



Call for Applications

Regional Training of Trainers (TOT) on Health Financing

The engagement of civil society in Health Financing has improved significantly over the years. Multiple strategies, guidelines, and other documents exist that emphasize the critical role that civil society play in advocacy for accessible and quality health care, the importance of multi-stakeholder platforms and CSOs active participation in these platforms. However, CSO engagement challenges at global- and country-level remain and appear to be even more challenging in emergency response planning, budgeting and monitoring, such as for COVID-19.

To address these challenges, there is a need to strengthen the capacity of- and support to- civil society organizations to ensure meaningful participation in health programming, financing, budget advocacy and accountability. The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Global Financing Facility (GFF), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UHC 2030, and the Partnership for Maternal, New-born and Child Health (PMNCH) together with their local CSO constituencies, are collaborating on a Joint Learning Agenda to develop and provide training and support on budget advocacy and accountability in favour of health financing and UHC. The overall goal of this joint agenda is to build in-country capacity in health financing and to promote a multi-stakeholder collaboration that will hold, in a constructive way, governments and donors accountable for the level and use of funding allocated to health.

WACI Health and GFAN Africa in partnership with the Global Fund, the Global Financing Facility, Gavi, PMNCH and UHC2030 invite applications for a virtual regional Training of Trainers (ToT) focused on health budget advocacy and UHC in Africa.

This regional ToT, focused on Anglophone Africa, is part of the Joint Learning Agenda for CSO engagement in Health Financing and is a multi-partner initiative that will align the partners efforts to provide CSOs with the right skills, tools and support to request further transparency on health funding (including external funding) mobilisation, allocation and execution; and to conduct budget monitoring and advocacy around health spending on COVID-19 response and recovery through strong and resilient health systems that contribute both to health security and UHC. The programme will run over 2 years, and will focus on the African continent for the first batch of countries.

The goal of this ToT is to develop a cadre of trainers who are capable of providing training on health financing, UHC and budget advocacy to civil society actors, media organizations and elected officials at the national level, and to provide support and mentoring to CSOs engaged in these activities in 10 selected countries.

The objective of the training is to promote multi-stakeholder collaboration and capacity building for those working in health financing.

This training will allow participants to acquire the skills necessary to:

- Engage in issues of health financing and budget advocacy;
- Identify inefficiencies in budget allocation towards health programs in relation to demand and provide recommendations for optimal allocations;
- Understand the national budgeting process and the opportunities to influence the allocation of the health budget;
- Monitor the effective implementation of health budgets and make recommendations to resolve the low absorption bottlenecks;
- Produce and present health policy briefs with evidence-based conclusions and recommendations
- Identify and collaborate with partners / influencers

We are looking for resource persons from civil society or others (consultants, health economists, university lecturers, and related professions) who can work with and support CSOs to be trained and to serve as trainers and mentors to facilitate training and provide support to Civil Society Organizations and other partners at national level in the area of health financing.

This call invites applicants from the following first batch of countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. A total of 20 participants from 10 of these countries will be selected on a competitive basis.

How to submit your application

- i. Complete the World Health Organization (WHO) online course on health financing policy and universal healthcare coverage (UHC). This course is free. On completing it, download your certificate which must be submitted along-side your application to participate in the health financing training https://www.who.int/health_financing/training/e-learning-course-on-health-financing-policy-for-uhc/en/
- ii. Fill in and submit this application form: <https://forms.gle/G9dkTKxVr7NRXF31A>
The deadline for application is February 5th 2021

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