

2019 GFF civil society workshop: civil society engagement for resources and results

19-20 November, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
concept note and agenda

Background

The Global Financing Facility (GFF), launched in 2015, and currently supporting efforts in 36 of 67 eligible countries, contributes to filling the financial gap for women's, children's and adolescents' health (WCAH) by supporting governments to prioritize high impact WCAH interventions, align external and private funding and increase domestic resources for health.

Civil society (CS) has important knowledge, expertise, and access to a range of communities, which can be leveraged to make the GFF processes and outcomes in countries stronger and responsive to country populations. Recognizing this, the GFF Investors Group has approved a [Civil Society Engagement Strategy](#) (CSES) and [Implementation Plan](#) (including an [Adolescent and Youth Addendum](#)) to support CS, including youth led CS, engagement in the GFF.

These resources developed by civil society engaged in the GFF to date and the [Guidance Note on Inclusive Multi-stakeholder Country Platforms](#), developed by the GFF, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Every Woman Every Child (EWEC), and the H6 and [the GFF Country Implementation Guidelines](#) developed by the GFF, provide guidelines for ensuring robust multi-stakeholder engagement in the GFF mechanism.

CS engagement in the GFF has steadily improved since its inception. The [GFF Civil Society Coordinating Group](#) (CSCG) hosted by PMNCH, provides support and guidance to civil society organizations (CSOs) engaging in the GFF at country and global levels and aims to align a broad and diverse CS constituency around common priorities, in support of the GFF and national goals. To date CS working groups and coalitions have emerged in some countries, providing a space for consultation and coordination. These groups have undertaken advocacy around investment case priorities, have implemented activities in support of achieving the investment case goals and have undertaken advocacy and accountability efforts in support of the achievement of investment case goals.

Meeting objectives

On November 19-20 2019, the GFF CSCG will convene a two-day workshop in Abidjan, to build the capacity of CSOs working on the GFF to engage in GFF Investment Case development and effectively monitor implementation of GFF-funded projects.

In April 2019 a survey identified budget analysis and advocacy as a key capacity building need of civil society organizations engaged in the GFF. The survey also identified peer-to-peer learning as an important aspect of capacity-building for CS engagement in the GFF. The workshop will draw on the rich experiences of CSOs from GFF countries as experts in the work they are doing. Where CSOs in long-standing GFF countries know the GFF processes well, they will be called upon to share their knowledge and perspectives with CSOs from new countries. Building on the results of the survey, and inputs from CSCG and Steering Committee representatives, the following specific meeting objectives have been developed:

1. Improve the capacity of CS focal points in GFF countries to engage in GFF processes, by reflecting on experiences, lessons learned, and best practices to-date
2. Identify and build capacity on proven approaches to monitoring GFF Trust funds and World Bank loans/credits; government funds for reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition and private sector funding
3. Support monitoring and advocacy efforts around the aligned development partner funding in support of GFF Investment Cases.
4. Align around common priorities for CS advocacy at global and national levels, as well as priorities for the CSCG for the coming year

Participants

Two CS focal points (including one youth) will be invited to participate for each of the 36 GFF countries, resource people and CS representatives to the Investor's Group.

Preparatory data collection

CS focal points attending the meeting are asked to collect the following information for use during and after the workshop:

- RMNCAH investment case (including results frameworks) and the Project Appraisal Documents, if available
- Costed RMNCAH+N investment Cases, if available
- Health financing strategy, if available
- Completed questionnaire on civil society engagement and related annexes

Background documents and Resources

The following resources can be used by civil society to support meaningful engagement in the GFF process

GFF guiding documents on structuring the country platform

- Guidance note: inclusive multistakeholder platforms in support of EWEC [EN/ FR](#)
- GFF implementation guidelines [EN / FR](#)

Guiding document to support civil society and youth engagement and advocacy

- Civil society engagement strategy [EN / FR](#)
- CSES Implementation plan [EN / FR](#)
- Youth Addendum to the CSES [EN / FR](#)
- Youth Action Plan [EN / FR](#)

Case studies / analyses on engagement

- Meaningful adolescent and youth engagement in the GFF [EN / FR](#)
- Senegal case study [EN](#)
- Kenya case study [EN](#)
- Malawi case study [EN](#)
- Uganda case study [EN](#)

[List of GFF focal points and liaison officers](#)

Understanding the GFF process, investment cases, project appraisal documents

- CSO GFF engagement toolkit [EN / FR](#)
- GFF ecosystem infographic [EN](#)

Civil society advocacy and position statements on the GFF

- Civil society Communique on the GFF [EN / FR](#)
- Joint Open Letter to the Secretariat of the Global Financing Facility [EN](#)

Draft agenda

19 November 2019	
Time	Session
	Video: What is the GFF
8.30 – 9:30	<p>Welcome and introductions, Solange Kone, Coordinator, National Federation of Health NGOs – Cote d'Ivoire, Kadi Toure, Coordinator, Civil Society Coordinating Group</p> <p>Video: Civil society engagement in the GFF / FR</p>
9:30 - 10:30	<p>Civil society and youth engagement in the GFF</p> <p>Session chair: Suzanna Dennis, Manager, GFF CS Resource Hub</p> <p>Session objectives: ensure understanding of the objective and value of civil society and youth engagement in the GFF, entry points and best practices for engagement</p> <p>Presentation: Civil society engagement in the GFF – lessons learned for success, Kadi Toure, Coordinator Civil Society Coordinating Group</p> <p>Moderated discussion</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p> <p>Video: Meaningful youth engagement / FR</p>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Civil society and youth engagement in the GFF cont'd</p> <p>Session objectives: ensure understanding of the objective and value of civil society and youth engagement in the GFF, entry points and best practices for engagement</p> <p>Conversational panel: Best practices in engaging in the GFF process in country</p> <p>Moderator: Kosi Izundu, Youth Representative to the GFF Investors' Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Structuring an effective coalition with limited resources, Safietou Diop, Coordinator, Network for the Promotion of Women, Senegal ● Getting a seat at the table – advocating successfully for CS engagement, Mercy Onsando, Director, HENNET Kenya ● Engaging in the face of non-functional country platforms, Joyce Kyalo, Independent Consultant ● Structuring effective youth engagement, Arafat Kabugo, Adolescent and Youth Representative on the Uganda GFF CS Steering Committee <p>Working group session on engagement</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	<p>SRMNCAH planning and financing: Maximizing civil society and youth engagement for better results</p> <p>Session chair: Raffaella Dattler, Financing for Development Advisor, IPPF</p> <p>Session objectives: ensure an in depth understanding of the SRMNCAH planning / investment case development and financing process</p>

Presentation: Smart, Scaled and Sustainable Financing: an overview of SRMNCAH planning and financing, Joyce Kyalo, Independent Consultant

Working group session on planning and financing

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Interactive session - Identifying civil society advocacy priorities for the GFF

Session objectives: agree on advocacy priorities for civil society to take to the investors' group meeting

Interactive presentation: Civil society advocacy priorities – Have we seen change? Susannah Hurd, Vice President for Global Health, Global Health Visions

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Time	Session
8:30 – 9:30	Recap of day 1 and overview of day 2
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee break
10:00 – 12:00	Overview of tools for monitoring the GFF Session chair: Maty Dia, Consultant, GFF CS Resource Hub Session objectives: provide information on available tools to monitor the GFF process and results in countries Presentation: Monitoring the GFF , Xochitl Sanchez, Senior Advisor, Development Finance, RESULTS / ACTION Country experience sharing panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joyce L. Kilikpo Jarwolo, Executive Director, Public Health Initiative Liberia Oyeyemi Pitan, Communication Lead, Nigerian Youth Coalition for UHC Lightness Charles, Program Manager Advocacy Health Promotion Tanzania (HDT) Working group session on monitoring
12:00 – 13:00	Domestic resource mobilization for women's, children's and adolescents' health Session chair: Delou Gonsan-Zeo, Health Policy & Advocacy Adviser (RMNCH), Save the Children UK Session objectives: ensure an understanding of the budget process and entry points for advocacy for improved health financing Presentation: Understanding the budget cycle, stakeholder and processes , Aminu Magashi Garba, Coordinator, African Health Budget Network
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Domestic resource mobilization for women's, children's and adolescents' health cont'd Conversational panel: effective advocacy for increased DRM

Moderator: Esther Agbon, Snr. Health Financing Advisor & Deputy Country Lead, Nigeria, Options

- Jean Sebastien Kouassi, Scaling Up Nutrition
- Paul Patrick Endeke, Positive Generation, Cameroun,
- Solange Kone, National Federation of Health NGOs, Cote d'Ivoire

Working group session on budget advocacy

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Interactive session – coffee with donor representatives to the GFF Investors' Group and the GFF secretariat

Session chair: Pauline Irungu, Civil Society Representative to the GFF Investors' Group

Session objective: promote an understanding of civil society perspectives, successes, challenges and needs by investors' group representatives, in particular donors

Oral presentation: Civil society priorities for the GFF, Venuste Muhamyankaka, Coordinator, SUN Civil Society Network, Rwanda

Panel discussion

- Monique Vledder, Practice Manager, Global Financing Facility
- Frank Van De Looij, Health Expert, Health and AIDs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- Paul Fife, Director of Education and Global Health Department, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Zohra Balsara, Senior Program Officer, Global Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Helga Fogstad, Executive Director, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

17:30 – 18:00 Closing and next steps
