Kampala Initiative Theme:
Representation and voice(s) of civil society in global fora and processes

Civil society engagement with the GFF
our experience at global and country level

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The Global Financing Facility

- Innovative funding model for Every Woman Every Child
  - end all preventable maternal and child deaths & improve their lives and well-being
- Close global funding gap in RM NCAH-N (annual US$ 33.3 billion in LMICs) by increasing resources & efficiency
  - Smart
  - Scaled
  - Sustainable
How the GFF works

**Domestic resources**
- Health Financing Strategy

**GFF Trust Fund**
- LMIC eligible for financing from GFF-TF (67 countries)

**IDA Loan**
- GFF-TF grants only allocated if countries spend IDA (IBRD) resources on RMNCAH

**Aligned external financing**
- Contribution of other development partners to Country Investment Case

**Private sector capital**
- E.g. PPPs, private service provision, insurances etc.
The GFF – National and International level

Platform bringing together all stakeholders in RMNCAH-N

- at the World Bank
- Investor Group
  - governments, multi- & bilateral agencies, TA, PS, NGOs, only 2 civil society reps
- GFF multi-donor Trust Fund
- GFF Trust Fund Committee
  - donors above USD 30 m/year
- GFF Secretariat
- WB Board
- Civil Society Coordinating Group

Civil Society Engagement

- **GFF principles**
  - Transparency
  - Inclusivity
- **Contributions**
  - Advocacy
  - Elevating voices of affected populations
  - M&E
  - Research
  - TA
  - Service delivery

Source: Civil Society Engagement Strategy of the Global Financing Facility, 2017
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2018: Assessments, coalition building, the letter

- May/June 2018 – Wemos starts assessments of the GFF in 2 frontrunner countries: Kenya & Tanzania
- Uganda assessment follows in September 2018.
- June 2019: assessment and CSO convening in Malawi

- Wemos had discussions with national CSOs to uncover gaps and faults in GFF processes. Together, we identified gaps in development and implementation of GFF programmes at national level.
  - CSOs are not sufficiently involved in this process to meaningfully contribute to the implementation of the national GFF programme, and
  - there is insufficient donor alignment.
Findings of Country Assessments related to CS engagement

insufficient inclusivity and alignment of all stakeholders

- Limited information sharing outside immediate GFF network
- Limited coordination with other bi- and multilateral donors
- Inclusion of private sector difficult > no framework for regulation for P4P in most countries
- Insufficient involvement of CSOs in the financial discussions (lack of economic literacy)
- Ineffective/non-functioning Country Platforms

Gap between GFF design and implementation

- The GFF promises the harmonization of donors and their alignment behind a common national RMNCAH-N agenda but fails doing so.
- CSOs have a weak position in the Country Platforms.
- The private sector is often not part of the Country Platforms or does not truly engage.
Joint Open Letter to the GFF Secretariat

Concerns raised by Civil Society

1. **Increase and improve GFF engagement with civil society**
2. Address the crisis of health worker shortages
3. Reduce financial barriers to accessing health care
4. Review the GFF’s financing model & mitigate negative impacts
   - Clarify risks on lending
   - Develop safe-guards within GFF supported private sector approaches
   - Review outcomes before further expansion of the RBF model
GFF’s reaction to the letter

- Phone call between MSF, Wemos & GFF before the WB Spring Meetings
- Decision to have a session at the CSPF as a follow up to the letter
- Wemos moderated the discussion. Panelists include MSF and CEHURD as CSO representatives, GFF Manager, and World Bank representative

GFF & WB statements related to CS:

- The position of Liaison Officer aims to address challenges with CSO involvement (improves information flow)
- No space in Trust Fund Committee for CSOs & recipient countries

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Global Advocacy

- Maintaining good working relations with the GFF staff (i.e. Malawi workshop and paper, Tanzania paper...)

- Besides panel discussion at the WB Spring meetings, bilateral meetings with GFF staff on technical issues. GFF staff answering questions and sharing their view.

- Participation in the GFF Community of Practice in the Netherlands

- Preparation of input for the Dutch delegation prior to the IG meeting in November
  - Opportunity for advocacy with the Netherlands being now a donor country
  - We have requested input from CSOs to feed into the preparation
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Next steps

• Planning event around the next WB/IMF Spring meetings, including on Malawi assessment and Uganda in-depth study (in collaboration with CEHURD)

• Continue advocacy on topics such as CSO engagement, as well as financial barriers, governance, health workers

• Update the country brief assessments next year with new developments. The current ones are available at www.wemosresources.org

• Our suggestions related to civil society engagement:
  ᵃ  Improve governance to be truly inclusive for CSOs and recipient countries
     ᵃ  documents, meeting invitations and all information emerging from and around the GFF need to be openly shared in a timely manner and made available for all stakeholders at all times
  ᵃ  CSO representation at the Trust Fund Committee
  ᵃ  Stay cautious in expansion of GFF to other countries in order to apply lessons learned regarding inclusive processes
Thank you!
Now, let’s discuss... /

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