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# The Global Fund

To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

# National Strategy Applications

2009 EECA Regional Meeting, Sofia, November 24-26

# GF Board decision to establish NSA approach

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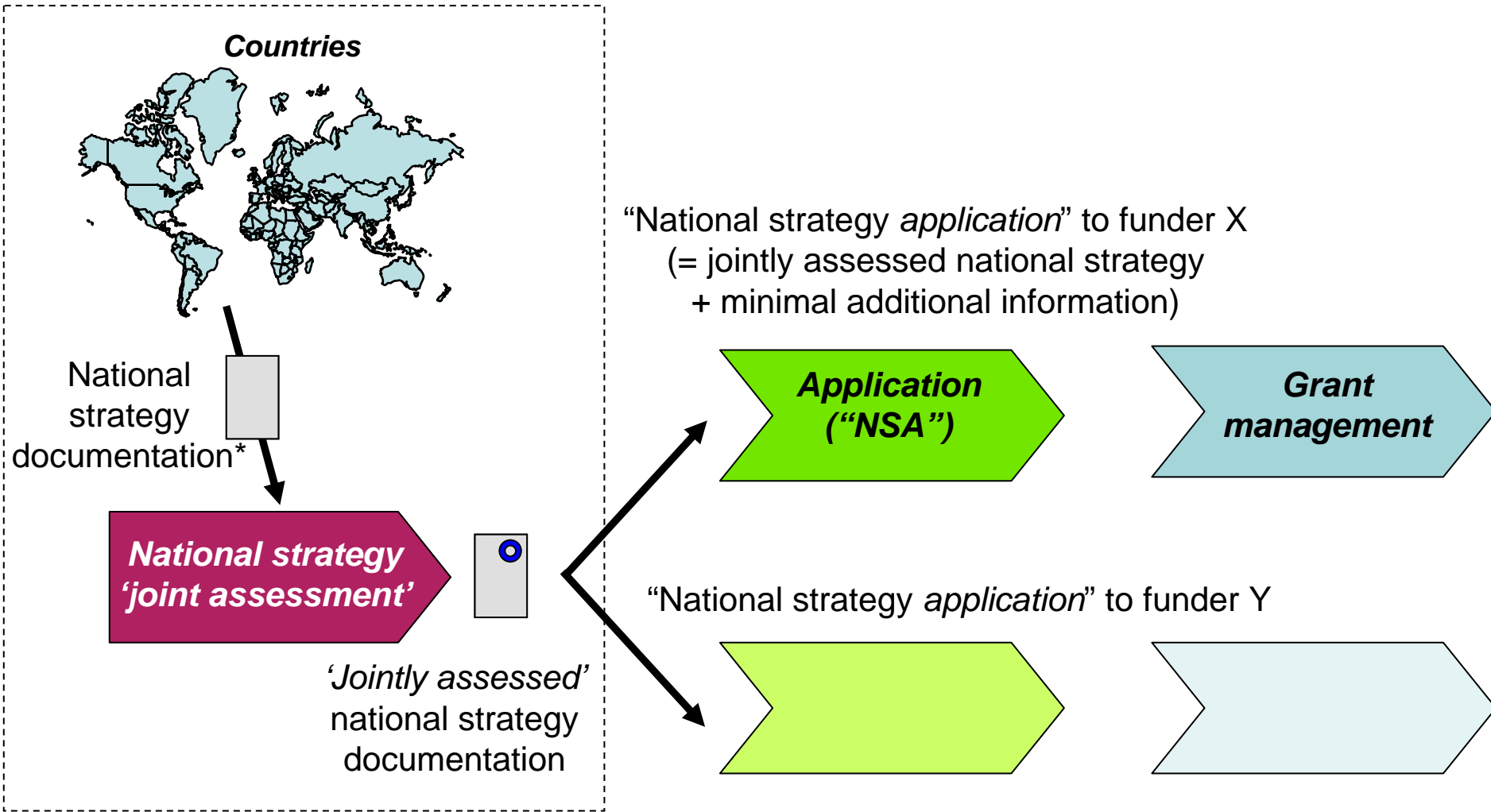
- Modified application process for **supporting national strategies**
- To “provide greater support for country programs [...] as a means to achieving greater impact”
- Enables requests for GF financing based **primarily on an existing national strategy** ‘assessed’ against agreed attributes/criteria using a non-GF-specific ‘assessment’ approach
- NSA implementation should be consistent with GF core principles

# Anticipated ‘end-state’ approach for NSAs

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- Countries present for ‘joint assessment’ their **national strategy documentation**:
  - Disease-specific, or HIV/AIDS multi-sectoral, or health-sector strategy, and relevant complementary documents
- National strategy ‘assessed’:
  - against an **agreed set of attributes**; and
  - in an agreed, shared **multi-partner ‘assessment’ process**
- Countries could use the ‘jointly assessed’ strategy as primary basis for **applications for financing from different funders**, including the Global Fund. The “National Strategy Application” will also include minimal, supplemental, funder-specific information.

# Overview of 'end-state' NSA approach



\* National strategy documentation = national strategy + complementary documents

# “First Learning Wave” of NSAs

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- November 2008 Board decision
- Conduct **phased roll-out** of the NSA approach, beginning with a **First Learning Wave (FLW)** of NSAs in 2009
- FLW aims to draw policy and operational lessons to enable broader roll-out of NSAs
- Key characteristics of FLW:
  - **Limited number** of countries;
  - Focus on applications based on **national disease strategies**;
  - Review of national strategies **performed by TRP (as an exception)**, not through joint assessment (which was not available at the time).

# First Learning Wave: Two-step process

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- **Review of National Strategies** (TRP acting as Joint Assessment)
  - Are the strategies sufficiently robust to form a base for National Strategies Applications?
  
- **Review of National Strategy Application** (GF TRP process)
  - For those passed the first step;
  - Funding request to the Global Fund based on the previously assessed National Strategy.

# Current status of the First Learning Wave

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- November 2009 Board **approved for funding 5 NSAs** that successfully passed the two steps:
  - China (Malaria)
  - Madagascar (Malaria)
  - Nepal (TB)
  - Rwanda (HIV)
  - Rwanda (TB)
  
- Requested the Secretariat “to prepare appropriate in-depth analyses and recommendations... **for further investment on the basis of NSAs**”.