

Note by Bernard Rivers on how it's much harder than it used to be to access grant information at the Global Fund website.

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How it used to be:

Go to <https://web.archive.org/web/20140701153132/http://theglobalfund.org/en/>. This use of the Wayback Machine enables us to see the Global Fund website's Home Page as it was on 1 July 2014.

- Click on "Grant Portfolio"
- Click on "Search"
- Click on "Choose Location" and choose the country you want. (I chose Kenya.)
- Click on "Choose Grant" and choose the grant you want. (I chose KEN-405-G06-M.)
- Bingo. You're shown a summary screen with all the key details of the grant, including its most recent performance rating. And there are links you can click on to see the Grant Performance Report, the Grant Score Card, the Program Grant Agreement, and more.
- Click on "Grant Performance Report". You're shown a 34-page document showing what was done with the grant from beginning to end, and what rating the Secretariat gave the grant at each stage, and why.
- All the above is easy, intuitive and clear.

How it is now:

I challenge anyone, without reading the bullet points below, to find the same information using the current version of the Fund's website. Go ahead – try it...

Did you manage? How long did it take? How much information did you find?

Here's what you have to do:

Go to the GF Home Page

- Click on "Results and Stories"
- Click on "Data Explorer"
- Click on "All Categories", select "Locations", and type the country you want. (I chose Kenya.)
- Click on that country name when it's presented to you.
- Click on the "Grants" tab.
- Click on the "Component" tab and choose "Malaria"
- Hover your mouse over the various coloured circles until you find the grant you want (I chose KEN-405-G06-M). Click on that grant.

- You're then told how much money was disbursed for this grant, and who the Principal Recipient was.
- Click on "More"
- Click on "Performance Rating"
- Click on the right-arrow
- Scroll down
- You're then told what rating was given at different times.
- Click on "More"
- Click on "Documents"
- You're told "No data reported by the Global Fund". Thus, the Grant Performance Report, the Grant Score Card, the Program Grant Agreement, and more, are not available.
- All the above is unintuitive and confusing and provides much less information than used to be the case.