AVAILABILITY OF HIV AND TB RELATED TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN EECA REGION

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The Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination for the EECA Region, hosted by Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), has collected the information about the availability for NGOs and CBOs of HIV and TB related technical support (TS) in EECA region.

All information presented in this document was provided and confirmed by the organizations listed below and was collected in July–August 2018.

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TS OPTIONS

OSF embeds TS into grants provided to national or regional level organizations. The main focus of TS, as defined by grantees themselves, is focused on support for capacity building around budget advocacy, media and communications support, technical support for development of social contracting, budgeting for services, development of platforms ensuring transparency of procurements and citizen engagement in budget planning and implementation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

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Depending on the need, scope and relevance of TS to other groups, OSF may organize workshops at country level that involve other civil society organizations.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

Since OSF doesn't have a separate TS program and all TS is being provided as part of grant-making — there are no any deadlines or formal application processes.

For more details about existing programs being supported by OSF in your country and CRG related TS being available within them — please get in touch with EKATERINA LUKICHEVA or in case there is an OSF office operating in your country — with a country level OSF focal point.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME /UNDP/

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TS OPTIONS

UNDP is providing TS in the next areas of HIV and TB responses as a division of labor with UNAIDS, UNFPA and the World Bank:

- stigma and discrimination including legal policy reform
- access to justice and rights
- HIV healthcare discrimination elimination
- HIV prevention among key populations (men who have sex with men, migrants, sex workers and transgender people)
- human rights

These include:

- Legal Environment Assessments
- Legal environments scans
- Strategic litigation

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

- Governments in the EECA Region
- Civil society organizations workin in HIV and\or TB areas in EECA region programming countries
- Regional KP Networks
- UNDP Country Offices

No programmes could be supported in some countries e.g. RUSSIA. Check with Regional team first.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

Requests for TS from partners in EECA region can be received on an ongoing basis. Requests need to be submitted to the UNDP Focal points in the country offices where UNDP has HIV and Health programmes or with the Regional HIV Health and Development team for further consideration and subject to the availability of time and other resources. No special request form is required.

UNAIDS REGIONAL SUPPORT TEAM FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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TS OPTIONS

UNAIDS provides the strategic direction, advocacy, coordination and technical support (TS includes both technical assistance and capacity development) needed to catalyze and connect leadership from governments, the private sector and communities to deliver life-saving HIV services.

Technical support is provided by the UNAIDS staff and external consultants upon availability of funds in the following forms: oral and written consultations, analytical recommendations, review of documents and proposals, participation in advocacy activities etc.

Areas for TS at country and regional level:

- Evidence-based development and costing of the national strategic and action plan
- Expansion of specific programmes for KPs, PMTCT
- Improved access to affordable and quality assured ARV medicines and HIV diagnostic technologies
- Prevention of stigma and discrimination
- Systems strengthening, including the procurement and supply management, and the national monitoring and evaluation system
- Management and organizational development, specifically of coordinating bodies and civil society
- Operational research
- Resource mobilization, including proposal development

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Government and Civil Society Organizations dealing with HIV and related issues in EECA region.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

Official written request should be submitted to the UNAIDS RST or/and UNAIDS country office.

There are no any specific request form and deadlines.

UNFPA REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA

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TS OPTIONS

Next TS could be available:

- Support in SRHR/HIV/STI programming among key populations, including young key populations
- Sharing best practices from the region

UNFPA support modality primarily envisages technical and expert assistancein the abovementioned areas.

Also, support could be provided with regard to:

- linking to best practices from other counties in the region
- facilitation of dialogues between government and civil society
- rolling out of HIV programming tools such as SWIT, MSMIT, IDUIT, TRANSIT, and Programming tool for young key populations

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

UNFPA Regional Office is focused on organizations with regional outreach:

- regional networks of key populations
- CSO and NGOs working with key populations

UNFPA is primarily focused on MSM, SWs, young key populations as well as such new emerging group as migrant key populations.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

The requests for TS should be addressed to the focal point.

There are no set deadlines for the process. There is no particular request form to be submitted.

Requests and correspondence can be made in both English and in Russian.

TB EUROPE COALITION

TS FOCAL POINT AND CONTACTS

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TS OPTIONS

Regional meetings/stakeholders' dialogues with the EECA civil society partners within next possible thematic areas:

- TB people-centred care
- Community monitoring & community engagement
- Operational research
- Human rights

Coordinating the advocacy efforts of various national and regional partners in EECA towards the UN High Level Meeting & and, particularly engaging key populations in the process.

Coordination of the communication and joint meetings & activities between national MPs of the Global TB Caucus and CSO/KP's, particularly in Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Georgia.

Also TBEC will provide TS as part of the implementation of the second component of the Global Fund's CRG SI within the next areas:

- capacity development and meaningful engagement
- human rights and gender
- community engagement for finding the missing people
- financial and technical cooperation

This TS will be available till December 30, 2019.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

TBEC civil society members from the EECA region, and in some cases — organizations from targeted countries within EECA.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

There is no formal procedure to request TS. TBEC members may approach the TBEC Focal Point on the matter of TS availability. For the planned events, there will be call for applications to participate.

DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT GMBH /GIZ/ WITHIN ITS BACKUP HEALTH INITIATIVE

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TS OPTIONS

Technical support is available in the following three intervention areas:

- Country Coordinating Mechanisms (more information online)

  The specific objective of BACKUP's CCM-related work is to help improve the CCM performance rating against Global Fund criteria. The achievement of this objective will be reflected in the improvement of the CCM classification according to the eligibility and performance assessment results. The targets of the CCM interventions are the improved governance and risk management of CCMs.

- Health Systems Strengthening (more information online)

  The overriding objective of BACKUP's HSS-related work is to support the selected countries in implementing HSS and gender-related interventions through Global Fund grants. The achievement of this objective will be assessed using a number of criteria, for example: the consideration of the Global Fund strategy's seven main approaches for building resilient and sustainable systems for health, a focus on integrated systems and services, the rationalisation of duplicated structures to increase sustainability, and country dialogue based more strongly around broader consensus processes.

- Grant Management (more information online)

  The overriding objective of BACKUP's work in the area of grant management is the reduction in twelve selected countries of operational programming and governance risks that the Global Fund considers as threatening the implementation of programmes. The achievement of this objective will be indicated through risk-related reports of the Global Fund or the PRs. BACKUP's technical support is targeted to PRs managing a large number of SRs and civil society PRs seeking to improve their grant management capacities. The grant management interventions should lead to improvements in the overall performance of the grant in terms of its output, outcome and impact targets and its absorption capacity.

Community, rights and gender are cross-cutting topics in all three intervention areas.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Government and civil society partners from the following countries: Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

The first step of the application process is a short (max.: one page) project outline summarising the name of the applying organisation, the identified needs, the activities proposed to address these needs, and the proposed timeframe.

General orientation and guidelines for consultancy mode and project mode applications: https://www.giz.de/expertise/downloads/backup-application-guidelines-en.pdf

THE INTERNATIONAL TREATMENT PREPAREDNESS COALITION IN EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA /ITPCRU/

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TS OPTIONS

Technical support can be provided in the following areas related to HIV and other co-morbidities:

- scaling up access to ART and HCV treatment
- advocacy
- working with mass media
- working with governmental authorities

Technical support may be provided in such formats:

- consultations
- lectures
- participation in relevant workshops
- participation in relevant technical meetings and round tables

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Activists and NGOs working in HIV advocacy in EECA region. Membership inITPCruis not mandatory.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

ITPCru does not have any standard form to request technical support.

The requests for TS should be addressed to the focal point by e-mail or via social media.

The preferred language of communication is Russian.

The response to any requests will be sent in reasonable time.

EAST EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA UNION OF PLWH /ECUO/

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TS OPTIONS

Technical support can be provided in the following areas related to HIV:

- Buildingcases for advocacy
- Advocacy in the context of HIV, in particular budget advocacy
- Community mobilization
- Building partnerships
- Advocacy for legislative changes
- Organizational development and capacity building
- Facilitating events
- Development of web resources and platforms, information materials (websites, social media, brochures, newsletters, etc.)
- Finding resources for additional activities within project implementation
- Support in organizing high-level meetings
- Support of events to adapt, implement and monitor social contracting mechanism for NGOs
- Support of events to develop standard services for KPs
- Reducing prices for ART and/or public procurement of ART

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Organizations representing communities, first of all PLWH, but also MSM, PWID, SW, TB/HIV, PLWH 50+ from the following 15 EECA countries: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Russia, Georgia and Armenia.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

To request TS, fill in electronic application at the ECUO website: http://ecuo.org/advocacy/forma-zaprosa-tehnicheskoj-pomoshhi/

Response on the possibility to provide the requested TS will be provided within 5 days. If any additional information is needed, the TS manager will contact the applicant for further details. In case of a positive response, the support will be provided within the timeframe specified in the request. Thus, it is important to submit TS requests in advance for them not to be rejected because of the inability to meet the desired deadlines.

Technical support is available until October 31, 2018, up until termination of the Partnership for Equitable Access project. If new resources are available to provide TS for a wider circle of organizations and for a longer period of time, ECUO will inform about such options.

Technical support may be requested in Russian or in English.

EURASIAN COALITION ON MALE HEALTH /ECOM/

TS FOCAL POINT AND CONTACTS

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TS OPTIONS

Technical support may be provided to organizations working in the area of HIV among gay, other MSM and trans people in EECA for:

- assessment of general organizational capacity and development of NGO, drafting an organizational development plan, organizational development support
- financial management
- strategic planning
- assessment of the needs in HIV strategic information to implement current projects and the strategic plan
- organizing, preparing and conducting research studies, in particular developing study design, selecting research methods, etc.
- drafting funding requests for HIV projects among MSM and trans people
- introducing and implementing pre-exposure prophylaxis projects among MSM
- preparing and conducting workshops and working meetings related to human rights, in particular the right to health of gay and trans people
- training and support of community representatives for their effective engagement with international and national agencies coordinating the HIV response
- establishing and developing partnerships among NGOs, community activists and public officials

ECOM does not provide technical support in developing and implementing direct HIV services (outreach; development, publication and distribution of awareness-raising materials for clients;HIV counseling, referral to health institutions, HIV treatment, etc.), with an exception of pre-exposure prophylaxis programs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

First of all, technical support is provided to ECOM members as well as organizations involved in the ECOM projects. If technical support does not require urgent response and significant financial costs, such technical support may be requested by any NGO, governmental agency or health institution from EECA countries working with MSM and trans people whether or not it is a member of ECOM.

List of eligible countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Estonia.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

Technical support can be requested through filling in an application on the ECOM website:
http://ecom.ngo/base/tech_support/tssr/

There are no deadlines for TS requests. Technical support can be requested in Russian or English. Technical support may be provided in the national language if consultants are available.

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TS OPTIONS

The organization can provide distance consultative support in the following areas:

- Developing self-help programs for HIV-positive MSM
- Creating conditions for leadership of HIV-positive LGBT
- Developing community-based testing programs
- Developing self-testing programs

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

NGOs, initiative groups, public health institutions.

No restrictions on the eligible countries.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

Send a letter with a clear TS request in free format to the focal point.

Language of communication — Russian.

There are no set deadlines or restricted timeframes.

ALL–UKRAINIAN NETWORK OF PLWH

TS FOCAL POINT AND CONTACTS

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TS OPTIONS

The organization can provide technical support in the following areas:

- Community-driven advocacy to ensure transition of HIV, TB, HCV prevention, care and support, OST programs to government funding (both at the national and regional level)
- Patient control over the process of budget utilization within HIV/AIDS, TB, HCV programs
- Overcoming technical barriers to bring generic drugs to the market
- Tools to scale up access to HIV, TB, HCV, OST drugs (patent opposition, patent litigation, compulsory licensing)

Technical assistance is provided to organizations free of charge within the project "Technical Support to CMM representatives in three EECA countries" supported by GNP+.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Representatives of NGOs and initiative community-based groups from all EECA countries could request technical support.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

The applicant organization should send a TS request with the following information:

- Information about the organization requesting technical support
- Description of the problem, which is to be resolved through technical support
- Clear request with description of the problem, which is to be resolved through technical support requested and the expected results of such technical support
- What key and vulnerable populations will be covered with such technical support
- What other organizations have already provided technical support at such request (with a description of the results achieved)
- Deadline for providing the technical support

The Network will respond on TS availability within 10 business days. If the request is approved, the Network will appoint an expert to follow-up on the request and will undertake obligations to provide support in the scope and within the terms agreed with the organization requesting TS.

Requests could be submitted in Russian or English. There is no any formal TA request form to complete.

COMMUNITY, RIGHTS AND GENDER /CRG/ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE GLOBAL FUND

TS FOCAL POINT AND CONTACTS

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TS OPTIONS

Within the Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform (EECA) project implementation, EHRAraises the awareness of civil society and communities in the region about the options of technical support within the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program of the Global Fund.

The goal of this program is providingshort-termtechnical assistance to civil society and community-based organizations to meaningfully engage in the Global Fund model at the national level at any stage of the grant cycle, including during:

- Establishing and engaging in the country dialogue
- Funding request development
- Grant-making
- Grant implementation

The program currently does not support:

- Strengthening Country Coordinating Mechanisms
- Long-term capacity building of civil society organizations
- Funding request writing

Within one request, activities with a total budget of up to USD 25,000 may be supported.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST TS

Requests for technical support within the program may be submitted by NGOs and community-based organizations from the following EECA countries still eligible for the Global Fund HIV and/or TB fundingor still implementing the grants: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania (TB only), Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan (TB only), Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

HOW TO REQUEST TS

All requests should be submitted using the official request form via email to crgta@theglobalfund.org.

The request should be reviewed within six weeks.

TS request form in Russian and English may be downloaded here.
Frequently Asked Questions on the CRG Technical Assistance Program in Russian and English are presented here.
The list of organizations providing support for CRG Technical Assistance Program is available here.

CONTACTS

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