

Terms of Reference – Global Fund Youth Council: Call for Applicants

Title

Global Fund Youth Council Member Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Youth Council brings the unique realities of adolescents and young people, in all their diversity, to the attention of the Executive Director of the Global Fund. The council consists of young people between the ages of 18-29, who are living with, affected by and/or vulnerable to HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and/or malaria. They provide insights into the challenges they face in relation to the three diseases, and more broadly to aspects of their health, rights and well-being.

With an aim to strengthen its meaningful engagement with Global Fund leadership and governance bodies, the Youth Council is dedicating 2024 to reviewing and strengthening its operations and enhancing its collaborations with a range of Board and youth stakeholders.

**Youth Council
composition**

The Youth Council consists of 12 members and observer(s) from one or more Global Fund Board community or nongovernmental organization delegations. Members of the Youth Council volunteer to serve a two-year term with a staggered rotation. This means Members who are 24 years old or younger (at the start of their tenure) may serve for up to a maximum of four years (e.g. two two-year terms), while those aged 25 or older may serve a maximum of two years (e.g. a single two-year term).

Members should, as far as possible, reflect the diversity of young people across gender, geographical representation and the three diseases, including key and vulnerable populations.

**Scope/
Objective**

The Global Fund Youth Council serves as an advisory body to the Executive Director and the Global Fund Secretariat on matters pertaining to young people. By providing insights through the youth lens, the council relays critical issues and contextual nuances from across countries eligible to receive Global Fund allocations and seeks to ensure that the Global Fund is

informed by the unique needs and perspectives of young people, to maximize the impact of Global Fund investments.

Key activities

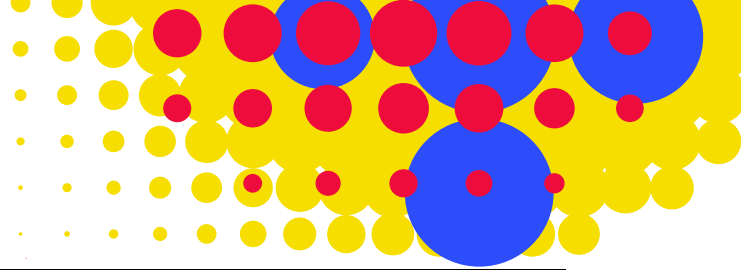
- Ensure regular communication between the members of the Youth Council, the Global Fund Executive Director, the Global Fund Secretariat, the constituencies of the Global Fund Board, and others.
- Strengthen links and coordination with global and regional youth networks and other relevant stakeholders.
- Increase the recognition of the Global Fund's Youth Council and its advocacy priorities through regular interaction with the Global Fund Secretariat and Board.
- Advocate for building capacity of young activists for organizing, resource mobilization and implementing effective action in response to the three diseases.

Youth Council Priorities

The following priorities were defined by consensus among current Youth Council members.

Current Technical Priorities:

- Disaggregated data: Ensure the Global Fund partnership consistently champions and collects disaggregated data (including by age, sex, and gender) to inform adolescent and youth programs.
 - Ensure safe spaces in Global Fund processes for youth engagement at the country-level: This includes young members of key populations, who may have overlapping identities and vulnerabilities. This can be supported through peer-to-peer learning, mentorship and technical assistance to support young people to engage and build their skill sets to effectively advocate for youth priorities in decision-making spaces.
 - Psychological support: Support for young people, especially for young key population leaders, in countries experiencing ongoing safety and security issues, to the extent possible.
 - Women and girls: Continue to support gender equality and other key partnerships and facilitate opportunities for young women and girls to come together to agree on their priorities and more actively engage in decision-making spaces.
 - Advocate to ensure access to services: Leverage the unique and comparative advantage of youth-led organizations and networks at the country level to deliver services through Global Fund grants and strategic initiatives. Where necessary invest in capacity
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strengthening of youth-led organizations and networks to expand reach, especially for young key and vulnerable populations.

Advocacy Priorities:

- Meaningful youth engagement with both the Executive Director and at country level.
- Formalize the participation of young people, including advocating for representation of key population and adolescent girls and young women in Country Coordination Mechanisms, to ensure that they are engaged in a meaningful and ethical manner in country level governance processes.
- Meaningful youth engagement in the Eighth Replenishment of the Global Fund, including through engagement in the implementation of the Advocacy Roadmap, advocacy to develop a more positive narrative, counter the anti-rights attacks and increase funding for communities and civil society, with a focus on youth-led funding. Advocate for increased accountability and adherence to the minimum human rights standards in grant agreements in countries that violate human rights.

Selection Criteria

- Born in 1998 or later.
- Engaged with national or regional youth organization, network, or groups working in HIV, TB or malaria responses or related fields e.g. gender, human rights, pandemic preparedness and response or universal health care.
- Ability to commit at least 2 hours per week for Youth Council activities.
- Ability to work and communicate in English.
- Internet access.
- A recommendation letter from an authorized person of their organization, network, group and/or an affiliated partner organization.
- Connection to, or understanding of, Global Fund supported activities and/or related national, regional or global processes.

Please note that for 2024 applications we are prioritizing young people from the following disease areas and geographical regions:

- Malaria: Asia Pacific and Francophone Africa
 - TB: Asia Pacific and Latin American and Caribbean
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- HIV: MENA (Middle East and North Africa)

Though we are prioritizing these regions, we encourage you to apply if you fit the youth member criteria!

Place of Performance

Remote participation with one anticipated in-person meeting annually.

Period of Membership Term

Two years (24 months).

How to apply

Share your interest in joining the Youth Council by sending an email to Jonathan.Williams-Ordonez@theglobalfund.org .

In your email, please introduce yourself and attach:

1. Your CV (please include your year of birth).
2. A recommendation letter from the authorized person of their organization, network, group or an affiliated partner organization.
3. A one-page motivation letter (PDF format) OR a video (two minutes max, as an attachment or google drive link) answering the two following questions:
 - a. *Please describe why you are interested in being part of the Youth Council.*
 - b. *Please describe how your experience would contribute to the Youth Council, including any experience related to HIV, TB, malaria or broader health.*

Deadline to apply: 31 July 2024 midnight CEST

We look forward to hearing from you!