

**Synthesized Digest**  
**The Global Fund e-Forum Strategy Consultation**  
**Contributions received for review and comments**

**Weeks 7 & 8 Theme**  
**Health System Strengthening**

**To build resilient health systems**

- Stop vertical programmes and integrate prevention and management of priority diseases within the primary health care system, particularly for sexual and reproductive health, adolescents, women, and children.
- Enable health care needs to be met holistically rather than as vertical interventions as this would reduce the burden on the health care facility of providing multiple services and on the patient, who has to attend multiple times to have their needs met.
- Build up health services across a care continuum. This will have the added benefit of helping those living with the three diseases to be less likely to experience other health problems.
- Invest in developing the capacity of human resources as part of the national health infrastructure. Ensure training is accountable for producing competent providers able to meet the health care needs of individuals, rather than providing disease specific management.
- Integrate the procurement, storage, distribution and logistics management systems to improve access to all essential medicines, supplies and diagnostics.
- Support governments to develop and sustain the infrastructure to facilitate the provision of services, such as laboratories, as a critical requirement of all strategies.
- Move beyond bed nets and invest in more sustainable solutions. Take a step further towards eradication by attacking the larva as this can have a dramatic impact. It is feasible but support is required to build the political will to invest in creating a sustainable infrastructure.
- Maximize effectiveness, particularly for hard to reach key affected populations, by giving greater priority to enhancing investment in health system strengthening within National Health Strategies as an essential component of the primary health care response to meeting health care needs of the population.
- Incorporate a rights-based approach in all strategies.
- Implement a person centred approach to health systems. Strengthen them by making them relevant to those who matter - the service user.
- Strengthen the development of infection control and patient safety procedures at all levels of the health care system as well as within the home.

- Use performance based funding to support strengthening health systems and monitor impact.
- Harmonize the multiple approaches to health system strengthening with different stakeholders through effective co-ordination to strengthen response, as we are all meeting priority health care needs for populations within countries.
- Coordinate action to improve governance, health policies and financing to ensure equitable access, efficient use of health, financial and other resources.
- Use existing knowledge, experience, evidence-based standards and guidance to strengthen national systems.
- Provide continued technical assistance to develop countries' national health strategic plans and review policies and standard operating procedures.
- Strengthen coordination and support of interventions aimed at creating sustainable health systems as strategic objectives of all proposals in which meeting the needs of under-served communities are prioritized.