

# CIVIL SOCIETY GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY RESOURCE AND ENGAGEMENT HUB

PAI is pleased to announce a civil society Global Financing Facility (GFF) resource and engagement hub (The Hub), a multiyear initiative to amplify and support civil society advocacy organizations and coalitions to contribute to GFF country-level investment outcomes.

The Hub's main functions are:

- Serving as a virtual forum for public information on the GFF;
- Supporting the development of resources and tools; and
- Providing capacity building, engagement support grants and technical assistance.

The Hub contributes to unleashing the full potential of civil society to help the GFF realize effective and sustainable health financing.

## WHAT IS THE GFF?

Launched in 2015, the GFF is a multistakeholder partnership to improve sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition (SRMNCAH+N). The GFF is an opportunity to bring much-needed resources to improve the lives of women, children and adolescents through mobilizing government and development partner resources behind country-led plans, or investment cases. For more information, visit: <https://www.globalfinancingfacility.org/faq>

## ONLINE HUB OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON THE GFF

The virtual aspect of The Hub, launching in the second quarter of 2019, will include the following:

- **The Knowledge Exchange:** curated roster of global, regional and country-level organizations and consultants contributing to the GFF—listed by geographical focus and area of expertise—will match skills with needs expressed by national civil society GFF coalitions.
- **Interactive Space for Civil Society Dialogue:** civil society GFF platforms, individual organizations and community groups can express their technical support needs and connect with experts.
- **GFF Country Profiles:** profiles feature the status of the GFF process and multistakeholder country platform, civil society engagement to date, civil society contacts, activities and expressed needs, in addition to partners supporting GFF work in a country. This includes a calendar of national GFF-related country processes and events to identify opportunities for civil society engagement.
- **Compilation of Resources:** civil society in GFF countries can access resources to better understand and contribute to GFF processes and outcomes. This includes tools for advocacy and accountability, case studies and presentations from workshops that can be adapted and replicated, as well as other resources.

## GLOBAL GOODS RESOURCES AND TOOLS

The Hub provides civil society with financial and technical support to develop global resources and tools that can be used in GFF countries to accelerate engagement. The Hub offers financial support to in-country and global civil society organizations (CSOs) for the development of global goods, in

response to a request for proposals that will be issued in the coming weeks. The Hub also provides technical and strategic guidance for GFF stakeholders developing resources based on priorities identified by GFF coalitions. This guidance helps to ensure that materials developed to support GFF engagement are widely

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- Share your organization's assets and activities.
- Share helpful resources on the GFF.
- Share news, events and updates.

relevant and publicly available. Examples of global goods that The Hub can support include:

- Country or issue-specific case studies documenting successful experience influencing GFF processes and impacts (e.g., documenting proven approaches to youth engagement across select countries).
- Materials to explain GFF processes and opportunities to navigate the process.
- Resources such as toolkits, template agendas and presentations to support civil society with organizing and engaging in GFF processes, such as building a civil society coalition, developing a civil society GFF action plan, accountability tools and approaches, etc.

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- Help identify global goods, resources or tools that are needed but do not yet exist.
- Share practical experience that could be valuable for civil society in other GFF countries (financial support may be available).

## CAPACITY BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Hub will provide small grants and technical support for civil society engagement and capacity building, including:

- **Financial and In-kind Technical Support:** In-country CSOs and CSO GFF networks can apply for financial and in-kind support to strengthen coordination, develop GFF action plans and advocacy strategies, boost health financing literacy, ensure accountability and meet other needs. Financial support will be prioritized for CSOs ready to directly engage in GFF processes in their countries and have discrete opportunities to catalyze GFF engagement.
- **Financial Support for Technical Assistance Providers, Particularly for South-South Learning:** Southern and global CSOs sharing lessons and best practices on CSO GFF engagement can apply for financial support to provide technical assistance to other local CSOs and CSO GFF platforms. Recipients of these grants will be identified based on a demonstrated ability to share valuable knowledge or expertise in an area of expressed need.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT (<https://pai.org/special-projects/global-finance-facility/>)

- Apply for grants to develop global resources or tools, ranging from USD 5,000 to 10,000.
- Apply to receive capacity-building financial support or technical assistance. Five to 10 technical grants will be issued per year, ranging from USD 3,000 to 30,000, depending on specific country needs.
- Apply for funding to provide country or region-specific technical assistance. Grants, typically less than USD 3,000, will cover necessary travel costs and related expenses.
- Apply for a GFF engagement grant. Six to eight engagement grants will be issued annually, ranging from USD 3,000 to 30,000, depending on the specific opportunity.
- Apply for “technical fix” support, microgrants or in-kind support to solve a problem inhibiting civil society engagement in the GFF. This could include funding to translate a document to be accessible for CSOs working on the GFF, or for the use of an online collaboration space to facilitate dialogue. The support value will typically be under USD 1,000.

## COMPLEMENTARY RESOURCES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN THE GFF

The Hub is part of a growing ecosystem of support for civil society GFF engagement. The anchor of civil society work on the GFF is the global Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG) for the GFF, hosted by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. For more information, visit: <https://www.who.int/pmnch/civil-society-engagement-gff/en/>

The Hub will coordinate closely with the CSCG Working Groups and in-country focal points in its daily operations. The Hub also complements a new small grants mechanism which aims to improve outcomes for women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health by supporting better-coordinated civil society efforts to engage in national processes and programs, with particular focus on the GFF. While both funding mechanisms work closely with the CSCG, they are complementary and distinctive.

## SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF THE HUB AND SMALL GRANTS MECHANISM

	THE HUB	SMALL GRANTS MECHANISM
HOST ORGANIZATION	PAI	Management Sciences for Health (MSH)
CONTACT	<a href="mailto:gffhub@pai.org">gffhub@pai.org</a>	<a href="mailto:GFFCSOgrants@msh.org">GFFCSOgrants@msh.org</a>
WEBSITE	<a href="https://pai.org/special-projects/global-finance-facility/">https://pai.org/special-projects/global-finance-facility/</a>	<a href="https://www.msh.org/resources/small-grants-mechanism-to-support-civil-society-engagement-alignment-and-coordinated">https://www.msh.org/resources/small-grants-mechanism-to-support-civil-society-engagement-alignment-and-coordinated</a>
GRANT ELIGIBILITY	Coalitions of CSOs in GFF countries; CSOs in GFF countries; and Civil society working on the GFF at global and regional levels.	Coalitions of CSOs from 31 eligible countries included in the request for proposals.
ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES	Any GFF country	See the country list (in Annex 1): <a href="https://www.msh.org/sites/msh.org/files/request_for_proposals_small_grants_mechanism.pdf">https://www.msh.org/sites/msh.org/files/request_for_proposals_small_grants_mechanism.pdf</a>
GRANT TIMELINES	Six to 12 months, depending on the objectives	12 months
GRANT SIZE	USD 1,000-30,000	Up to USD 70,000
APPLICATION PROCESS	Response to a request for proposals that will be made in early 2019.	Response to a request for proposals that will be made in February 2019.
APPLICATION DEADLINE	Rolling deadline, based on funding availability for the year.	See the request for proposals for the deadline.
TYPES OF SUPPORT	Financial and technical	Financial and technical
FUNDING MECHANISM LIFESPAN	Multiyear	Single year
OPERATING LANGUAGE	English, French	English, French