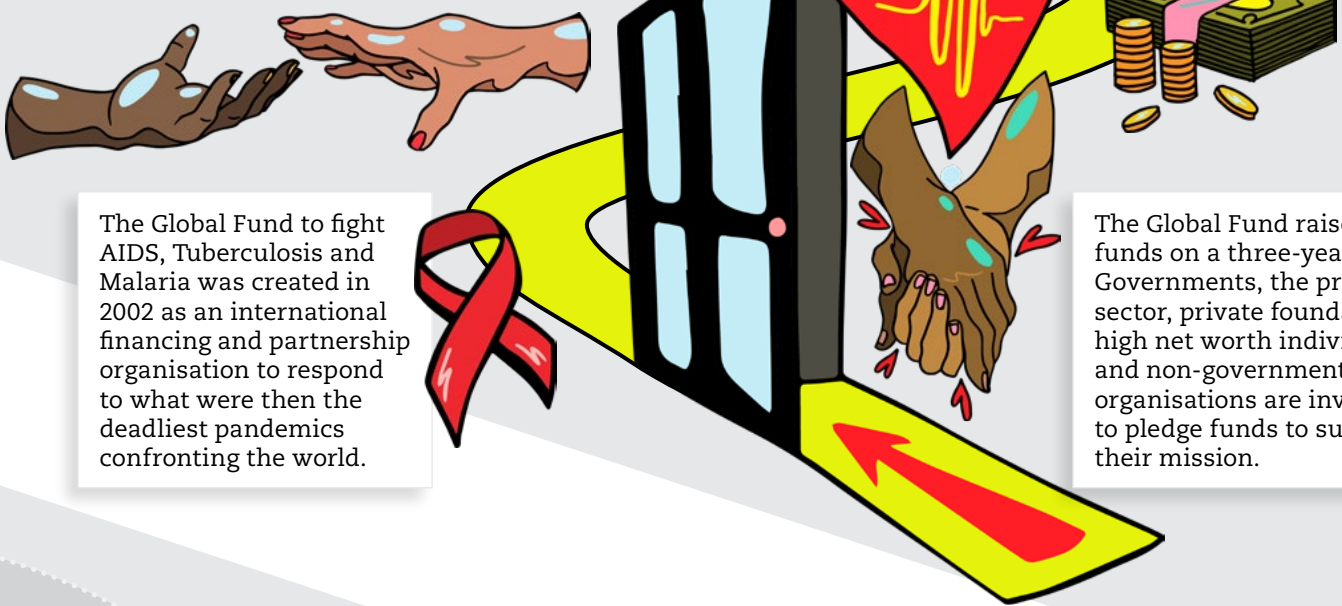




Making the Global Fund Work for Sex Workers



The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria was created in 2002 as an international financing and partnership organisation to respond to what were then the deadliest pandemics confronting the world.

The Global Fund raises funds on a three-year cycle. Governments, the private sector, private foundations, high net worth individuals and non-governmental organisations are invited to pledge funds to support their mission.

How a Global Fund partnership works

Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) are national committees that develop and submit the funding requests on behalf of the country and oversee implementation. CCMs should include representatives of all sectors involved in the response to the diseases, including people living with the diseases.



CCMs nominate a Principal Recipient (PR) organisation that is legally responsible for the funding and for implementing grants, including the coordination of the work of smaller, sub-recipient organisations. The Fund Portfolio Manager (FPM) and Country Team oversee the disbursement of funds to the PR, and ensure activities are implemented effectively.



CCMs tailor their applications based on the political, cultural, and epidemiological context in that country. The Global Fund's Technical Review Panel evaluate the technical merit of all funding requests.



NSWP capacity-building programmes

NSWP has established relationships with all the structures of the Global Fund, to help facilitate sex worker engagement, and is a member of the Communities Delegation. When NSWP began implementing Global Fund capacity-building programmes in 2015, many sex worker-led organisations had no previous involvement and very little knowledge about the Global Fund.



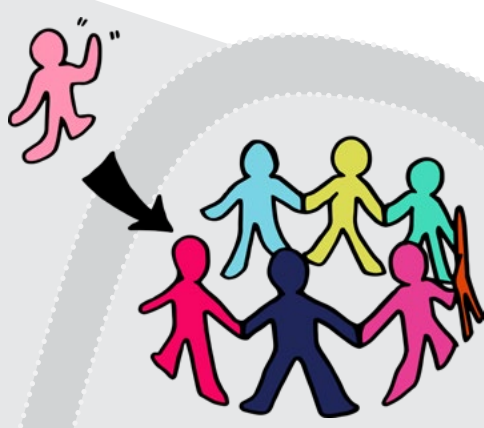
Sex workers must also be recognised as experts in their own lives and needs – not just as a tokenistic gesture but as key to ensuring Global Fund resources are effectively allocated to address the disproportionate burden of HIV carried by sex workers in all their diversity.



The challenges sex workers must overcome to “have a seat at the table” are many, including criminalisation, stigma and discrimination, lack of resources, and a lack of knowledge about the Global Fund and its processes.



NSWP provides technical support to strengthen the capacity of sex worker-led organisations to engage in Global Fund national processes.



An important part of the NSWP programme is to develop regional sex worker experts, through a comprehensive training programme (both face to face when possible and virtually), visual aids such as videos, on-line mentoring, and support, backed up with a series of written resources, including our most recent Smart Sex Worker's Guide and several Case Studies.

Since the start of the NSWP Global Fund capacity-building programmes, NSWP members have gained representation on CCMs, become sub-recipients of Global Fund grants, built relationships with Ministries of Health and PRs, and gained knowledge and understanding of Global Fund and other national decision-making processes.

