

GLOBAL FUND ROUND 8

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING GFR-8 HIV INITIATIVE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH PROPOSAL

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Title: This should be a brief precise phrase rendering the main problem of your research proposal (up to 80-120 characters including spaces. Please note that the cover page should include names of applicants or investigators and institution affiliation (full address)).

Summary (Should be about 200 -300 words long, and should include a statement of the problem, objectives, methodology, and location)

Introduction/Background (Review of the Literature) (maximum 1.5-2 pages): Describe the existing problem and its impacts in the study population and argue the need to carry out the study. Critically review the existing literature which bears on the stated problem. Make sure you list these readings in References at the end of the proposal

Statement of the Problem: (Maximum 1 page): Succinctly state the problem to be researched by presenting clear, brief statement of the problem with concepts defined where necessary. Describe the significance of the problem with reference to one or more of the following criteria: Relating to a wide population or to a particularly important population; Filling a research gap and permitting generalization to broader theoretical concerns

Research question (s) (Maximum ½ a page): Define the gaps by putting forward key questions or issues to be addressed in the research. What are the aims of the research?

Objectives (Maximum ½ a page): The research objectives are specific statements about exactly what the proposed project will accomplish. These must be specific, concrete and doable.

Methodology (Maximum 5 pages): This section should describe the procedures and techniques for carrying out the project and should include brief description of at least the following points: (Study area, Study population, Study design, Sample size, Sampling methods where appropriate, Main variables and methods of data collection and Data analysis: Which statistical techniques are most likely to be suitable for testing your data? Do you plan to set up a mainly quantitative or qualitative study or something in between?)

Ethical considerations

Timeframe (Maximum 1 page): Specify the projected start up date, the period of fieldwork (broken down by time needed to set up and initiate the project, the time spent on data collection, and the time required for data analysis, write up of the results and dissemination), and a projected date for completion of the entire project.

Budget (Maximum 2 pages): Be as specific as possible in identifying various costs of your study. Don't deny yourself things that you think are going to be important in undertaking the

research. Supplies (such as stationery, chemicals and other consumables; Equipment (Computer and peripherals, Vehicle/Motorcycles/pedal cycles etc); Transport (Fuel, lubricant and vehicle maintenance/ car hiring; Travel (cost of attending local workshops/conferences); Communication (telephone, facsimile and postage); Others (Training of fieldworkers, data entry, analysis and report writing, Dissemination

NOTE: Salaries are never to be included in Global Fund Round Eight supported operational research.

Budget Justification:

Budget should be justified by line item / line by line

Limitations (maximum ½ pages): Address the limitations of your choice of research method/s to address your proposed question.

Literature Cited (Maximum 2 pages): This listing might contain references that have not been located or looked at yet but will likely be of use before the project is completed.

Appendices (Instruments (that are not copyrighted), instructions to subjects, Consent forms and recent CVs of investigating team