *En*; Nicaragua, *Sp*; Swaziland, *En*; Zambia, *En*)

- **Clear criteria for action**

- Please be more specific in your questions. Define a clear list of criteria as to what constitutes “challenging operating environments” as this is subjective and can relate to numerous countries.
- Do not impose tailor-made solutions but use a clear criteria to facilitate national and community leadership in defining best options.
- Co-ordinate with international and national response and ensure national planning does not neglect the needs of any population in crisis situations.
- Raise awareness of needs, for example internally displaced populations and refugees and ensure national strategies include these populations. Use countries supporting such plans as a model for other countries.

(India, *En*; Kuwait, *Fr*; Switzerland, *En*; United States of America, *En*)