UNDP’s support to the Global Fund
This issue of the PCDC newsletter is dedicated to the work carried out by UNDP in support of developing the necessary capacities for implementing Global Fund grants. UNDP’s Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity Group (which hosts PCDC) and HIV, Health and Development Group have collaborated to develop significant methodological guidance to develop the necessary capacities for grant implementation, such as procurement and supply management, risk management, programme management, and more.

Capacity development in an evolving context
UNDP supports capacity development of national entities in all countries where the organisation serves as Interim Principal Recipient (PR) of Global Fund grants. This enables transition to a national PR both in countries where milestones and target dates have been set for a hand-over, as well as in countries where circumstances dictate that this may be a longer term goal. Going forward the capacity development efforts will increasingly integrate the specific functional capacities as well as challenges in the enabling environment, such as human rights and gender equality. The set of functional capacities that are emphasised include areas such as programme management, sub-recipient management, financial management, procurement (see box), risk management and monitoring and evaluation.

As part of its new strategy, the Global Fund formally launched the New Funding Model (NFM) this year. The NFM aims to maximize resources and achieve greater global impact by aligning closer to national strategies and budgeting cycles, by focusing on countries where the need is highest and by improving the grant application process. The latter will enhance early feedback and will also strengthen the predictability of the process.

Improving online tools to strengthen capacity development
In 2012 the web-based UNDP Global Fund Capacity Development Toolkit was launched. Building on the UNDP’s extensive knowledge on strengthening institutional capacity as well as practical experiences from over 30 countries where UNDP has served as PR, in particular Haiti, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the toolkit supports capacity development processes undertaken by national partners, UNDP and other stakeholders. In those countries, comprehensive capacity development plans have been formulated as part of UNDP’s Global Fund programme. More recently another wave of
capacity development and/or plans to transition to a national PR has been developed in countries as diverse as Belarus, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Based on the early, and still evolving, experiences with the online toolkit as well as the needs surfaced by the NFM, a new and revamped integrated Capacity Development Toolkit will provide the necessary tools, templates and guidance for users to manage or facilitate a capacity development process for national entities to implement national responses for HIV and AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. As a first step in enhancing the toolkit a new capacity assessment and planning tool has been developed. See the tool here.

Procurement and supply management workshop in Mombasa

The UNDP Global Fund Partnership Team recently held a procurement and supply management workshop in Mombasa, Kenya. The workshop covered UNDP’s work on procurement, from value for money, Long Term Agreements and risk management, to green procurement and capacity development.

UNDP’s support to capacity development for procurement and supply management in the Global Fund grant management context focuses on meeting international standards and Global Fund requirements that enable the national entities in quality assuring, forecasting, procuring, storing and distributing ARV's and other pharmaceuticals. The procurement and supply management function is crucial for the delivery of national programmes and Global Fund grants and remain a key success factor in UNDP’s work on capacity development. You can find out more about UNDP’s work on procurement capacity development in the Global Fund context by following this link.

As always you are welcome to disseminate your public procurement or capacity development event through our interactive calendar. We also invite you to engage with us through Twitter or our blog.

The PCDC Team

Recently Uploaded Resources

Partnership for Public Procurement (website)
2013 Characteristics and Contract Type Report
Public Procurement Reform – a rapid evidence review
How to note - Capacity development
London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games - The Legacy: Sustainable Procurement for Construction Projects
Improving public procurement for construction SMEs
New York State Procurement Guidelines
Administrative Preparedness: Emergency Procurement Strategies for Health Departments
Reforma de Estado. Volumen II: Dirección Pública y Compras Públicas
The rules of procedure for public procurement

These and all other key resources can be accessed here.