

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY INVESTORS GROUP REPRESENTATIVES 2019-2020: CIVIL SOCIETY & YOUTH

Background

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) has been tasked with facilitating the selection process for the Global Financing Facility (GFF) Civil Society Investors Group Representatives.

The GFF Investors Group brings together partners and stakeholders to mobilize the resources and institutional commitment of key investors in reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) and nutrition required at the global and regional level to optimally support efficient collective action at the country level. It is composed of representatives of the participating countries, donors, civil society, the private sector, and private foundations as well as international organizations and multilateral institutions represented by the Office of the UNSG, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO the World Bank, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Gavi the Vaccine Alliance and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Investors Group has the following functions:

- a. Guide and ensure effective complementary financing of RMNCAH Investment Cases
- b. Create enabling environment for long-term financial sustainability of RMNCAH and health programmes
- c. Mobilise additional domestic and international (including private) resources and support to ensure effective financing for Investment Cases
- d. Monitor performance of GFF as a facility and foster learning among co-investors based on country experiences

The Investors Group is also responsible for appointing members and establishing effective operating procedures that facilitate optimal interaction between the Investors Group and Country Platforms. The Investors Group can establish Working Groups as appropriate.

The GFF is a key financing platform of the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health. It is a country-driven financing partnership that brings together, under national government leadership, stakeholders in RMNCAH and nutrition, to provide smart, scaled and sustainable financing to accelerate efforts to end preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths by 2030. The GFF was launched at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in July 2015.

Call for Applications – Civil Society and Youth

A selection committee from the PMNCH NGO and Adolescent and Youth constituencies, and the former civil society and youth Investors Group representatives, will elect two CS representatives, and two alternate CS representatives; one alternate representative will be reserved for a youth. Criteria and process for selection are listed below. These representatives will operate for two years and will be responsible for coordinating with the wider civil society constituency and representing their views to the Investors Group. This appointment is subject to the [Governance Document for the GFF](#).

Civil society and youth representatives on the Investors Group play a critical role in ensuring meaningful engagement of civil society - including youth and youth-led organizations - in all GFF processes, and that civil society and youth perspectives are captured in the content of the work produced by the GFF. The civil society and youth representatives are also responsible for ensuring broad constituency consultation, with a particular focus on civil society and youth in GFF countries, and should undertake regular outreach and communication efforts around the GFF, particularly in the lead up to bi-annual Investors Group meetings and in advance of quarterly calls or meetings with the GFF Secretariat. CS Investors Group representatives are also responsible for reporting out to the broader civil society constituency on the discussions and outcomes of Investors Group meetings, meetings with the GFF Secretariat, and other relevant engagements. The Civil Society Coordinating Group (CSCG) Google Group and webinars hosted by the CSCG can serve as a mechanism for this communication and consultation, as well as other civil society and youth networks, of which the representatives are a part. Civil society and youth Investors Group representatives also are expected to participate actively the GFF CS steering committee for the CSCG, which holds biweekly calls.

Adolescents & Youth Engagement in the GFF: A growing priority

One of the two civil society alternate seats on the Investors Group is now reserved for a youth, to facilitate a greater specific focus on the engagement of youth and youth-led organizations in the GFF at global and country levels. An Adolescent & Youth Addendum to the GFF Civil Society Engagement Strategy was presented to the Investors Group in April 2018, and represents important progress in outlining specific ways in which youth will be engaged in the GFF, as a critical member of civil society.

The complete roles and responsibilities of the civil society and youth representatives to the Investors Group are detailed in the [Civil Society Coordinating Group Terms of Reference](#) and in the [Civil Society Engagement Strategy \(CSES\)](#) – including the [Adolescent and Youth Addendum](#). The term for civil society and youth Investors Group representatives is two years.

Application

Applicants will need to meet minimum criteria outlined below. Interested candidates should submit their CV, a short bio and a personal statement clearly indicating how they meet the applicant criteria (see below), and how they will use the Investors Group to advance the representation, meaningful engagement and participation in the GFF process at national and regional level. The personal statement should provide an account of civil society and youth networks that candidates will leverage to engage civil society, including youth and youth-led organizations. The application should be sent to pmnch@who.int, with the title 'Application for civil society / youth Investors Group representative' by close of business EST on 22 July 2018 to be considered.

Final candidates will be announced in August 2018.

Applicant selection criteria

- Expertise in SRMNCAH and nutrition
- Experience in country planning and financing processes
- Experience and expertise in development financing, including innovative financing

- Membership in other civil society networks and communities, e.g. Gavi, Global Fund, SUN, UHC2030, FP2020 etc.
- The youth representative will be between the ages of 18 and 30
- **Ability to dedicate 15% time to the role of civil society / youth representative to the GFF Investors Group**
- ****Applications from GFF country civil society and youth-led organization representatives are highly encouraged****

Process for selecting CS representatives

This call for application is being issued on 22 June 2018 and will stay open until 22 July 2018.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee consisting of PMNCH board representatives of the NGO constituency, Adolescent and Youth Constituency, and current Investors Group CS representatives. These representatives will screen applications and will evaluate candidates on the outlined selection criteria. The selection committee will duly consider gender and geographic balance.

Term and immediate expectations

The term for civil society and youth GFF Investors Group representatives is two years, beginning in January 2019 through December 2020.

The newly selected civil society and youth representatives are highly encouraged to attend the upcoming GFF CSO workshop in Oslo, Norway on November 3rd and 4th; new representatives will need to be sponsored by their own organizations to attend, unless they are already invited as a sponsored CSO focal point from one of the GFF countries, in which case, travel expenses would be covered.

Representatives selected in August 2018 are also highly encouraged to join the CS Coordinating Group Google Group, if they are not already a member.