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The Global Financing Facility: Connecting the Dots

At our recent General Membership Meeting in Mexico, few topics generated as much attention and discussion as the proposed establishment of a new [Global Financing Facility](#) (GFF). As currently envisioned, this facility aims to deliver a more streamlined financing architecture by providing a platform for coordination around reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and by facilitating the convergence and consolidation of the currently fragmented financing streams for each.

The potential impact of such a facility on our work is enormous. But there were also concerns over what such a mechanism might look like and what the implications of that might be for the delivery of family planning services and supplies. Voices were raised over the speed with which the GFF was being developed and the risk of decisions being made without timely input from the RH community. And finally, many of you referenced the past, when family planning lost out, financially and politically, by being subsumed within a broader health agenda; or when it was treated as just another medical intervention.

We left Mexico, therefore, in full agreement that our contribution to the GFF space must be based on accurate, reliable information; and that our voices must be heeded by those engaged in key decision-making processes. There was consensus that we must work together as a community, tapping the comparative advantages of a wide range of key players: those with the credibility to speak for our community; those with the potential to employ effective advocacy; those having the convening capacity and demonstrated outreach capabilities, those with proven communication skills; and those with the human resources available to support GFF development efforts.

By standing at the convergence of so many different sectors and channels of communication, we launch this e-blast as the first in a series of regular communiqués aimed at connecting the dots. Our aim is to better inform our community without drowning it in a sea of information; and to deliver perspectives and position statements that can positively impact the shape of an effective Global Financing Facility. In the weeks and months to come, we will provide updates on developments; we will issue calls to action; and we will suggest ways we can all do our part.

In our next issue, we will forward you a position paper, developed by the Coalition's Advocacy and Accountability Working Group that draws member contributions to outline the key SRHR-relevant messages. Our hope is that you can make use of this paper as you respond to an online consultation on the GFF, launched earlier in the week. The A&A Working Group would also like to urge you to as organizations sign-on to their position paper so that we send a strong message together!

The deadlines are grueling, so please watch this space as updates emerge. For more information please contact [Lou Compernelle](#) at the Coalition Secretariat.



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