

Alliance Grants Support Committee (GSC) Report for the period of November 2017 - May 2018

Background:

Three virtual GSC meetings were held during the reporting period, full GSC meetings in late November 2017 and at the end of March 2018 and an ad-hoc meeting to review the EU Office Protocol in December 2017. The primary focus of the GSC meetings included i) finalisation of a single TOR for the merged EULO Grant Management Working Group and GSC; ii) review of the revised EU Office (EUO) Protocol; and iii) a planned new quarterly report format that captures key information on cross-Alliance partnerships as per the revised TOR.

Activity Update:

- 1) Following the merger between the GSC and the EULO Grant Management Working Group, a review of the mandate/TORs of the GSC and EULO Grant Management Working Group was undertaken to help determine how to merge the two into a single, workable, TOR going forward. This process has now been completed with a single GSC TOR finalised and agreed. It - together with the recently revised Alliance Multimember Protocol that was endorsed by the CEO Forum in November 2017 - can be found on the members-only page of the ChildFund Alliance website.
- 2) Linked to the above, the TOR commits the GSC to producing a cross-Alliance quarterly report that identifies grant funding opportunities where two or more Alliance members work together on a grant funding proposal and the result of their collaboration. The Report aims to capture information regarding the Alliance members involved, the relationship of the Alliance members (Donor Lead, Project Lead, Project Partner), the status of the proposal (submitted and pending a donor decision, rejected or funded), the donor, the length of the Project, the Program Countries that will implement the Project and the total amount of funding. A template for the report has been drafted and it is hoped that the format will be finalised by the end of June 2018 for use from July 2019 onwards. It is intended that this report will be shared with the Alliance CEOs on a quarterly basis.
- 3) With the GSC having completed the revisions and updates to the Alliance Multimember Protocol late last calendar year, the EU Office (EUO) also carried out a similar process with regards to the EU Protocol that covers cross-Alliance collaboration on EU funding. The GSC members fed into the revisions which were shared with the EU Steering Group during a face-to-face meeting in Brussels in January 2018. This document has now been finalised and is also available on the members-only page of the ChildFund Alliance website.

- 4) As per the revised GSC TOR, the position of GSC co-chair is one that is held for two years, with it being mandated that *“one of the co-chairs be from the Alliance member whose CEO is the GSC liaison at the CEO Forum and the other co-chair will be elected by the GSC members, unless appointed to the position by the CEO Forum”*. Craig Stein retains his position as co-chair given Anne Goddard remains as the CEO liaison, however as Sarah Hunt has held the position for two years, a call was put out to the group for any expressions of interest to take over in this role. The members will send their nominations/expression of interest to Craig and Sarah within the coming 4-6 weeks.

- 5) The GSC established a document repository site on the members only section of the ChildFund Alliance website and we have begun uploading key documents to the site.