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The Science & Practice of Scale Up

Engaging civil society and PLHIV with the Global Fund planning process

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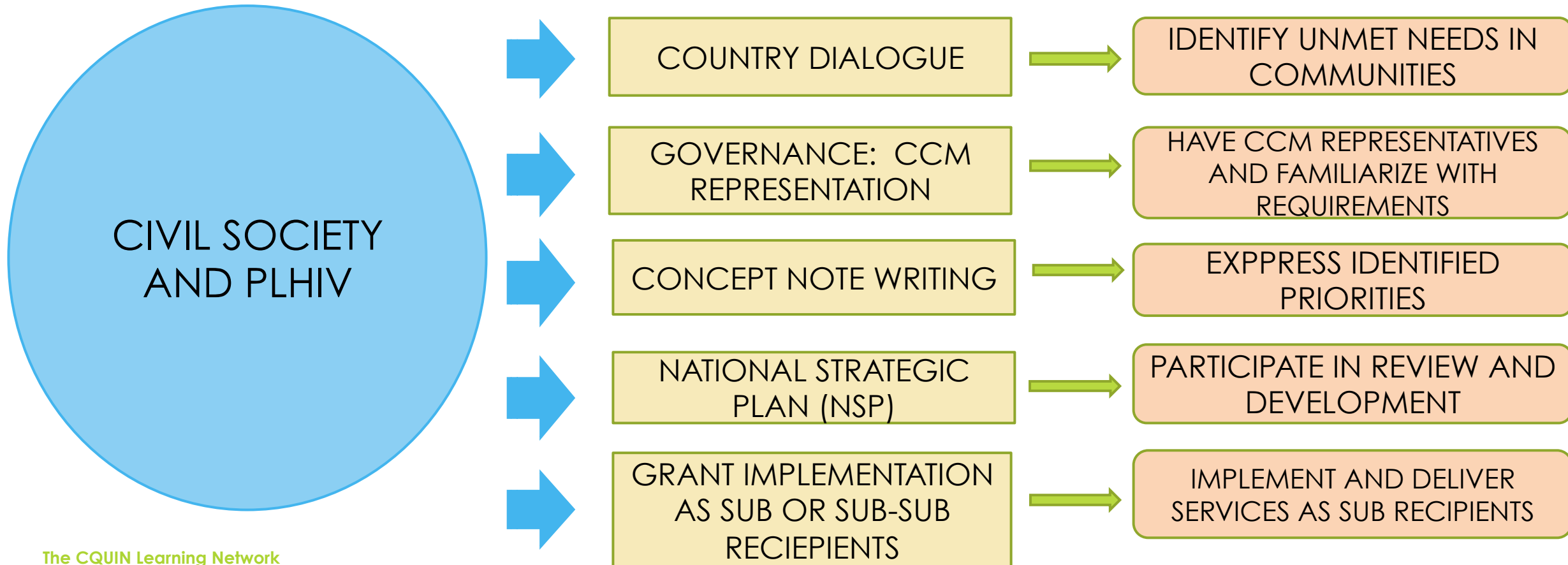
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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ One of the most important aspects of the Global Fund is the meaningful participation of key affected populations (KAP) and communities, in the drafting and implementation of the country concept note through the country dialogue process.
- ▶ The Global Fund instituted the Country Dialogue, which is an on-going process that occurs at the country level among stakeholders including people living with HIV as a means to ensure that meaningful participation happens.
- ▶ However, the complexity of the model provides challenges for communities and civil society organizations to recognize when and how they can participate meaningfully and effectively.
- ▶ PLHIV-led organisations must be proactive in engaging with these processes and advocating for the inclusion of PLHIV-led responses.

INVOLVEMENT IN GF PROCESSES



JOINT KEY POPULATIONS NETWORKS WORKSHOP

- ▶ In 2017, GNP+ and four other networks of key populations jointly organised a capacity-building workshop on The Global Fund in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- ▶ The workshop focused on building the capacity of members of these networks to provide information about The Global Fund in their countries, and to develop the skills and knowledge of regional community experts, who would then co-facilitate a series of five regional workshops to develop skills and knowledge of national community experts.
- ▶ Positive Women Together in Action represented Swaziland in these trainings.

Example #1: SWAZILAND GLOBAL FUND CRG SI PROJECT

- ▶ The Global Fund workshops and consultations are a series of 3-day workshops and 1-day consultations that are taking place from 2018 -2019.
- ▶ Organised by Positive Women Together, in partnership with Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+).



Example #2: HER VOICE PROJECT

- ▶ Organised by Positive Women Together in Action and SAT/EANASO under the Her Voice project.
- ▶ A 1-day sensitization workshop for 25 young women living with HIV on Global Fund processes.
- ▶ A 1-day site visit to Global Fund supported projects and PR offices.
- ▶ Young women living with HIV attend a CCM Meeting to familiarise themselves with in country work of the Global Fund structures and Global Fund funded projects.

OBJECTIVES

These activities are designed to:

- ▶ Provide women living with HIV, young and old, with essential information for understanding the complex structure of The Global Fund.
- ▶ Strengthen the engagement of women living with HIV with national Global Fund processes.
- ▶ Develop relationships between Global Fund staff and support groups of women living with HIV in Swaziland.
- ▶ Familiarise young women living with HIV with in-country Global Fund projects and structures.



OUTCOMES

The Global Fund workshops strengthens the capacity of women living with HIV to engage in Global Fund processes, ensuring that women living with HIV are meaningfully involved in the decision making, planning, implementation and M&E of sex work programmes funded by The Global Fund.

Engagement with Global Fund processes will provide additional benefits that will help ensure that women living with HIV are not excluded from policy and programmatic decision making and funding, such as:

- ▶ better understanding the politics of national and international decision-making.
- ▶ building relationships with key decision makers that may positively affect future funding.
- ▶ keeping women living with HIV on the future funding agenda and within National Strategies

OUTCOMES

The Global Fund Workshops provide women living with HIV with the knowledge to:

- ▶ Advocate for the inclusion of community-led programmes in Global Fund proposals, ensuring that HIV and STI prevention, treatment, care and support programming are:
 - ▶ rights-based, and
 - ▶ designed and implemented with the meaningful participation of women living with HIV

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