
CIVIL SOCIETY (CS) ENGAGEMENT IN THE GLOBAL FINANCING FACILITY (GFF): COUNTRY LEVEL PERSPECTIVE

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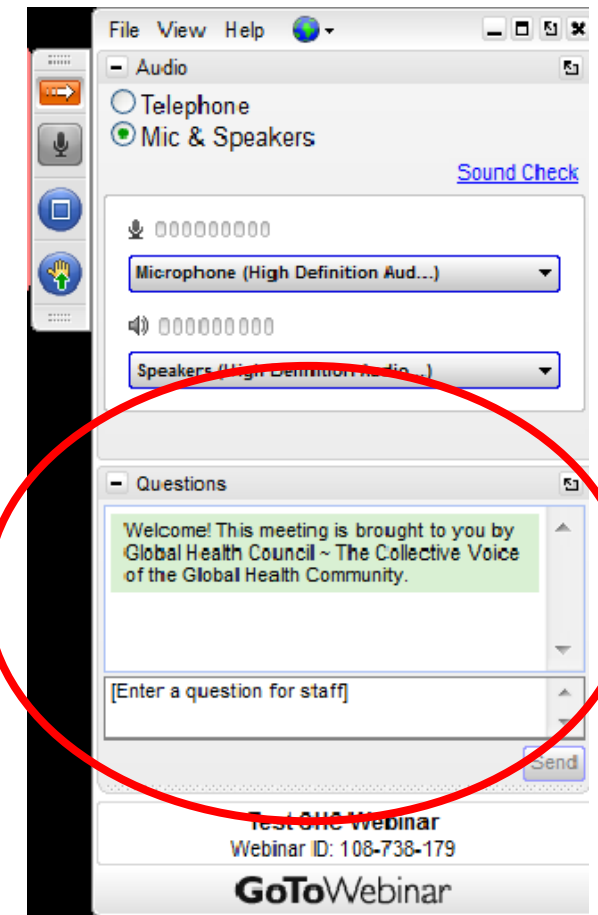
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KEY FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REPORT ON CSO ENGAGEMENT IN THE GFF

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Civil Society Engagement in the Global Financing Facility

Analysis and Recommendations

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The GFF and Civil Society: Context

- The **GFF recognizes the value and importance of engaging civil society** to improve its processes, platforms, and outcomes.
- To better understand and improve upon civil society engagement in the GFF, RESULTS contracted Global Health Visions and Catalysts for Change to **interview civil society stakeholders in the four GFF frontrunner countries** and engaged with other similar platforms.
- Stakeholders report that **civil society engagement and involvement in the GFF has been inconsistent, varied, and limited**. The GFF should consider several measures to improve future civil society engagement in the GFF.

Why Engage Civil Society?

Civil society is a diverse constituency with potential for significant contributions to the GFF, including:

- ✓ **Technical assistance** for implementation, especially serving hard-to-reach populations
- ✓ **Enhancing communication and transparency** with a broader network of stakeholders
- ✓ **Presence at sub-national level** for implementation and monitoring
- ✓ **Representing citizen voices**
- ✓ **Advocacy and resource mobilization**
- ✓ **Independent accountability**

Findings & Lessons Learned

1

Consistent, timely communication is critical

In-country civil society was largely unaware and uninformed of GFF goals, plans and timelines. Any information obtained, was usually through personal connections and international partners.

2

More time needed to get the process right

Interviewees reported that in-country processes were rushed, with little advance notice provided on meetings and deadlines. This impacted the ability for civil society to participate or prepare for engagement.

3

Resources necessary to support CSO engagement

Many organizations cited lack of sufficient resources for travel, time and preparation as key barriers to their ability to organize, align, and participate in consultations in a meaningful way.

Findings & Lessons Learned

4

Diverse representation and transparency in selection of CSOs is vital

Criteria for selection of civil society representatives engaged in the GFF was unclear. Interviewees also cited an apparent bias towards service delivery organizations and INGOs, with little representation from local CSOs.

5

Country platforms, learning opportunities beneficial

Stakeholders reported that the Kenya learning event was a critical opportunity for dialogue with government. In addition, experience from other global initiatives indicates the importance of multi-stakeholder and civil society coalitions and platforms in-country.

6

Value-added of CSOs must be defined and recognized

For the inclusion of civil society in government processes to be meaningful, the value of what civil society can contribute needs to be well articulated and understood.

Proposed Minimum Standards

Would ensure...

- **Strong representation in GFF country platforms** by a range of non-governmental stakeholders
- **Selection of representatives** through a transparent, participatory process
- Transparent, timely, and consistent **information sharing**
- An **accountability strategy and working group** are established to monitor implementation of the Investment Cases
- **Independent review** of adherence to country platforms' operational procedures at least every two years
- **Grievance mechanisms** be established to receive and facilitate concerns related to the minimum standards.

Recommendations

1. Implement and track minimum standards for RMNCAH country platforms in GFF countries

- ✓ The proposed minimum standards outline guidelines for participation, transparency, independence, and accountability
- ✓ Standards should be adopted by GFF Investors Group and other GFF governance bodies
- ✓ Standards should be communicated to country governments and resources provided to operationalize, track, and report on their implementation

2. Ensure timely and transparent communications about the GFF and its processes

- ✓ Develop and implement a dedicated civil society communications strategy and web platform
- ✓ Pursue civil society participation on the GFF editorial group

Recommendations

- 3. Establish platforms for civil society to engage GFF in a coordinated, representative, streamlined manner**
 - ✓ Such platforms will be necessary to ensure strategic civil society engagement
 - ✓ Need to provide opportunities for info sharing, participation, alignment around common priorities, and role determination

- 4. Resource and support civil society engagement**
 - ✓ Resources for communications, travel, and meetings are needed for CSO involvement in GFF – especially indigenous groups
 - ✓ A centralized GFF fund to support a global CSO Coordination Group should be established

***"Civil society is critical to success...
the GFF has an opportunity to get it right from
the beginning."***

Civil Society Representative





UPDATES FROM THE INVESTORS GROUP

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KENYA INVESTMENT CASE : [HTTP://WWW.HEALTH.GO.KE/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2016/03/KENYA-RMNCAH-INVESTMENT-FRAMEWORK_MARCH-2016.PDF](http://www.health.go.ke/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/KENYA-RMNCAH-INVESTMENT-FRAMEWORK_MARCH-2016.PDF)



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NIGERIA UPDATE & AFRICA HEALTH BUDGET NETWORK UPDATE

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QUESTIONS?

- How youth can contribute to GFF objectives per country?
- The counties are moving fast on issues for instance developing investment plans, yet CSOs are asking for more time to engage the process. I think as CSOs we will be left out if we do not move fast too.
- Is it right that the Investors Group hopes to agree indicators for the GFF at its June meeting. If so when can we comment on draft indicators? What types / categories of indicators are you expecting?
- Nigeria: the CSO representative on the platform in Nigeria has not called for any meeting and even shunned support from other CSOs to help organize a meeting of CSOs in Nigeria, what can we do as CSOs?
- Nigeria: while it is great for CHR to support government to hold the meeting to inform CSOs on the progress towards GFF in Nigeria, I think CSOs will be at the receiving end and at a big disadvantage for not organizing themselves with one voice before being part of such a meeting. Can CHR reach out to other organizations and let's pull resources to hold a pre meeting before the meeting of the platform which will involve government?
- Who can be contacted in Cameroon to access the GFF platform?
- For Richard Mugenyi- How can civil society engagement improve when initially discussing partnership with World Bank/WHO. What was the key to your success in engaging them to work with you?
- I'm leading the Central/Middle African Regional Caucus on Women and Girls Health as part of the Women Deliver 4th Global Conference in Copenhagen, May 16-16. Our focus is to call for more investment on Adolescent SRH. What ask can we direct to the GFF as part of our Caucus call to action? and to whom should we direct the call at country level. e.g. Cameroon?
- Maty, the countries of Cameroon and Liberia how have they imbibed the comprehensive minimum standards, any examples
- Do the speakers know how many GFF Investment Cases are public? Where can they be found?



FINAL REMARKS & CLOSING

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