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Through the Global Fund Technical Support Project, MSH will support Global Fund grantees around the world to build their organizational and human capacity for improved prevention, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria.

CAMBRIDGE, MA —The US Agency for International Development (USAID) has selected Management Sciences for Health (MSH) to lead the Global Fund Technical Support (GFTS) Project, an initiative that provides technical assistance to grantees of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria who are working on the prevention and treatment of these diseases but are facing challenges in implementing their programs. The MSH partnership will work with the Office of the US Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) and focus on providing technical support to improve the functioning of Global Fund grants and grantees, thereby increasing access to and the quality and effectiveness of prevention, care, and treatment interventions for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in targeted countries. The GFTS Project will provide assistance in four technical areas: governance and leadership, program and financial management, procurement and supply management, and monitoring and evaluation. Leading the GFTS Project, MSH and four partner organizations will provide upwards of \$35 million in technical assistance to grantees receiving support from the Global Fund. The assistance will be provided over the next three years, with the possibility of extensions for another two years. The MSH partnership for the GFTS Project brings together the expertise of Abt Associates, Constella Futures, International Program Assistance (IPA), MIDEGO, and approximately 250 international, regional, and local consultants. MSH and its partners look forward to working with USAID and OGAC on this very important collaboration. MSH has worked with the Global Fund since the Fund's creation in 2002. Since then, MSH has delivered a wide range of technical support directly to Global Fund headquarters in Geneva and to more than 60 countries applying for or receiving Global Fund grants. In Tanzania and Uganda, for example, MSH helped Global Fund recipients reform their leadership structures and strengthen their institutions. Meanwhile, in Tanzania, Haiti, Afghanistan, and Guinea, MSH staff provided ongoing support in developing and launching projects, as well as in preparing budgets, work plans, and progress reports. MSH has also provided training in pharmaceutical management, including procurement, to representatives from 62 countries. The Global Fund Technical Support Project will be based in MSH's Arlington, VA, office and led by MSH staff: Catherine Severo, Project Director; Bruce Gatti, Deputy Project Director;

and Patricia Paredes, Senior Program Officer.

About the Global Fund

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria was created to increase resources to fight three of the world's most devastating diseases and to direct those resources to areas of greatest need. Since 2002, the Global Fund has approved more than 450 grants in 136 countries, with a total value of \$7.6 billion. As a partnership among governments, civil society, the private sector, and affected communities, the Global Fund represents an innovative approach to financing international health.

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