

One Step Ahead: A Microanalysis to Cast Foresight into New Funding Model 4

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Introduction

- The Global Fund (TGF) is a financing and partnership organization to end three diseases as epidemics while improving health systems internationally
- Worked with TGF's Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) team to analyze the Technical Review Panel (TRP) recommendations from New Funding Model 3 (NFM3), giving insight into investment opportunities next funding cycle

Objective of Internship

I sought to gain a deeper understanding of the complex funding strategies that underpin global health systems while building upon analytical skills.

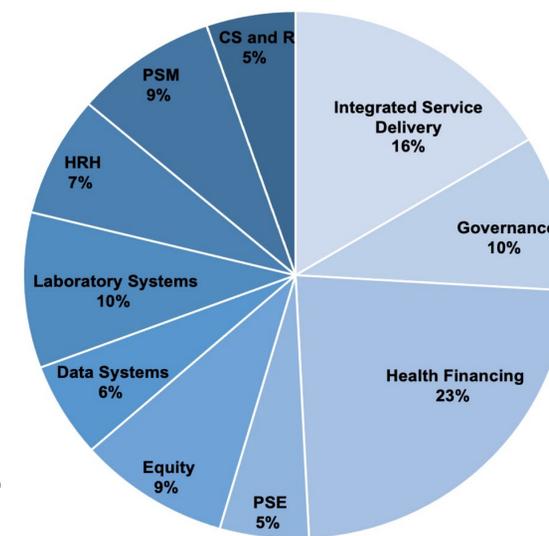
Work Profile

- Analyzed the TRP Data Base from NFM3
- Developed a matrix synthesizing TRP recommendations on RSSH-related funding requests while extracting common trends
- Created a slide deck outlining a deep dive into five key thematic areas using knowledge from TRP reports and chats with public health experts at TGF, the WHO, and the UN
- Proposed a strategy to the RSSH team for approaching NFM4 discussions and opportunities for investing

Results

- One of the RSSH team's main priorities, integrated service delivery, comprised 16% of the reviewed recommendations
- Main takeaway on integration in RSSH investments: Overall, there are some improving trends in applicant efforts to integrate health and data systems across the three diseases; however, a lack of strategic planning and emphasis on monitoring & evaluation during grant implementation diminishes RSSH investments' abilities to be set for impact.

Theme distribution across the RSSH related recommendations



Allocation of recommendation themes across the 13 countries analyzed

THEME	AGO	CIV	DJI	DRC	ETH	HTI	CAM	SRI	MDG	MLI	NER	NGA	SEN
1. Integrated Service Delivery	●	●	●	●		●		●		●	●	●	●
2. Governance	●		●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●
3. Health Financing	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
4. Private Sector Engagement			●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●
5. Equity (Human Rights and Gender)	●		●	●		●	●			●		●	
6. Data Systems	●	●		●				●	●		●		●
7. Laboratory Systems	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			
8. Human Resources	●		●	●		●		●	●	●		●	
9. Procurement and Supply Management			●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●
10. Community, Systems, and Responses			●	●		●	●	●	●		●		●

● Theme pertains to less than 20% of recommendations for a country
● Theme pertains to less than 60% of recommendations for a country
● Theme pertains to upwards of 60% of recommendations for a country

Reflection

- My slide deck and matrix will be utilized as an entry-point for discussion amongst the RSSH team and external partners regarding the most effective ways to address and improve upon TRP recommendations moving forward
- I now feel confident in my ability to conduct microanalyses in my prospective fields of study, global health and medicine

Looking Ahead

I'm eager to continue learning about the broad field of public health and have solidified my plan to pursue a career in global health alongside becoming a physician.

Questions

- What is the most effective way to incentivize and engage an integrated, polyvalent health workforce while providing training and supervision to improve quality of care?
- How can TGF better establish expected outcomes for grant performance on RSSH investments during country dialogue?

Conclusion

There remains much to be done in ending epidemics equitably across the globe through supplying treatment and quality care to those who need it most. However, I now have a greater awareness of how diverse teams collaborating across public and private sectors can work towards solutions in bridging health inequities and building sustainable systems.

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