

The Vietnam GFATM Project Proposal Experience

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What are the Vietnam CCM and HIV sub-CCM ?

- In order to broaden stakeholder involvement and to adhere to GF regulations, the Vietnam CCM and sub-committees were revised prior to Round 6 submission
- The Vietnam CCM consists of government and non-government organizational representatives that have an interest in HIV, TB, and malaria prevention, care, and treatment.
 - Chair is Dr. Tran Chi Liem, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning
- The HIV sub-committee are members of the CCM with a specific focus on HIV
 - Duty is to advise the full Vietnam CCM on the HIV component of GF proposals submitted by Vietnam

Background on proposal preparation

- Round 6 proposal was the first time that the GoV requested input from stakeholders on the suggested content and potential partners for the proposal
- CCM HIV sub-committee led this process
- Goal of process was:
 - To insure input from a wide array of stakeholders
 - To review “sub-proposals” for possible inclusion in a fair and unbiased manner

Proposal process in Round 6

- Announcement by CCM to seek ideas and proposals for potential inclusion in Vietnam proposal
- Format and deadline provided
- Proposals reviewed in the following manner:
 - Proposals discussed by sub-CCM
 - Proposals rated anonymously using point system
 - Point system based on GF rating criteria

Rating system

- 100-point scale consisted of the following categories:
 - Soundness of approach
 - Feasibility
 - Potential for sustainability
 - Organizational capability and capacity
 - Additionality
- Reviewers with conflicts of interest were excluded
- Process led to final proposal consisting of interventions by MOH, Women's Union, and Lawyer's Association
- Three other proposals were rejected for inclusion

Comments from GF on Round 6 proposal

- Vietnam received conditional approval from GF on Round 6 proposal
- Final approval subject to satisfactory response to concerns by GF
- Concerns included:
 - Involuntary nature of drug treatment in 06 centers
 - Confidentiality of proposed interventions in 06 centers needs to be assured
 - Possession of needles and condoms needs to be de-criminalized
 - Capacity of new agencies (Women's union and Lawyer's association) needs to be strengthened

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- Concerns were addressed in a formal response to the GF and Vietnam won full approval from the GF