Country Dialogue Narrative

This document aims to capture the country dialogue process for the development and finalization of the funding request to the Global Fund. This information will be used by the Global Fund to assess the effectiveness of the process and assess compliance with CCM Eligibility Requirement 1.

Country dialogue is an open and inclusive conversation between different stakeholders who respond to and are affected by the diseases in the country. It is crucial to funding request development as it forms the basis for determining what should be included in the funding request. Country dialogue should also be ongoing throughout the grant life cycle.

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Considering the above, please describe the process undertaken to engage a broad range of stakeholders in the country dialogue leading to the development of the funding request. These stakeholders should include non-CCM members, civil society, communities affected by the three diseases, health systems stakeholders, and other relevant experts.
The development of the Republic of Moldova's Funding Request to the Global Fund for the 2027 - 2029 allocation period was carried out through an extensive national country dialogue process coordinated by CCM Moldova. The process was organized under the leadership of the CCM Secretariat in accordance with the Global Fund CCM Policy[1] and the National Plan for the Development of the 2027 - 2029 Funding Request (Roadmap)[2], approved by the CCM, ensuring the continuous engagement of all CCM constituencies throughout the preparation, consultation and validation of the application. Although the formal Grant Cycle 8 process commenced following the receipt of the Allocation Letter on 13 March 2026, preparatory activities had already been initiated several months earlier.

[1] Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Policy, Including Principles and Requirements. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Available at: https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/7421/ccm_countrycoordinatingmechanism_policy_en.pdf
[2] National Plan for the Development of the 2027 - 2029 Funding Request. Approved by the CCM Moldova on 6 April 2026. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/inline-files/Plan_national_de_dezvoltare_aplicații_FG_2026_final.pdf

Between December 2025 and March 2026, representatives of the CCM Secretariat, PR, national authorities, implementing partners and other CCM constituencies participated in the Global Fund information sessions and technical webinars dedicated to Grant Cycle 8. Following each session, the CCM Secretariat disseminated key messages, technical recommendations and supporting materials to CCM members and the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups, facilitating an early common understanding of the strategic priorities, methodological requirements and expectations for the new funding cycle. As a result, discussions on sustainability, transition, service integration, resilient and sustainable systems for health, domestic financing and investment priorities had already commenced before the formal launch of the country dialogue.

Information on these sessions, together with key reference materials and updates related to the Grant Cycle 8 funding request process, was made available through the CCM Moldova website, providing stakeholders with continuous access to relevant information throughout the preparation of the Funding Request[3] and [4].

Following each information session, the CCM Secretariat prepared and systematically disseminated summaries of the main messages, technical recommendations and strategic updates to CCM members and members of the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups. This ensured that all constituencies had timely access to the latest Global Fund guidance and facilitated an early common understanding of the strategic priorities and methodological requirements for the preparation of the Funding Request. Consequently, discussions on sustainability, transition planning, integration of HIV and tuberculosis services, strengthening resilient and sustainable systems for health, domestic financing and investment priorities had already commenced before the Allocation Letter was issued on 13 March 2026. The formal country dialogue therefore represented the continuation of an ongoing national dialogue rather than the starting point of stakeholder engagement.

Following receipt of the Allocation Letter on 13 March 2026, CCM members and partners were informed about the financial allocation, the application timeline, strategic priorities and methodological requirements communicated by the Global Fund[5]. On 2 April 2026, the Joint Meeting of the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups officially initiated the technical development of the Funding Request through the review of the implementation arrangements, the National Roadmap for the Development of the Funding Request and the responsibilities of the Technical Working Groups throughout the application process.

The official launch of the country dialogue took place during the CCM meeting held on 6 April 2026. During this meeting, CCM members adopted a series of key decisions that formally initiated the development of the Republic of Moldova's Funding Request for the 2027 - 2029 allocation period[6]. These included the acceptance of the Global Fund's invitation to apply for a new allocation, confirmation of the Principal Recipient, confirmation of the operating currency (Euro), approval of the split between the HIV and Tuberculosis components, confirmation of the Technical Working

[3] CCM Moldova. Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 Information Session. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/node/2659
[4] CCM Moldova. Global Fund Grant Cycle 8 – Preparatory Information and Technical Guidance. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/node/2658
[5] Allocation Letter to the Republic of Moldova for the 2027 – 2029 Allocation Period (Grant Cycle 8), 13 March 2026. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/inline-files/Moldova%20GC8%20Allocation%20Letter%20-%20signed.pdf
[6] CCM Decision of 6 April 2026 on the Launch of the Grant Cycle 8 Funding Request Development Process. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/2026-04/CCM_Decision_%2006.04.2026.pdf

Groups responsible for developing the Funding Request[7] and their working arrangements, and approval of the National Plan for the Development of the 2027 - 2029 Funding Request.

The overall coordination of the country dialogue was ensured by the CCM Secretariat, while technical leadership was provided by the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups under the coordination of the National HIV and Tuberculosis Programme Coordinators. Consultation activities, stakeholder communication, circulation of draft documents, consolidation of comments and documentation of the consultation process were coordinated throughout the application development, ensuring transparency, consistency and timely decision-making.

In parallel with the development of the Global Fund Funding Request, the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans for the 2027 - 2030 period were developed by dedicated technical working groups established by the Ministry of Health through Order No. 169 of 24 April 2026[8]. The working groups brought together representatives of the Ministry of Health, National HIV and Tuberculosis Programmes, public institutions, civil society organizations, development and technical partners, and other relevant stakeholders. The development of the Transition Plans was closely coordinated with the preparation of the Funding Request to ensure consistency between the proposed investments, national priorities and the long-term sustainability and transition of key HIV and tuberculosis interventions.

The country dialogue was implemented through a structured consultation process involving 2 CCM meetings, 17 Technical Working Group meetings (6 TB Technical Working Group meetings, 7 HIV Technical Working Group meetings and 4 joint HIV/TB Technical Working Group meetings), consultations with community representatives and civil society organizations, technical consultations with WHO, UNAIDS, UNICEF and the Global Fund Country Team, as well as an electronic consultation of the draft Funding Request and accompanying documents conducted between 16 and 23 July 2026 prior to their technical validation and endorsement by the CCM. Overall, the process engaged more than 100 representatives of government institutions, civil society organizations, communities, technical and development partners, consultants and independent experts.

The consultations focused on reviewing the epidemiological and programmatic situation, analysing implementation experience from previous Global Fund grants, identifying strategic priorities for HIV and tuberculosis, strengthening resilient and sustainable systems for health, addressing human rights and gender-related barriers to services, identifying opportunities for greater integration of HIV and tuberculosis services and preparing the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans. Particular attention was given to prioritizing interventions within the available allocation and identifying additional investments under the Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR), taking into consideration national priorities, implementation feasibility, sustainability and the long-term transition of key interventions.

Community participation was an integral component of the country dialogue process. Representatives of people living with HIV, tuberculosis survivors, people who use drugs, men who

[7] Composition of the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups Responsible for the Development of the Grant Cycle 8 Funding Request. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/inline-files/Componența%20Grupului%20de%20Lucru%20responsabil%20de%20elaborarea%20cererii%20de%20finanțare%20HIV%20și%20TB%20în%20cadrul%20ciclului%20CG8%20al%20Fondului%20Global.pdf

[8] Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova. Order No. 169 of 24 April 2026 on the establishment of the technical working groups for the development of the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans for 2027 - 2029. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/inline-files/Dispoziția%20MS%20nr.169%20din%2024.04.2026_Planuri%20de%20tranziție.pdf

have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers, people deprived of liberty and former detainees, migrants, people experiencing homelessness, and stakeholders from the eastern region of the Republic of Moldova actively participated throughout the development of the FR.

Civil society and key and vulnerable populations have long played an active role in the national HIV and TB response. Within CCM Moldova, community and civil society organizations represent 44.8% of CCM membership, ensuring meaningful participation in governance and decision-making related to the Global Fund grants. Community and civil society representatives actively contributed as members of the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups, through CCM constituency mechanisms, key and vulnerable population platforms and consultation meetings organized throughout the application development process.

Between 22 and 24 June 2026, representatives of affected communities, civil society organizations and partners involved in the national HIV and tuberculosis response met in a participatory consultation and planning workshop to identify, discuss and prioritize community interventions proposed for inclusion in the Grant Cycle 8 Funding Request[9]. To further strengthen community engagement, technical assistance was provided to support the analysis of sustainability and transition challenges, the identification of priority interventions and the formulation of evidence-based recommendations. This process resulted in the development of an independent Civil Society Report on the sustainability and transition of community TB and HIV services[10], which was presented to CCM members. The report's findings and recommendations informed the development of the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans and were considered by the Technical Working Groups during the prioritization and finalization of the Funding Request.

The Funding Request was developed through successive working versions rather than a single draft. This approach enabled stakeholders to review the evolving application, submit recommendations at different stages of development and contribute continuously to the refinement of interventions and investment priorities. The consultation process therefore extended beyond formal meetings and allowed stakeholders to influence the application throughout its development.

Transparency remained a key principle throughout the process. Technical meetings were organized through the Zoom platform and all meetings were recorded and archived by the CCM Secretariat. Draft documents were jointly developed through a shared Google Drive workspace accessible to institutions and experts directly involved in the development of the application. Working versions of the Funding Request and supporting documents were systematically circulated electronically by e-mail, enabling stakeholders to provide written comments and recommendations throughout the drafting process.

To further strengthen transparency and facilitate access to information, CCM Moldova maintained a dedicated webpage on its official website containing key documents related to the development of the FR, including the Allocation Letter, CCM decisions, meeting minutes, presentations, consultation materials, draft documents and the Civil Society Report. The minutes of the meetings and other draft documents were systematically published on this page[11].

[9] Consultation and planning workshop on the prioritization of community interventions for Grant Cycle 8, 22 – 24 June 2026. Available at: https://smitmd.wordpress.com/2026/06/25/comunitatile-afectate-de-tuberculoza-si-organizatiile-societatii-civile-au-contribuit-la-definirea-prioritatilor-pentru-aplicatia-de-tara-gc8/

[10] Civil Society Report on the transition from Global Fund financing to public funding for the sustainability of civil society interventions in Tuberculosis and HIV in the Republic of Moldova. July 2026. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/inline-files/OSC_Report_TB-HIV_Sustainability_06-07-2026.pdf

[11] Grant Cycle 8 Funding Request Development - Country Dialogue consultation page. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/node/2672

Between 16 and 22 July 2026, draft versions of the Funding Request and accompanying documents were circulated for broader consultation among CCM constituencies, Technical Working Groups, community platforms, development partners and technical agencies, providing all stakeholders with the opportunity to review the documents and submit written comments before the final validation of the application.

Throughout the consultation process, recommendations were received from community representatives, civil society organizations, technical partners and the Global Fund Country Team. All comments were reviewed by the respective Technical Working Groups. Recommendations considered technically feasible, aligned with national strategic priorities and compatible with the available allocation were incorporated into the Funding Request. Particular attention was given to ensuring that community recommendations were assessed alongside epidemiological evidence, programmatic performance, implementation feasibility and sustainability considerations during the prioritization process. Proposals that could not be accommodated at this stage because of allocation limitations or implementation considerations were transparently discussed and documented for consideration during grant-making and subsequent implementation, where appropriate.

Successive versions of the Funding Request were shared with the Global Fund Country Team throughout the drafting process to ensure alignment with Grant Cycle 8 methodological requirements. In parallel, the application benefited from technical peer review by WHO, UNAIDS and UNICEF. Recommendations received through this process further strengthened the technical quality, coherence and strategic alignment of the application and were reflected in the final version of the Funding Request, where appropriate.

On 21 July 2026, the final draft of the Funding Request and accompanying documents was technically reviewed and validated by the HIV and Tuberculosis Technical Working Groups. On 23 July 2026, following completion of the national consultation process, the Funding Request together with the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans was presented to CCM members and approved during the CCM meeting[12].

The Republic of Moldova's Funding Request for the 2027 - 2029 allocation period was officially submitted to the Global Fund through the Partner Portal on 27 July 2026.

The Republic of Moldova's Funding Request for the 2027 - 2029 allocation period represents the outcome of a continuous, inclusive and evidence-informed national country dialogue coordinated by CCM Moldova. The process ensured that all CCM constituencies had multiple opportunities to participate, contribute technical expertise and provide feedback throughout the development of the application. As a result, the Funding Request reflects nationally agreed priorities and represents the collective contribution of government institutions, affected communities, civil society organizations, implementing partners, technical agencies and development partners committed to strengthening the national HIV and tuberculosis response over the 2027 - 2029 allocation period.

[12] CCM Decision of 23 July 2026 approving the Republic of Moldova's Grant Cycle 8 (2027 - 2029) Funding Request and the HIV and Tuberculosis Transition Plans. Available at: http://www.ccm.md/sites/default/files/2026-07/CCM%20Decision_23.06.2026.pdf