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committees**

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1. Introduction

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is a major financing institution founded in 2002 to scale up the global response to HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Up to 2011, the Global Fund has approved 773 proposals worth US\$ 32.2 billion through its application Rounds 1 to 10. Out of these, 79 proposals worth US\$2.1 billion have been approved for the 14 eligible countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen. Among the approved grants for the Region, 25 grants were for HIV/AIDS care, 32 were for tuberculosis and 22 grants were approved for malaria. Four countries are also benefitting from the Global Fund through its health systems strengthening component.

In 2010, the Eastern Mediterranean Region was the most successful among all WHO regions in terms of funding recommended by the Global Fund Board, with 14% proportionate share of recommended funding. This is compared to a 6.5% overall share for the Region across Rounds 1 to 10 (US\$2.1 billion for the Region out of US\$32.2 billion approved globally).

2. Regional representation on the Global Fund Board

The Global Fund has an international board comprising representatives of donor and recipient governments, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector (including businesses and foundations) and affected communities. Key international development partners also participate on the Board. The Eastern Mediterranean Region of WHO has a voting seat on the Global Fund Board. In addition, the Region is also represented on the Finance and Audit Committee and Policy and Strategy Committee of the Global Fund Board.

The elected representative of the Region serves as a voting member on the Global Fund Board and is responsible for representing the position of the Region in Board meetings and for casting votes on all Board decisions. The vote is considered as the position of the Eastern Mediterranean Region constituency. Elected representatives of the Region participate in the Finance and Audit Committee and Policy and Strategy Committee of the Board and represent the interests and position of the Region during committee decisions. The Regional Board member, an alternative member and representatives to the Finance and Audit Committee and Policy and Strategy Committee are elected by Member States at the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean.

Previous sessions of the Regional Committee have made the following decisions related to selection and nomination of Member States in the Global Fund Board.

- In 2004, the Fifty-first Session of the Regional Committee nominated Morocco to serve on the Global Fund Board for a three-year period 2004–2006, replacing Yemen (Decision No 4). It was decided that Pakistan would continue to serve on the Board until 2005. It was also agreed that three other eligible countries would be supported by the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean to attend the Board meetings as observers.
- In 2005, the Fifty-second Session of the Regional Committee nominated Djibouti to serve on the Global Fund Board for a three-year period 2006–2008, replacing Pakistan (Decision No. 3.) Jordan was nominated to serve as an alternate, replacing Morocco, for a three-year period 2006–2008.
- In 2008, the Fifty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee nominated Yemen to serve on the Global Fund Board for a three-year period 2009–2011. Palestine was nominated to serve as an alternate for a three-year period 2009–2011. Iraq was nominated to serve on the Policy and Strategy Committee.

In summary, the composition of regional representation on meetings of the Global Fund Board was as follows.

1st Board meeting (January 2002) – 9th Board meeting (November 2004)

Board Member: Pakistan

Alternate: Yemen

Focal Point: Pakistan

10th Board meeting (April 2005) – 11th Board meeting (September 2005)

Board Member: Pakistan

Alternate: Morocco

Focal Point: Pakistan

12th Board meeting (December 2005) – 17th Board meeting (April 2008)

Board Member: Djibouti

Alternate: Jordan

Focal Point: Djibouti

18th Board meeting (November 2008) – 23rd Board meeting (May 2011)

Board Member: Yemen

Alternate: Palestine

Focal Point: Yemen

3. Regional representation on the Global Fund Board committees

The Policy and Strategy Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee play a very important role in shaping decisions that are made by the Board. Strong regional participation is needed in these committees to represent the Region effectively in Global Fund policy-making.

4. Selection of new regional representatives to the Global Fund Board and Committees

The term of the current regional member of the Global Fund Board, alternate member and representatives to the Policy and Strategy Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee expired in May 2011:

- Yemen serving as Board member
- Palestine serving as Alternate Board member
- Iraq serving on the Finance and Audit Committee
- Tunisia serving on the Policy and Strategy Committee

The Regional Committee is requested to select four new representatives to serve as: member of the Global Fund board; alternate member of the Global Fund Board; member of the Policy and Strategy Committee; and member of the Finance and Audit Committee.

The following criteria are proposed for selection of new representatives from the Region to the Global Fund Board and committees.

- New representatives can be selected from any country of the Region. However, since only 14 countries are currently eligible to seek Global Fund financing, it is recommended to select new representatives from countries that: a) are eligible to the Global Fund financing; and b) have experience in receiving this financing.
- In addition, it is recommended that selection be made from among eligible countries that have not yet been represented on the Board and committees.