Commenter: Uniting to Combat NTDs

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To: Pandemic Fund Consultations <pandemic fund consultations@worldbank.org>

Subject: Strategic Draft Plan Feedback - Uniting to Combat NTDs

Dear Pandemic Fund Colleagues,

Please see below Uniting to Combat NTDs' feedback on the strategic draft plan.

Our feedback:

Section: Executive Summary: Unique Value Proposition.

Add the wording 'gaps in procurement' in below paragraph.

"Filling capacity gaps by targeting discrete areas within pandemic PPR that would benefit from additional funding and coordination (e.g., One Health components of pandemic PPR, gaps in procurement), strengthening institutional enablers for those areas, and embedding a focus on equity and inclusion, and community and civil society engagement;"

We feel this will highlight the need to support pandemic prone diseases that are not covered by existing pooled procurement mechanisms.

Section 2.2 Deep dive on programmatic priorities

Add line at end of following paragraph.

"While specific activities supported by the Pandemic Fund will be driven by demand from applicants, they may include, for example, the One Health elements of surveillance, laboratories, and workforce – including provision of equipment and infrastructure for the detection of zoonotic spillover and antimicrobial-resistant pathogens; development of interoperable tools for data reporting and sharing from communities and local health authorities to national, sub-regional, regional, and global hubs; and recruitment and training of a cadre of workers with expertise in, among others, field epidemiology, data analysis, community engagement, as well as animal and environmental health. Where appropriate, support will look to leverage existing health delivery platforms, such as Neglected Tropical Disease platforms, to carry out relevant PPPR activities, especially in rural and hard to reach areas, so as to enhance global health security."

We feel this strengthens language on the need to utilise the existing health services already in communities, especially where these are reaching rural underserved populations, and not to build new parallel systems.

Many thanks and kind regards,

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