

How can the Global Fund get more health for its money?

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A new report from the Centre for Global Development's Working Group on Value for Money in Global Health was released last week, titled '[More Health for the Money: putting incentives to work for the Global Fund and its partners](#)'.

The report provides suggestions for improvement in four key areas of the Global Fund's grant-making cycle: allocation, contracts, costs and spending, and verification.

The report argues that instead of responding to countries' requests for support for programs, which may be sub-optimal, the Global Fund should instead present countries with a menu of cost effective options for them to choose from. It also says the Fund should revise its contracting process and link funding to progress towards end-goals, that it should track the unit-cost of services delivered, and more rigorously measure the impact of its partners' programs.

They've made a great video to explain the report findings, using the example of bed nets to show how these changes could help the Global Fund improve value for money.

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