



# **Navigating the GC8 Funding Cycle: Aligning Country Priorities with Global Commitments**

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## **Constrained Financing:**

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**Progress on HIV, TB, and Malaria needs to be protected in the face of constrained global health financing**

## **Prioritization:**

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**GC8 will build on prioritization exercise in GC7 to sustain gains and accelerate progress toward UHC.**

## **Key Shifts from GC7 to GC8:**

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**Streamlined funding request and grant-making processes.**

**Stronger integration of sustainability, innovative approaches that expedite progress, maximize impact and efficiency**

# Aligning Country Priorities with Global Commitments



## **Inclusiveness**

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**Inclusive engagement of governments, civil society, and technical partners to shape funding requests through country dialogue.**

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## **Prioritization Principles**

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**Value for money, equity, and impact for vulnerable populations.**

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**Optimize procurement and service delivery platforms (e.g., HIV rapid tests).**

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## **Integration & Sustainability**

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**Integration of resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH) and broader health systems strengthening in funding requests.**

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**Align co-financing commitments with national transition priorities to ensure transparency and fiscal alignment.**

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# Operationalizing GC8

## What Countries Need To Do



### 1 Prepare for Allocation Letters (Q1 2026)

Early planning for integrated funding requests and CCM capacity building.

### 2 Use GC8 Information Notes

- Identify priority interventions and avoid low-impact activities.
- Apply lessons from GC7 reprioritization for efficiency and sustainability.

### 3 Leverage Catalytic Investments

Target strategic initiatives to complement allocation funding.

# Spotlight:

## Advancing HIV RDTs Interchangeability To Drive Efficiencies in GC8

### New WHO Recommendation:

- Adopt use of low-cost, quality-assured HIV RDTs as first test (A1) in 3-test algorithm, including HIV/syphilis dual tests, with flexible verification study timelines for during or after change of algorithm.

### Global Fund's Strategic Response:

- Published Briefing Note on prioritizing adoption of low-cost, quality-assured HIV RDTs.
- Support countries with technical guidance to navigate algorithm changes and verification requirements.

### Insights:

- Estimated **\$58M** in efficiencies could have been potentially unlocked over the entirety of GC7.
- **\$20M** scale in remaining GC7 procurement & HIV RDT budget.
- **GC8 offers greater opportunity for cost savings** as more countries adopt these policies.

Briefing Notes: [English](#), [French](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#)



### Briefing Note

#### Prioritizing Adoption and Implementation of Quality Assured, Low-cost HIV Rapid Diagnostic Tests

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#### Purpose

This document describes how national HIV programs can adopt and implement quality-assured, low-cost HIV rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs).

#### Background

HIV testing is a gateway to HIV prevention and treatment services and accounts for a notable share of HIV health product budgets. There are currently dozens of quality-assured HIV RDTs on the market, including HIV professional use tests, HIV self-tests (HIVSTs), and HIV/syphilis dual tests. Some product offerings cost less than those currently procured by countries, offering an opportunity for countries to procure and implement more tests within a smaller funding envelope. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recently issued guidance on opportunities for countries to accelerate the adoption of low-cost, quality assured tests.<sup>1</sup>

#### WHO Guidance Update

WHO recommends the use of three-test algorithms for HIV diagnosis involving three consecutive reactive tests to confirm an HIV-positive result to ensure high accuracy and reduce the risk of misdiagnosis.<sup>2</sup> Verification studies are critical to confirm if the selected three-test algorithm can accurately diagnose HIV in its intended setting.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Low-cost, quality assured HIV tests to sustain access to life-saving services", Departmental Update, WHO, published 7 May 2025. <https://www.who.int/news/item/07-05-2025-low-cost-quality-assured-hiv-tests-to-sustain-access-to-life-saving-services>

<sup>2</sup> "Consolidated guidelines on differentiated HIV testing services", Guidelines, WHO, published 19 July 2024. <https://www.who.int/hiv/whodoc/handle/10665/378182/2/24099394-eng.pdf?sequence=1>

<sup>3</sup> "Optimizing HIV testing algorithms: a generic verification protocol for selecting appropriate HIV serology level of shared false reactivity", Toolkit, World Health Organization, published November 2021. <https://www.who.int/hiv/whodoc/handle/10665/378182/2/24099394-eng.pdf?sequence=1>



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