

The Global Fund is looking for experts to serve on its Technical Review Panel

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is an international financing institution that invests the world's money to save lives. To date, it has committed US\$ 19.3 billion in 144 countries to support large-scale prevention, treatment and care programs against the three diseases.

Funding proposals submitted to the Global Fund are reviewed by a 43-member Technical Review Panel (TRP). The review takes place about once a year for two weeks, which current members have described as 'a unique and memorable experience'.

Because proposals focus on the fight against the three diseases and related health systems strengthening, members of the TRP need to have a wide range of expertise. In addition to having sound technical knowledge and extensive program experience in HIV/AIDS, TB or malaria, it is also important that TRP members understand broader health systems and development 'cross-cutting' issues. These include capacity-building, governance and macroeconomics, as well as topics such as budgeting and financial management (value for money), gender, sexual orientation and gender identities, human resources, procurement and service delivery, community systems strengthening - to name but a few. For this reason, we do not recruit people with very narrow expertise.

For this important task, experts must be able to review large volumes of documentation under considerable time pressure and work effectively in small groups and large plenary sessions to reach consensus on funding recommendations. They must also be able to present their findings in a clear and concise way, in English, to the full panel, as well as in written form to be communicated to the Board and applicants.

TRP members can serve for up to four rounds of review. In addition to the two weeks of on-site proposal review, experts will also need to be available, by email, for the following six months to clarify any technical or programmatic issues. This adds up to about 5 more days of work each year. TRP members receive an honorarium of US\$ 9,000 per round for the proposal review and subsequent clarification process.

The Global Fund supports programs in a diversity of situations and country contexts. We therefore want to attract a good balance of men and women with experience from all regions of the globe; experts with knowledge of public and private sectors and civil society; and people who are living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, TB and/or malaria.

If you would like more details on this challenging opportunity, please visit the website of HLSP, the agency handling this recruitment:

<http://www.hlsp.org/opportunities/globalfundTRP>

Completed application forms should be emailed to globalfund.trp@hlsp.org to arrive no later than 31 May 2010.

For more information on the Global Fund: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/trp/>