

Conversation with Sussann Nasr and David Canarutto, January 20, 2016

Participants

- Dr. Sussann Nasr –Disease Advisor, Malaria, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund)
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Note: These notes were compiled by GiveWell and give an overview of the major points made by Dr. Nasr and Mr. Canarutto.

Summary

GiveWell spoke with Dr. Nasr and Mr. Canarutto about Global Fund-supported net distributions. Conversation topics included the organization's approach to monitoring and evaluating these net distributions, as well as options for donors interested in funding them.

Monitoring and evaluation of Global Fund-supported net distributions

In order to monitor the net distribution campaigns it supports, the Global Fund relies on:

1. Post-campaign surveys and reports, in addition to Malaria Indicator Surveys (MISs) and Demographic and Health Surveys (DHSs)
2. Reports from Local Fund Agents, who are responsible for auditing data and grant spending
3. Progress Update/Disbursement Request (PU/DR) which focuses on programmatic, financial and management progress and includes indicators on nets distributed (depending on assessed risk of investment, PU/DRs may be required per quarter, semester or annually)

To demonstrate how the Global Fund evaluates its work, it could provide GiveWell with these materials for a set of countries.

Donor options for funding Global Fund-supported net distributions

Private donors (e.g., corporations, foundations and individuals) have two options for contributing to Global Fund-supported net distributions:

1. Providing non-earmarked funds that go into the Global Fund's general pool of funding
2. Earmarking funds to support specific, unfilled gaps identified by countries

The Global Fund publishes a Register of Unfunded Quality Demand (<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/uqd/>) which lists existing gaps it aims to

support. Countries express their full needs to the Global Fund, and items assessed by the independent Technical Review Panel as 'quality demand' are added to the register when existing funding is insufficient to cover all requests.

This register is intended for private-sector donors who want to support specific items. The Global Fund asks public-sector donors to support its non-earmarked general pool of funding, which is allocated to countries through the Global Fund's standard funding process.

Throughout the register's 1-year existence, the gaps it aims to address have narrowed considerably. Over \$500 million of the interventions on the Register have been covered through savings and efficiencies identified during grant-making. Some interventions were also covered through incentive funding –, or benefit from a fall in commodity prices (e.g. prices for nets have recently fallen).

The register is not a comprehensive reflection of all unfilled needs, as some countries have not fully expressed what they need. The Global Fund is working with countries to encourage a full expression of needs.

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