

Our Reference: **C19RM_EL SALVADOR_ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

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Subject: COVID-19 Response Mechanism additional funding for **El Salvador**

Dear Ms Payés

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly spreading across the globe and threatens to derail HIV, TB, and malaria programs, overwhelm community and health systems and cause significant morbidity and mortality. To mitigate the impact of the pandemic on the three diseases and support health and community systems in El Salvador, the Global Fund has approved **USD 892,860** of additional investments for your country's COVID-19 response, under the Global Fund COVID-19 Response Mechanism (C19RM).

Please note that this is a one-time investment additional to your country's 2017-2019 allocation (and where necessary, the 2020-2022 allocation) and will become part of grant SLV-H-MOH.

The Global Fund has exceptionally approved the full amount requested to fund activities under Priority 1 and Priority 2. The interventions, activities and investment amounts approved by the Global Fund are set out in Annex 1 of this letter.

These interventions and activities were identified for immediate award due to programmatic need. Given the urgency of these interventions and activities, the funds should be incorporated into the grant no later than 5 August 2020.

Set out below are the next steps required to enable swift implementation of the approved interventions and activities.

1. By 24 June, the Principal Recipient is requested to finalize with the Global Fund, the remaining order details (e.g. delivery address and incoterm) for procuring the COVID-19 diagnostics products under Wambo;
2. By 8 July 2020, the Principal Recipient is requested to finalize with the Global Fund, a revised Detailed Budget capturing all approved C19RM interventions and activities within the budget template's COVID-19 module and interventions for SLV-M-MOH. Revisions to the Detailed Budget are expected to follow standard requirements as set out in the Global Fund Guidelines for Grant Budgeting (2019, as amended from time to time).

The Global Fund Country Team will issue an Implementation Letter upon receipt of the above items to the satisfaction of the Global Fund. In order to avoid delays in programming the additional funds, the Principal Recipient is requested to return the countersigned Implementation Letter by email as

soon as possible and in any event, no later than 15 days from the date the letter is sent. Failure to do so may result in the funds being reinvested elsewhere by the Global Fund.

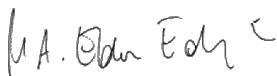
The additional funds must be used by **30 June 2021** and only for the purposes for which the funding was approved and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

Please note that C19RM support and grant flexibilities for the COVID-19 response cannot exceed an amount equivalent to 10% of the country allocation for the 2020-2022 allocation period.

Your Global Fund Portfolio Manager will be in touch shortly to advise further on the above process.

We stand ready to support **El Salvador** in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, which threatens to destroy years of progress against HIV, TB and malaria. To defeat COVID-19, protect progress against HIV, TB and malaria, and save lives, we must unite to fight.

Yours sincerely



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Annex 1

Breakdown of C19RM interventions, activities and investment amounts (as well as associated conditions) approved by the Global Fund

Table 1: Breakdown of C19RM investment amount by category

	Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs	Reinforcing national COVID-19 response	Urgent improvements in health and community systems
Immediate award	USD 756,800	USD 136,060	N/A

Table 2: Breakdown of interventions and activities for immediate award by category

Immediate award	
Category	Approved interventions / activities
Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs	<p>The Global Fund has approved the interventions and activities set out at section 1.2 and 1.3 (Mitigating COVID-19 impact on HIV, TB, malaria programs) of the C19RM Funding Request subject to the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Written confirmation signed by the PR and CCM that risks to Global Fund supported programs and national disease responses have been addressed elsewhere via reprogramming/cost savings as needed. To be finalized during grant revision. 2. Clarification on the detailed budget of the activity “Digital communication strategy for SSRs working with HIV key populations”
Reinforcing national COVID-19 response	<p>The Global Fund has approved the interventions and activities set out at section 1.2 and 1.3 (Reinforcing national COVID-19 response) of the C19RM Funding Request subject to the following amendments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. US\$ 110,762 has been recommended for the procurement of 4,858 Cepheid or any other SARS-CoV-2 tests in compliance with the Global Fund Quality Assurance requirements, with a need to process an order of 1,170 Cepheid tests to secure this allocated volume in the immediate term, with additional orders to follow from September onwards.
Urgent improvements in health and community systems	N/A