**Oxygen financing**

**Global Fund opportunities**

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is a worldwide movement to defeat HIV, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria and ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all. They raise and invest US$4 billion a year to fight the deadliest infectious diseases, challenge the injustice that fuels them, and strengthen health systems in more than 100 countries. The partnership unites world leaders, communities, civil society, health workers, and the private sector to find out what works and take it to scale—so the world makes more progress, more rapidly.

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**Purpose**

The table below outlines key information and resources for pursuing funding for oxygen and respiratory care systems through the Global Fund via the C19RM and country grants. **It is intended for use by applicants, partners, civil society, and others** in developing funding requests and/or advocating for prioritization of respiratory care goods and services in Global Fund grants.

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**C19RM grants**

- Reprogramming of existing C19RM funds.
- Portfolio optimization: Reallocation of uncommitted C19RM funds, if available, toward unfunded quality demand in submitted C19RM requests.

**Grant cycle 7**

- Application materials for 2023–2025 funding are available now.
- Countries were sent their respective funding envelopes and proposed allocations in December 2022. This information can be reviewed by reaching out to your local country coordinating mechanism contact.

**When**

- Applications should be submitted within the earliest window possible, as communicated from the Global Fund secretariat.
- C19RM implementation has been extended through December 31, 2025, via portfolio optimization.
- For portfolio optimization applications, the secretariat sent letters to countries in January 2023, and submissions are due in quarter two 2023.

**WHAT CAN PARTNERS DO TO ENSURE RESPIRATORY CARE EQUIPMENT IS INCLUDED IN A GLOBAL FUND GRANT APPLICATION?**

- Engage in country dialogue with the Global Fund country coordinating mechanism and principal recipients about the investment potential for respiratory care goods/services, outlining with evidence, as possible, the gaps in access that persist and the value for money that comes from investing in this area.
- Advocate with government partners (e.g., ministries of health and finance, stakeholders) about the funding potential for respiratory care equipment as part of country grants—through both C19RM and RSSH interventions.
- Determine within which window your country falls for submitting funding requests to understand how much time you have to advocate for respiratory care goods/services under RSSH interventions in funding requests for the 2023–2025 allocation period.
- Engage in dialogue for reprogramming of available C19RM funds at country level for respiratory care goods/services, or request additional funds through the portfolio optimization application process (submissions due quarter two 2023).
- Be a thought partner for compiling application materials, including costed work plans and other evidence, such as assessments to support intervention prioritizations.
- Establish an advocacy plan for continued Global Fund engagement to secure long-term grant funding for respiratory care in your country.

**Tips!**

- Funding requests are prioritized in grants through a robust country dialogue with stakeholders on the country coordinating mechanism. Be sure you know who they are and start a dialogue right away.
- Global health nonprofit organizations working in the respiratory care space can serve as partners in catalyzing the application development process, gathering needed evidence, and creating compelling evidence materials.
Detailed medical oxygen operational guidance
- Conduct a rapid respiratory care stakeholder mapping exercise.
- Conduct rapid capacity assessments of designated, planned, and/or potential COVID-19 treatment centers.
- Conduct a rapid assessment of oxygen and respiratory care equipment gaps for designated, planned, and/or potential COVID-19 treatment centers.
- Develop a high-level supply landscape (public and private) overview.
- Develop robust procurement requests.
- Develop targeted training plans.
- Assess post-COVID-19 financing needs (e.g., equipment maintenance and operation) and identify potential financing mechanisms.

Detailed medical oxygen packages, products, and activities for bulk oxygen supply, generation, and storage
- Source bulk liquid deliveries
- Source bulk gas cylinder deliveries
- New bulk liquid storage for on-site cylinder filling
- New bulk liquid storage and piping
- Temporary staffing increases at existing PSA plant(s)
- Refurbishing of existing PSA plant(s)
- Adding PSA plant(s) to piped facility
- Containerized PSA plant(s) for cylinder filling
- Skid-mounted PSA plant(s) for cylinder filling
- Containerized PSA plant(s) for piped supply
- Skid-mounted PSA plant(s) for piped supply
- Oxygen concentrators

Multi-disease tools for HIV, TB, malaria, and COVID-19
- Chest x-ray
- Pulse oximeters
- Patient monitors

COVID-19 Response Mechanism
Information Note: https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/10749/covid19_c19rm-technical_informationnote_en.pdf

 Relevant resources
- Country coordinating mechanism contacts, by country: https://data-service.theglobalfund.org/viewer/cm_contacts
- Helpful for Grant Cycle 7 applications: Information Note: Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH), Allocation Period 2023–2025: https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/4759/core_resilientsustainablesystemsforhealth_infonote_en.pdf