

TECHNICAL SUPPORT, FUNDING AND CAPACITY BUILDING:

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES LISTSERVE #1



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The Global Fund (GF) and Technical Support (TS):

Provision of Technical Assistance (Support) serves to **eliminate the gaps in knowledge on country level**. Usually, experts on certain topics conduct country visits and work together with key actors in the field offering problem solution or facilitating certain processes on different levels of the implementation of Global Fund or other donors programs.

Global Fund itself does not provide Technical Assistance, but it cooperates with donor organization to help countries to receive it.

You can find information on current opportunities offered by donors in the <u>"TA opportunities"</u> section on our website. You will also receive this information as it appears via this listserve.

However, **issues of communities, rights and gender are an exception!** Technical support on these issues is provided by the GF directly.

"Communities, Rights and Gender (CRG)" Special Initiative:

The process of fighting AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria cannot be effective without significant involvement of civil society (CS) and communities of the key affected populations. But they may **lack access to knowledge, skills and information** for proper involvement into Global Fund activities. Besides, insufficient attention during program planning is paid to obstacles connected to **human rights, stigma and discrimination, gender inequality**.

To eliminate these problems the Global Fund Board approved the "Communities, rights and gender (CRG)" Special Initiative.

The aim of the initiative is to provide active and significant participation of civil society and communities on all levels of planning, implementation and assessment of Global Fund program in frames of response to HIV, TB and malaria epidemics.

The Special Initiative consists of **3 components**:

- 1. **Technical Assiatance program** on communities, rights and gender issues. (see next block)
- 2. Creation of **6 Regional** Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication **Platforms**, including Regional Platform-EECA(more about the project at the end of the listserve)
- 3. Cooperation with **Robert Carr Fund** to support network units of CS in order to develop community networks capacity for participation in Global Fund processes.

You can find more information and links to additional resources about CRG initiative <u>on our website.</u>

Short-term technical assistance (STA) in the sphere of communities, human rights and gender equality (CRG):

To provide STA in CRG sphere, GF gathered a pool of 34 pre-selected TA providers. In the EECA region they are 3 <u>partners of Regional Platform-EECA project</u> - EHRN, ECUO and Alliance for Public Health (namely its <u>Regional Technical Support Hub for Eatern Europe and Central Asia</u>).

This Technical Assistance program is aimed at stages and procedures **up to concept note approval.** Requests for TA provision for grants implementation are not accepted for consideration. As per March 2016, GF received more than 100 requests for STA in CRG sphere, out of which it approved 69 for approximate amount of \$3 million.

There are 3 key areas of STA in terms of CRG:

- 1. Situation analysis and planning
- 2. Participation in the country dialogue process
- 3. Support of stakeholders

You can find more information on this opportunity and download all documents necessary for submission in the section "TA Opportunities" on our website.



About our project:

This listserve is distributed within the Regional Platform-EECA project, which aims to inform civil society and communities on how to effectively get involved and participate in the development, implementation and assessment of programs supported by Global Fund.

More about the project: http://eecaplatform.org/en/our-project/

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