Notes from GFAN Call - September 11th 2019

Agenda topics:  Pledging Updates: Australia and the Nordics

Highlights and Preview of GF Results Report

UNGA and other activities/announcements

Country Updates

Australia

Advocates have always been working towards a pledge at Lyon so no concern that there has been no pledge. While the PM and Minister for International Development remain important decision-makers the key focus has been on the Minister of Foreign Affairs where the decision on a pledge is likely to rest. There is a set amount in the budget for ODA, so there is a real sense of restriction: nonetheless there is some receptivity to the Global Fund as a key investment in a streamlined set of programs as a donor.

The CS ask of Australia is 300 million (5th Replenishment pledge was 220 million) and is currently being framed by a per capita comparison between Australia and other donors. As has been the case in the past, issues that feature prominently in the region within the GF portfolio (TB and malaria in particular as well as health security angles) and where/how much the GF invests in the region remain key factors for government decision-makers.

Nordic Countries

The GF Secretariat and Gates Foundation leads provided a few key updates around the Nordic countries which all look positive but of course need continued advocacy. There were positive signals that pledges would be expected in the coming weeks and in Lyon from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland but that in some cases some global collaborations may help local advocates messaging and activities which include discussions at the highest level in Norway, a key event with Peter Sands and GFAN Speaker Loyce Maturu in Denmark and others. More to come on this in the coming days/weeks.

Results Report

The Global Funds 2018 Result Report will be released the week before the UN General Assembly: current date expected is September 19th. Some materials including a social media
toolkit, key messages and talking points will be available under embargo a day or two ahead of the general release and launch of the report. Key items to look for within the Results Report:

- A comparison chart that will compare the 2017 and 2018 results and where there are distinct differences between the 2 years, will provide explanation of the reasons why there are differences (different methodology, reporting methods, previous errors etc)
- Significant attention has gone into the narrative and visual framing of the GF’s results within the UHC narrative to try and show how the GF contributes to UHC, SRHR etceteras
- Messaging and framing also within the 2018 Results Report around how the GF situates itself within the broader SDGs beyond SDG3.
- Analysis of Domestic Resource Mobilization with complete results of commitments for the 2018-2020 period to fully compare with the baseline (expanding upon what was provided in the Investment Case earlier this year)
- Analysis on the Global Fund’s contributions towards the commitments and goals from the 2018 TB HLM

The GF hopes many members will push out the report and the messaging in this critical pre-pledging conference last mile.

GFAN agreed to collate questions from members for the GF Secretariat when members see the report and may have technical questions or clarifications. We have set up a form for doing that here. As questions are answered, we will share the responses with the listserve for all members.

Announcements

Gautier from Solidarité SIDA reminded members about the #Treatment4All campaign targeting Macron with a deadline for NGO sign-on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13th.

Details from previous emails to the listserve:
As part of the next Global Fund Replenishment Conference to be held on 10 October 2019 in Lyon (France), Solidarité Sida has launched a major mobilization campaign #Treatment4All, which aims to raise awareness among the general public and challenge political decision-makers about the urgent need to take action against the three major pandemics.

We need the support of NGOs from around the world in order to encourage citizens and leaders to mobilize and act. We need you to relay our message and make this a global action.

Your support to the campaign can take different forms:
1. Join our Campaign by sending to Gautier (gcentlivre@solidarite-sida.org) the logo of your NGOs before Friday 13th September; It will then appear on our website on dedicated page: www.treatment4all.org

2. Follow #Treatment4all on social media and don’t hesitate to use our # with publishing news or activities linked with the fight against pandemics. You can find us on Twitter and Facebook @SolidariteSida and on Instagram Treatment4all;

3. Individually sign the Call for an universal access to treatment and a successful Sixth Replenishment Conference of the Global Fund;

4. Send pictures of your NGO’s staff with our Campaign logos (in pj) as a rallying sign;

5. Share our Campaign with their network of activists, influential activists, NGOs and local associations.

For more details please find attached a presentation and links below to our campaign website and videos:

- Website: www.treatment4all.org
- Video: https://youtu.be/G5ARy9wHV2k
- Video: https://youtu.be/uWev4QI_lXs