

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**  
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*This draft represents input from the eligibility discussion. Areas of possible agreement have been identified.*

**Criteria to determine eligibility to submit proposals**

1. To define countries eligible to submit proposals, a basic, easily measurable set of eligibility criteria will be used. Proposals from countries not meeting the basic eligibility criteria will not be accepted. However, an appeals process may be necessary to address those countries that were not deemed eligible. In addition, basic eligibility will need to be reviewed periodically by the Board.
2. Country eligibility should include the following but not in the order presented:
  - 2.1. GNP per capita or the UN Human Development Index (HDI), or other accepted indicator of the poverty situation (**NO CONSENSUS YET**).
  - 2.2. Disease burden: this would rely on accepted international standards for assessing disease prevalence (proportion of population infected with HIV, TB, malaria) and magnitude (absolute number of infected persons). It may be necessary to generate three separate lists corresponding to the three diseases.
  - 2.3. Potential for rapid increase in disease, based on accepted international indicators such as recent disease trends, size of population at risk, extent of international and internal migration, conflict, or natural disaster.
  - 2.4. Political commitment could be measured by a variety of indicators including percentage of GDP spent on public health or percentage of public funding expenditure on public health.
3. Country proposals will be accepted from Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM) that includes NGOs, community-based organisations, government agencies, and commercial sector organizations. In addition, other organizations that can facilitate and support the programs, including UN organizations, bilateral donors and foundations, should be encouraged to join the CCM.
4. Submissions from groups of organizations from multiple countries would be accepted in order to help address cross-border issues related to the three diseases. Such proposals would be required to meet standards agreed upon from the above eligibility options.
5. Individual organizations, such as NGOs, would be eligible to submit proposals. However this should be only in special circumstances and the proposal must demonstrate clearly why it could not be considered under the CCM process at

the country level, for example, in cases where there is a poor record of government and NGO collaboration, and a government's failure to recognize the needs of the most vulnerable populations. Criteria for the submitting NGO would include the quality, coverage, and credibility of their services and operations.

6. Exceptions may be made for countries in special circumstances.

### **Criteria to determine eligibility to utilize Fund grants**

7. The following entities will be eligible to receive funds:

7.1. Civil Society Organizations (including NGOs, community-based organizations, associations etc).

7.2. Government agencies, universities and research institutions.

7.3. A third-party group serving a fiduciary function.

### **7. Proposal Review Criteria**

1) The Board will determine the proposal review criteria.

2) An ad hoc working group may be formed to develop proposal review criteria options for Board approval.