

## ***High Level Global Fund Team Visits Liberia***

**6 September 2017, Monrovia** – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (TGF) Country Team for Liberia, led by Mrs. Seble Abebe, is visiting the country from September 6-13, 2017.

Madam Abebe is the Fund Portfolio Manager (FPM) for Liberia. The purpose of the team's mission is to finalize Liberia's grant documents for HIV and Tuberculosis (2018-2020) and Malaria (2018-2021).

The team will work with the Liberia Coordinating Mechanism (LCM) for the Global Fund, Principal Recipients (PRs) of the grants, and in-country partners in negotiating and finalizing the grants for Liberia.

The LCM has the primary responsibility to coordinate the development and submission of proposals to the Global Fund (GF) on behalf of the country as well as select organizations known as Principal Recipients to manage the funds.

Liberia has been allocated US\$65.7m for HIV, TB, and Malaria, including building resilient and sustainable systems for health. The Ministry of Health will be the sole PR for the TB grant while the HIV grant will have two PRs which are the Ministry of Health and the Population Services International (PSI) and the Malaria grant which includes the health systems strengthening component will be managed by Ministry of Health and PLAN International.

The allocation amounts for all countries are based primarily on disease burden and income level. Liberia is classified as a low income country and challenging operating environment.

The mission will provide the visiting GF team broader understanding of strategic discussions of country's focus in the fight against the three diseases and efforts to strengthen the health system.

The Head of the Africa and Middle East Department, Madam Cynthia Mwase and the Regional Manager for the Western Africa Team, Mr. Nicolas Cantau at the Global Fund, will join the country team from September 11-13, 2017. The GF senior management team will hold strategic discussion on the country's focus in the fight against the three diseases and a focus on building resilient and sustainable systems for health in Liberia. They will also use the opportunity to

discuss enhancement of GF-MOH collaboration and absorption of funds for impact. During the three day visit, the GF senior management team will meet with officials of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to discuss Liberia's health sector agenda and coordination of efforts to achieve impact. They will also hold meeting with UN partners on partnership to drive impact, strengthen Supply Chain, and accelerate HIV response in Liberia and the West African region.

The mission will conclude with site visits to several health facilities in Montserrado and Margibi counties.

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