



THE UGANDA COUNTRY
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FOR THE GLOBAL FUND
To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria

MEDIA BRIEF

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GLOBAL FUND SIGNS US\$ 468,643,197 GRANTS FOR UGANDA

The Global Fund has today signed grant agreements with the Government of Uganda amounting to **US\$ 468,643,197** (Four Hundred Sixty Eight Million Six Hundred Forty Three Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Seven US Dollars) for the implementation period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2020.

The grants are for supporting Uganda's fight against the HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis and Malaria epidemics. The Principal Recipients (implementing institutions) of the new grants will be (i) The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) and (2) The AIDS Support Organization (Uganda) Limited (TASO). The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) implements the Global Fund supported programme activities through the Ministry of Health (MoH). The specifics of the newly signed grants are:

HIV/AIDS

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) will be the Principal Recipient (PR) of **US\$245,570,664** (Two Hundred Forty-five Million Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Six Hundred sixty-four US Dollars) towards supporting Uganda's fight against HIV/AIDS. The grant funds under this program seek to reduce new HIV infections and HIV associated morbidity and mortality in Uganda. The program's objectives are aligned with the HIV National Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and are based on an in-depth assessment of the country's gaps and priorities.

TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) will also be the Principal Recipient (PR) of **US\$ 18,445,026** (Eighteen Million Four Hundred Forty-five Thousand Twenty-six US Dollars). This grant will support Uganda's efforts to prevent Tuberculosis and Uganda's Tuberculosis Reduction Strategy. To attain the National Strategic Plan (NSP) of reducing TB prevalence in Uganda, this grant targets a scale-up of tuberculosis prevention, control, treatment, care and support in Uganda. The national goal is to reach a reduction of 35% in TB Prevalence by 2020 (93/100,000 persons).

Joint TB/HIV

The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) will be the Non-Public Sector Principal Recipient (PR) of **US\$14,347,607** (Fourteen Million Three Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven US Dollars) for supporting Uganda's Response to the HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Reduction Strategy response in the country.

MALARIA

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) will also be the Principal Recipient (PR) of **US\$ 171,724,213** (One Hundred Seventy-One Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen US Dollars) for supporting the National Malaria Reduction Strategic Plan (NSP) for the prevention, management and treatment of Malaria in Uganda. This program will facilitate national training activities in malaria prevention, management and support the procurement and mass distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets across the country.

In addition to the above, the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED) as the Public-Sector Principal Recipient (PR) will also receive the **US\$ 3,586,153** (Three Million Five Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand US Dollars) Global Fund Emergency Funds approved for Uganda; to cover the essential malaria prevention and treatment commodity gap for refugees in Northern Uganda in the next Six months. The additional Emergency Funds to be topped up on the Malaria grant to be implemented by the Ministry of Finance (MoFPED) and Ministry of Health (MoH), will help provide additional essential malaria prevention and treatment commodities needed to provide services for the increased refugee communities, following the emergency in South Sudan.

The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) as the Non-Public Sector Principal Recipient (PR) will further receive **US\$ 14,969,534** (Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four US Dollars) for supporting the country's prevention, management and treatment strategies against Malaria.

PRIORITIZED ABOVE ALLOCATION REQUEST (PAAR) FUNDS

In addition to the above-listed technically approved grant funds totaling **US\$ 314,944,762** (Three Hundred Fourteen Million Nine Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two US Dollars), which are categorized as Prioritized Above Allocation Request (PAAR) Funds registered on the Global Fund Unfunded Quality Demand (UQD) Register. This means that these funds will be accessed upon excellent performance by the Grant implementers and availability of any additional funds/savings in Uganda's grant portfolio during the period 2018 to 2020.

THE UGANDA CCM'S GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT ROLE FOR THE NEW GRANTS

The Uganda Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM), which spearheaded and coordinated the mobilization process for these new grant funds; is the Global Fund's in-country multi-stakeholder Board that governs Global Fund programmes and grants in Uganda. One of its key roles is to mobilize grant funds from the Global Fund to fight HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Now that the Global Fund has approved these new grants for Uganda; the Uganda CCM will play the important role of carrying out effective oversight and monitoring of implementation of the new grant programme activities, aimed at ensuring that all Global Fund approved grant funds and commodities are used for the intended purpose, and reach the intended beneficiaries during the implementation period 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2020.

**SUMMARY OF NEW GLOBAL FUND HIV, TB & MALARIA GRANTS –
SIGNED TODAY FOR UGANDA FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2018 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

GRANT NAME	SIGNED AMOUNT IN US DOLLARS
1. MoFPED (HIV Grant) - UGA-H-MoFPED	US\$245,570,664
2. MoFPED (TB Grant) - UGA-T-MoFPED	US\$18,445,026
3. MoFPED (Malaria Grant) - UGA-M-MoFPED	US\$ 171,724,213
4. TASO (TB/HIV Grant) – UGA-C-TASO	US\$14,347,607
5. TASO (Malaria Grant) – UGA-M-TASO	US\$ 14,969,534
6. Emergency Funds Grant for Refugees (to be topped up on the MoFPED Malaria Grant)	USD \$ 3,586,153
TOTAL	US\$ 468,643,197

The Global Fund has, prior to today’s grant signing ceremony, signed grants with Uganda totaling **US\$ 1,033,737,798** since the re-instatement of Global Fund support to the country in 2009; following suspension of the support a year earlier.

The new Global Fund grants agreements’ signing ceremony and launch event was presided over by the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda and officials of the Global Fund Secretariat at Hotel Africana Kampala. In attendance was the Minister of State for Finance, Planning & Economic Development, the Minister of Health, Various Ambassadors, the Uganda Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) for the Global Fund Board Members, Government Officials & Key personnel, TASO Officials & Key Personnel, Development Partners, Multi-lateral UN Agencies, Civil Society Representatives, Private Sector representatives and a range of other in-Country Stakeholders.