# Global Fund's support to Sustainable Health Care Waste Management

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## Key messages

Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

• For the funding cycle 2020-22 applicants can include interventions for the *'avoidance reduction and management of healthcare waste'* in funding requests.

#### Sustainable Health Care Waste Management

 The Global Fund aims to support waste management interventions that contribute to the development of an integrated and sustainable waste management system – one which considers all aspects from waste avoidance through to safe disposal.

#### COVID 19 Response Mechanism

 Additional support to eligible countries for mitigating the impact on programs to fight HIV, TB and Malaria and initiate urgent improvements in health and community systems. The Global Fund is designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics.

The Global Fund Strategy 2017-2022:

1.Maximize Impact Against HIV, TB, and Malaria

2. Build Resilient & Sustainable Systems for Health

3. Promote & Protect Human Rights and Gender Equality

4. Mobilize increased resources

The Global Fund Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland, raises and invests more than US\$4 billion a year to support programs for HIV, TB and Malaria.



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The Global Fund encourages applicants to address environmental concerns and to incorporate sustainable health care waste management practices into their operations.

<u>Capacity Assessment for Health Care Waste Management to</u> self-assess the existing level of maturity to manage health care waste

# Technical Brief: Sustainable Health Care Waste Management

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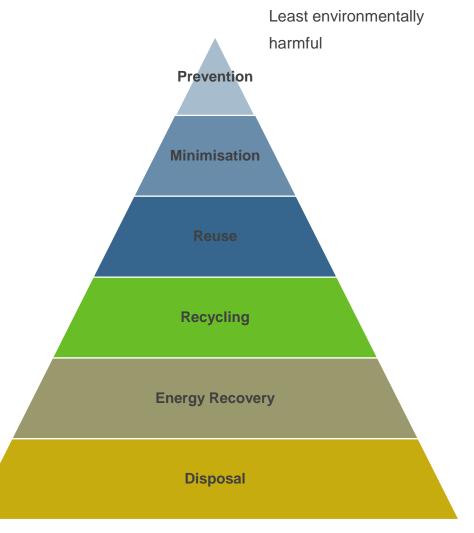
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### Investments should help reach the following objectives:

- Avoidance and minimization of waste through the responsible procurement of health products;
- Improvement all components of the national HCWM system through the development of strategic policies, operational plans and guidelines;
- Increased awareness and competency in sustainable HCWM through training and engagement across both public and private sectors;
- Demonstrate innovation in HCWM methods for specific health products that comply with the waste hierarchy, are safe and environmentally friendly, and follow robust risk assessment;
- Address gaps in HCWM infrastructure and equipment whilst in compliance with environmental and occupational health standards; and
- Demonstrate evidence of long-term financial planning



#### Most environmentally harmful

### COVID 19 response mechanism https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/covid-19/

500 million US\$ to support eligible countries in:

- 1. Interventions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on HIV, TB and malaria disease programs;
- 2. Actions to reinforce the response to COVID-19; and
- 3. Initiatives to make urgent improvements in health and community systems, including laboratory networks, supply chains and engagement with vulnerable communities.

Applications must be submitted by CCMs (RCMs/ROs in multi-country contexts).

### Integrating waste management in funding requests/applications

- 1. Identify health product waste types, preferred forms of waste management and quantify the amount of waste generated
- 2. Assess level of in-country capacity, engage key stakeholders, comply with national/international regulation and protective equipment requirements
- 3. Consider (and costs) approaches to waste storage and collection/transportation that reduce the spread of infection and reduce environmental/economic burden
- 4. Non-incineration waste treatment technologies like autoclaving or microwaving should be implemented for low risk infectious waste wherever possible
- 5. High temperature incineration should be undertaken for high risk infectious waste
- 6. Cost, budget for HCWM needs and identify opportunities for other forms of investment
- 7. Consider approaches towards the measurement

Don't forget: Regular handwashing/hand hygiene, maintaining physical distance from others and not touching the face are the most important measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

## Additional resources

### Resources

#### https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/applying/materials/



Frequently Asked Questions for the 2020-2022 Funding Cycle

#### Modular Framework Handbook

The Applicant Handbook Funding Cycle Brochure Information Notes And Technical Briefs

## **COVID 19 Response Mechanism**

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