1. **Introduction**

The Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM) for the TB in the Mining Sector (TIMS) in Southern Africa announces its intention to apply for funding from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) for the New Funding Cycle to be implemented 1 January 2021 - 31 December 2023. The RCM has been allocated US$10,500,000.00 aimed at Strengthening Coordination of TB Care and Prevention in the mining sector in Southern Africa while promoting sustainability through country grants and other funding mechanisms, that is, other donors, governments, additional Global Fund grants. The RCM is in the process of developing a funding request for submission to the Global Fund by July 31, 2020 for approval and grant making.

The funding proposal is expected to include, but not be limited to, the following strategic components:

1. Key determinants of TB in the mining sector in the region and the related key populations;
2. Data gathering to inform better prioritization of interventions for miners and other vulnerable groups;
3. Strengthening coordination and information sharing while promoting sustainability of interventions beyond the end of the grant;
4. Fostering collaboration between different stakeholders including governments, private sector and people who are affected by TB in the mining sector, in the region.

This Call for Applications from the RCM seeks an Organisation to serve as the Principal Recipient (PR) that can demonstrate its experience working in Southern Africa. The role of the PR will be to manage the grant allocation to maximize Regional-led efforts to address the high incidence of TB amongst mineworkers, ex-mineworkers, their families and communities around mines as well as in labour-sending areas in line with SADC Ministers of Health Declaration on TB in the mining sector.

2. **Background**

In response to the high incidence of TB amongst mineworkers, ex-mineworkers, their families and communities around mines as well as in labour-sending areas, SADC Ministers of Health adopted a Declaration on TB in the mining sector as a high level political commitment to guide regional collaborative efforts on tackling TB in the sector. The Global Fund allocated USD30 million for phase I (2016-2017); USD22.5million for phase II (2018-2020) and an additional USD10.5million for phase III (2021-2023) of TB in the Mining Sector in Southern Africa Global Fund Grant (TIMS) programme. While phase I of the project focused on developing infrastructure, processes and systems, as part of a regional approach to address the TB burden, phase II uses the findings from studies carried out during phase I, and programme results, to institutionalize some of the systems developed; improve the quality of service delivery and ultimately integrate them into country systems. Phase III of the programme will focus on strengthening coordination across the region while promoting sustainability through country grants and other funding mechanisms. Since phase III of the grant will shift focus to the Global Fund supporting the RCM in strengthening coordination across the SADC region, it is prudent that all sixteen (16) SADC Member States are included in the Funding Request for the next grant. Including the additional SADC Member States will not only ensure that all...
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SADC Member States are implementing 2020-2024-SADC TB Strategy and also in line with
the SADC aim to “attain an acceptable standard of health for all citizens and to reach specific
targets within the objective of Health for All…”.

3. Roles and responsibilities of the PR
The PR’s roles and responsibilities include the following:
  1) PR will be responsible for grant and sub – grant management activities, disbursement
     of funds to other implementing organizations and overall grant reporting to the RCM
     and Global Fund.
  2) In consultation with National TB programmes and all other relevant country and
     regional stakeholders, the PR will be responsible for the implementation the Global
     Fund-supported programs on behalf of the RCM.
  3) The PR will be fully accountable to the RCM and has formal legal obligations towards
     the Global Fund with regards to grant funds and the implementation of the programs.
     These obligations are set out in the Grant Agreement. The obligations of a PR under
     the program are defined in the Global Fund Grant Regulations.

4. Requirements for applicants
An organization to serve as the PR for the RCM should meet the following requirements:
  1) Legally registered entity in at least one of SADC countries
  2) Have legal status as a Non-Profit Organisation (PBO, Voluntary Association, FBO or
     Trust) and is capable of entering into a grant agreement with the Global Fund.
  3) Have an independent Supervisory Board
  4) Demonstrate capacity (human and physical) to perform the roles of the PR and drive
     grant implementation effectively.
  5) Is not a bureaucratic entity.

5. Applications
The Application must not exceed 12 pages and must be submitted in English using Times
Roman 12-point font. Note that any pages beyond the 12-page limit will not be considered.
The following information must be provided:
  1) Cover Page: Organization name, physical address, legal registration number, contact
     person and designation, and type of organization (PBO, FBO, Local NGO, International
     NGO).
  2) Brief description of organization (broad goals and objectives, established date)
  3) Technical Expertise: Description of the organization’s experience and expertise
     managing projects of substantial size and scope, particularly involving community
     engagement. Brief description of health-related activities and accomplishments,
     including geographic scope.
  4) Financial Management: Provide information on the financial management systems and
     capacities of the organization, including experience in managing large grants.
  5) Management and Oversight: Brief description of the organizational structure,
     qualifications and competencies within the organization and description of the
     professional expertise of staff. Also describe systems for programmatic oversight and
     procurement.
  6) Coordination: Plan to coordinate activities with the SADC Secretariat, public, private
     and civil society actors, including monitoring and accountability, and for managing the
     flow of financial and program information between the sub-recipients and PR.
  7) Physical and IT Infrastructure: Description of computer infrastructure, including
     software for communications and for obtaining, storing, analyzing and reporting
     financial and program information.

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2 Southern Africa Development Community. SADC Themes Health. [Internet]. Available from: http://www.sadc.int/themes/health/
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In addition, the following documents must be submitted, but will not count against the 12-page limit:

- Organizational chart
- Proof of registration/ legal status
- General organizational policy and procedures manual
- Audit reports issued during the past three (3) years
- Performance letters

6. Selection Criteria
Organizations applying will be assessed according to the following criteria:

1) **Technical Expertise:** Demonstrated experience in management of projects in the health sector of substantial size and scope and have expertise in the strategic components indicated in the introduction. Demonstrated engagement with Strengthening Coordination of TB Care and Prevention in the mining sector in Southern Africa. Prior experience implementing Global Fund projects will be considered an added advantage, but it is not essential. [25 points]

2) **Financial Management:** Have adequate internal financial control systems and capacity to make timely procurements and payments and to accurately report all transactions, disbursements and balances; be able to adhere to standard practices that safeguard Global Fund financial and physical assets; agree to be subjected to financial and program audits. [20 points]

3) **Management and Oversight:** Have a structure that demonstrates effective organizational governance and leadership with clear division of functions and tasks; have policies and practices that support effective management of human resources, engages routinely in planning and have systems of control to verify that activities are being carried out in conformity with plans and are accomplishing intended goals through a strong monitoring and evaluation system. [20 points]

4) **Coordination:** Demonstrate plan for coordinating program implementation with other public, private and civil society actors in the SADC Region, including monitoring and accountability. Describe approach to complement and link with the SADC Secretariat, formal health system and community. [20 points]

5) **Physical and IT Infrastructure:** Have adequate infrastructure (i.e. physical, material, and technical resources for staff) and computerized management information systems and internet in place for timely e-transactions, communications and financial and program/project reporting. [15 points]

**Note:** Selected PR(s) will be subjected to final screening and evaluation by the Local Fund Agent (LFA) of the Global Fund to ensure that it has minimum capacities to perform the required functions.

7. Submission
Interested firms who meet the selection criteria should submit their applications to the RCM Chairperson through the RCM Secretariat by email on or before Friday, 26 June 2020 17:00 hours (South African Time).

The Chairperson
Regional Coordinating Mechanism
TB in the Mining Sector in Southern Africa Global Fund grant
E-mail: BrianN@nepad.org

All applications must be marked “Call for Applications: Principal Recipient for the TB in The Mining Sector In Southern Africa Grant - 2021-2023” in the subject line of the email.

8. Enquiries
All enquiries on this proposal request should be directed to address above.