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Availability of HIV, TB and COVID-related Technical Support for civil society in the Region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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The Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), being the host of the EECA Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund), has collected information concerning the availability of HIV, TB and COVID-related technical support (TS) for non-governmental (NGOs) and community-based (CBOs) organizations in the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

Information presented in this document was provided, and confirmed, by the organizations listed below and was collected between February and April 2021.

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ COVID-19 pandemic related TS

Technical support topics include:
- Vaccine procurement advocacy - negotiations with manufacturers, support of tender procedures.
- Elimination of legal and regulatory barriers to the procurement and import of vaccines to the country.
- Prioritization of groups for vaccination, inclusion of key populations to prioritized groups, and optimization of the vaccination process based on vaccine availability and the public vaccination demand.

Information support of the national vaccination campaign, the formation of a positive attitude towards vaccination.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

Representatives of NGOs and initiative community-based groups from EECA countries (Russian Federation, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan) could request technical support. Applications from representatives of state bodies from the countries of the EECA region will also be considered.

💡 How to request TS?

The applicant organization should send a TS request to the contact indicated above (Yevheniia Kononchuk, e.kononchuk@network.org.ua) with the following information:
- Information about the organization requesting 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 formal TA request form to complete.

⚙ Other TS options available

Overcoming human rights-related barriers to accessing HIV prevention, treatment and care services:
- Monitoring and analysis of national legislation containing provisions on criminal / administrative liability for putting at risk of infecting and transmission of HIV, and developing draft papers on amending the respective laws and bylaws.
- Advocacy of legislative amendments aimed at decriminalization of HIV transmission.
- Legal support in cases related to criminalization of HIV transmission.
- Training programs and mentoring support for community-based paralegals on legal support in cases on violation of the rights of PLHIV related to the criminalization of HIV transmission.

Optimization of HIV treatment:
- analyses of main treatment schemes and forming recommendations on changes in accordance to the latest WHO's recommendations;
- workshop/seminar for medical specialist of the latest WHO's recommendations on HIV treatment and/or testing.

Review and improvement of the national supply and procurement system:
- expert review of current national laws and practical mechanism;
- training/workshop/seminar to define an optimal national procurement system for a country.

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AFEW International

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⚙ Technical support

- The website offers freely accessible resources on COVID-19, also in Russian, and a specific set of information on COVID19 in prisons. *Capacity building, mentoring, training etc. are available at cost.*
- Programmatic interventions or trainings are available to community-based organizations, networks of (I)NGOs, and governmental stakeholders *at cost*.

🏛 Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

AFEW International and Aidsfonds have announced the call for applications for emergency grants in the framework of the Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations. The activities of the Fund are financed by the Elton John AIDS Foundation and Aidsfonds.

The Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in EECA strives for a comprehensive response to emergencies threatening HIV service provision for key populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in EECA is aiming to contribute to the following goals:
- Goal 1. Decline in annual number of new HIV infections in the EECA region.
- Goal 2. Everyone living with HIV in the EECA region receives treatment .
- Goal 3. Full funding of the AIDS response in EECA.

Through small grants to registered and non-registered NGOs and CBOs, working in the area of HIV and human rights, with activities ranging from advocacy and prevention, to treatment and care in terms of HIV and co-infections, based in countries of the EECA region, AFEW International and Aidsfonds respond to fast-growing HIV epidemic in this region.

The Fund aims at supporting 80-100 organisations in the EECA with small grants in the period of 2019-2021. The maximum amount per grant is € 8.000. Only applications with a strong sustainability plan can be awarded the maximum amount, whereas the costs of the sustainability activities cannot exceed € 3.000 or account for more than 37.5% of the total amount of the grant.

The Fund will be operational until December 2021; activities funded with an ESF grant should finish no later than October 1, 2021.

More information about Emergency Support Fund for Key Populations in the EECA Region as well as the link to the online application form and full Call for Proposals can be found here.

Alliance Consultancy (ATAC – Alliance Technical Assistance Centre)

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🏛 AC is a for-profit organization and is able to address a TS request only if there is a donor of funds that is able to cover the costs.

In case the requestor hasn't the available funding for the TA needed, jointly with Alliance Consultancy they will work together to find funding opportunities for it.

In general, the key aim of ATAC is to facilitate high quality technical support provision to raise effectiveness of national, regional and global responses to public health issues and HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in particular.

THE KEY TECHNICAL AREAS THAT ATAC SPECIALIZES

Managerial aspects of HIV interventions including:

- Governance and overall management of programs (including civil society, PLHIV, and KAP representation mechanisms).
- Financial management and ensuring appropriate use of resources. Management of capacity development efforts and technical support delivery. Management of sub-awards.
- Procurement and supply management.
- Risk management.
- Management of transitions from external to domestic (including governmental) funding in.

TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF HIV PREVENTION, CARE AND TREATMENT

- Ensuring expedient access of key affected populations, specific segments within those, and their sexual partners to the continuum of HIV prevention, care and treatment services.
- Ensuring that specific obstacles hindering smooth transitions of people between different levels of treatment cascade are identified and addressed through innovative solutions involving collaboration between various sectors and organizations.
- Promoting the dialogue between governmental agencies and civil society actors based on clear distribution of labor, including better understanding of the role of community-based outreach as a gateway to the complete service continuum for many key population members.
- Use of new technologies including rapid HIV and CD4 testing to improve the effectiveness of treatment cascade.
- Revision of classic components of HIV prevention and care work with key populations such as needle and syringe programs, opioid substitution treatment, and case management in order to address changes in the drug scene, better understanding of factors affecting access to services and functioning of social networks.
- Revision of understanding of the quality of work (e.g. seamless movement along the steps of the treatment cascade as an essential factor defining quality of interventions).

MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT OF KEY AFFECTED POPULATIONS

The focus on promoting the pragmatic and evidence-based rationale for meaningful engagement at various levels, factoring engagement in the program design including employment of KAP members in direct service delivery as well as KAP involvement in program management and governance.

GENDER EQUALITY

Specific focus on understanding and managing the influence of gender norms and stereotypes on risk and vulnerability, ensuring that the gender composition of the program beneficiaries reflects the gender composition in the target population, ensuring gender literacy of the key stakeholders and service providers.

HUMAN RIGHTS BARRIERS TO ACCESSING HEALTH SERVICES

Specific focus on advocating access of marginalized communities to essential services such as substitution maintenance treatment and needle and syringe programs, elimination of inhumane approaches (such as forced rehabilitation of PWID and cruel treatment of KAPs by law enforcement personnel).

COMMUNITY SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING

The specific focus of this area of work relates to the development and functioning of community-based harm reduction services for People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and community-based delivery of HIV prevention and care services to other key populations.

The Alliance Hub offers support in the development and introduction of innovative outreach models targeting specific segments of key populations and linking the clients to essential HIV prevention, care and treatment services. Segments, tailored interventions, capacity development of service delivery organizations (complete cycle starting with rapid participatory assessments, intervention design, implementation, finance management, PSCM, monitoring and evaluation, human resource development, access to technical support).

MONITORING, EVALUATION AND RESEARCH AT VARIOUS LEVELS

- Developing national and program-specific M&E plans, indicator frameworks, costed M&E work plans, data flow schemes, and other elements of a sound M&E system.
- Adaptation and roll-out of up-to-date software for simplified collection, analysis and reporting of data on service delivery to key populations – SyrEx Cloud.
- Development of data collection and reporting forms and tools.
- Development and implementation of national surveys and surveillance and operational research.
- Development and implementation of project / program evaluation.

🖼 The TS can be provided in the forms of:

- Individual TS, including consultations, mentoring, supervision, internships.
- Group TS, including training sessions, workshops, study groups, educational programs, strategic planning.
- Distant TS, provided via online communication and work with documents.
- Network TS, including experience exchange, conferences, joint projects, peer reviews, etc.
- Experience exchange trips.
- Methodological resources development.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

AC provides TS in the area of public health to all kinds of organizations: NGOs, community-based organizations, consortiums, platforms, different kinds of other organizations, including those working on commercial basis, upon their request etc. to all Russian-Ukrainian and English-speaking countries worldwide.

⚲ How to request TS?

To request TS a recipient should send detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) with the objectives, tasks, outcomes expected and timelines to the focal point of AC. Afterwards the focal point gets in touch with the potential recipient and discusses all the details of the TS. When all the parts of the ToR are discussed AC offers a budget of such TS. Normally the overall process doesn't take longer than two weeks including signing the contract.

AC accepts queries either in Russian or Ukrainian or English.

EpiC - Meeting Targets and Achieving Epidemic Control Project in Central Asia / Family Health International / FHI360

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ COVID-19 pandemic related TS

EpiC project provides strategic technical assistance and direct service delivery to achieve HIV epidemic control and promote self-reliant management of national HIV programs by improving HIV case finding, prevention, treatment programming and viral load suppression. EpiC has technical resources and tools (in English) that can be used to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on HIV programming worldwide.

Available here: https://www.fhi360.org/resource/meeting-targets-and-maintaining-epidemic-control-epic-covid-19-and-hiv-technical-resources.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

EpiC in Central Asia provides technical support to local community-based organizations partnering with EpiC in three countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. All resources public at the FHI360 websites are widely available for any organizations.

💡 How to request TS?

All technical guidelines and tools are available at the FHI360 website. For Russian translated materials, please reach out to Olga Samoilova at OSamoilova@fhi360.org (please note that not all materials are currently available in Russian).

⚙ Other TS options available

EpiC has developed a wide range of technical guidelines and training materials on HIV services for Key Populations including case finding, index testing, peer navigation for PLHIV, PrEP, online services, differentiated service delivery.

All materials are publicly available at the https://www.fhi360.org/projects/meeting-targets-and-maintaining-epidemic-control-epic. In Central Asia, EpiC is directly working with local CBOs.

EpiC is open to consider other types of TA such as trainings and consultancy depending on the topic and resources available for each particular request. Please reach out to Olga Samoilova at OSamoilova@fhi360.org

Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM)

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

The Eurasian Coalition on Male Health (ECOM) is one of the pre-qualified technical assistance providers[1] under the Global Fund's Technical Assistance Programme on Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG). ECOM is eligible to provide support to civil society and community organizations to ensure their meaningful engagement in Global Fund-related processes, with a focus on the following areas:

- Engagement in-country dialogue processes;
- Funding request development;
- Grant-making;
- Grant implementation.

Under this programme, civil society members and community organizations are encouraged to apply for technical support in the following areas:

- Situational analysis and planning;
- Engagement in-country dialogue processes;
- Program design and development;
- Monitoring and oversight of the grant implementation activities;
- Engagement in the development of transition and sustainability strategies.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

The following stakeholders from countries eligible for Global Fund funding as well as from countries covered by the activities within the Global Fund regional grants:

- Key population networks and organizations
- Youth-led networks and organizations
- Women's networks and organizations
- Networks or organizations of people living with HIV or affected by tuberculosis or malaria
- Civil society networks and organizations led by or working with other affected communities (e.g. migrants, refugees, miners).

💡 How to request TS?

For details on CRG technical assistance criteria, program providers list, and application forms, please

https://ecom.ngo/tech-support-srg.

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1 Technical assistance is provided by non-governmental organizations, including key population-led communities and networks, universities, and civil society organizations, which have been selected through an open competition procedure based on their demonstrated skills and competencies in the CRG-related areas.

Applicants are required to complete the CRG Technical Assistance Request Form and contact the EECA Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination, hosted by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA), at eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org for assistance in formatting the request prior to submission to the Global Fund.

The completed request form, reviewed by the EHRA, has to be submitted via email to crgta@theglobalfund.org. The request will be assessed by the CRG Department of the Global Fund Secretariat jointly with the Global Fund Country Team and a technical support provider will be appointed.

For more details on eligibility requirements and procedures, please see the CRG Technical Assistance Guidance Note.

Technical support will be available from January 2021 to December 2023 for requests related to HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, as well as resilient and sustainable health systems (RSSH).

⚙ Other TS options available

ECOM offers technical assistance on the following components:
- Strengthened organizational capacity of the LGBT organizations and networks working in the field of health care.
  What kind of support we can offer: organizational capacity assessments, development of those policies and procedures important for the organization, strategic and operational planning, etc.
  What is NOT SUPPORTED: equipment procurement.
- Support for human rights activities.
  What kind of support we can offer: training on human rights issues, assistance in writing reports to UN agencies/committees, assistance in developing draft laws, legislative reviews, etc.
  What is NOT SUPPORTED: routine monitoring of rights violations.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

Community organizations and initiatives that are ECOM members and partners in the following countries: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

♀ How to request TS?

To request technical assistance, please follow the link to complete the request form: https://ecom.ngo/tech-support-srg.

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation, as well as COVID-19 pandemic related TS
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The involvement of civil society into Global Fund related processes is one of BACKUP's priorities, hence TS is available to civil society organizations. Also, BACKUP has limited resources to support projects that address the COVID-19 pandemic within the scope of our main objective, i.e. strengthening and supporting government and civil society organizations in their capacity to use funding from global health financing mechanisms, such as Global Fund, to strengthen their health systems, and sub-objectives. The project goals should be to strengthen health systems in the medium- or long-term and proposals should be aligned with and endorsed by the entity coordinating the COVID-19 response at the national level. BACKUP offers several resources to support, including technical experts, financial support and the STAGE approach for TS combined with long-term capacity development (typically between 6 and 18 months).

In Kyrgyzstan for example, BACKUP provided COVID-19 response support for the improvement of infection prevention and control in the Kyrgyz state penitentiary system through provision of hygiene articles and gloves and an accompanying information campaign conducted by BACKUP Health and AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW) in the penitentiary system including audio and video materials in Russian and Kyrgyz. Likewise, BACKUP provided peer to peer trainings for personnel of the national TB reference laboratory, and external quality assurance through the WHO-Supranational TB Reference Laboratory in Munich-Gauting.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

BACKUP can implement TS projects with Country Coordinating Mechanisms, ministries and public health institutions, governmental grant implementing agencies, and national civil society organisations from **Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan** and **Uzbekistan.**

If your organisation has not had a financing contract with BACKUP or another GIZ project in the past 12 months, GIZ requires a commercial suitability review to assess whether a contract is possible and, if so, what kind of contract. The first step in this process is the self-disclosure form which you submit along with the project proposal. Next, GIZ staff or contracted auditors will conduct the review. This may include a visit to your organisation's office or a request to send certain documents, such as a legal registration. Once concluded, you will be informed about the results of the review. If your organisation has had a financing contract with BACKUP or another GIZ project in the past 12 months, please make sure to point this out in your communication with BACKUP. This may enable us to conduct a lighter review or skip the review process altogether.

💡 How to request TS?

Project development with BACKUP is an iterative and collaborative process. Rather than requesting one complete project proposal, which is then approved or declined, BACKUP asks that you first submit a very brief project outline. BACKUP then provides feedback and, if the project promises to be a good fit, may invite you to develop a more detailed project proposal. A submitted proposal may then go through additional revisions based on feedback and advice from BACKUP technical advisers before being finalised. You can find more details on the process in the next section. BACKUP asks the following questions when considering a project proposal. BACKUP can advise you on these as you develop your proposal:

- Does the project contribute to BACKUP's objectives?
- How does the project address BACKUP's cross-cutting priorities, human rights, gender, equity and value for money?
- What does the available evidence say about the urgency of the issue the project aims to address? About the effectiveness of the proposed approaches? About the sustainability of the proposed measures?
- Is the proposal (including, for example, the monitoring concept and terms of reference) technically sound and coherent?
- Is your organisation well-placed to implement the project?

The first step in developing a project with BACKUP is the project outline. It is a one-page form in which you can provide a short overview of the project you wish to propose. You can submit the form to backup@giz.de or directly to a BACKUP adviser with whom you may already be in contact. A BACKUP adviser will then provide feedback and, if the project appears to be a good fit for BACKUP's objectives, the adviser may then invite you to develop a more detailed project proposal.

Global Fund Strategy (2017-2022) Strategic Objective 3(c) commits the Global Fund to support all countries that apply for grants to include and scale up programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health services. Expanding these programs will ensure that the health services supported by the Global Fund reach those living with or vulnerable to the diseases, increasing the effectiveness of Global Fund grants.

As part of efforts to operationalize the Global Fund's Strategic Objective 3(c), the Global Fund has embarked on a major strategic effort, Breaking Down Barriers initiative, aiming for comprehensive programs to remove human rights-related barriers to health services in national responses to HIV, TB and malaria.

Through this initiative, the Global Fund is providing intensive support to 20 countries where needs, opportunities, capacities and partnerships provide real possibilities for scale-up that will result in important gains for the health of those affected[2].

This intensive support takes the forms of: (a) provision of USD 41 million in 2020-2022 cycle as matching funds for programs to reduce human rights-related barriers to services; (b) assessing impact of scale-up through baseline, mid-term and end-term assessments; (c) multi-stakeholder processes in country to review the assessments and develop and fund jointly national strategic plans for a comprehensive response to the barriers; (d) technical assistance for implementation of quality programs[3], deployed through the Human Rights Strategic Initiative; and (e) where possible, mathematical modeling to inform scale-up and impact of the programs. The 20 countries range across Global Fund regions and include two countries from EECA region: Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.

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[2] For more information, please see https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/1213/crg_breakingdownbarriers_qa_en.pdf

[3] Guidance on achieving quality in programs to remove human rights and gender-related barriers
https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9729/crg_programstoremovehumanrightsgenderbarriers_guide_en.pdf

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2020-11-04-removing-human-
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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

The Global Fund is making available medium and longer-term technical assistance in implementing programs and interventions to reduce human rights-related barriers to HIV, TB and malaria services. In particular, the technical assistance will support:

- Implementation of evidence-based and effective combinations of programs/interventions to reduce human rights-related barriers to accessing health services within the context of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria epidemics;
- Integration such programs/interventions into, existing prevention and treatment programs, and national strategies against HIV, TB and malaria, so as to make prevention and treatment programs more effective and equitable;
- Assessing capacity gaps and TA needs, and building capacity of communities and community-based organisations, as well as health systems and state implementers to effectively design, implement, monitor and evaluate programs to address human rights-related barriers;
- Monitoring and evaluation of programs to address human rights-related barriers.

Technical assistance is provided by individuals and organizations – including key population networks, universities and civil society organizations – that were pre-selected through an open tender process for their demonstrated skills and capacities on human rights competencies.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

Government and civil society organizations from Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan - implementers (principal recipients, sub-recipients, sub-sub-recipients, etc.) of the Global Fund grants in these countries.

💡 How to request TS?

There is no specific application form to complete. Organiztions – implementers of the Global Fund grants in Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan interested in receiving such TS should contact the designated adviser within the CRG Department of the Global Fund Secretariat or contact the Country Team and express their interest in a free format. A capacity and TA needs assessment will be supported to guide TA provision. Satisfaction of the implementers with the TA will also be assessed.

Global Fund "Community, Rights and Gender" Initiative: Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform for EECA

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

As part of the EECA Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination project, EHRA supports civil society and community members across the region in obtaining technical support through the Global Fund's Communities, Rights, and Gender Technical Assistance Program.

This Program aims to provide short-term technical support to civil society and community-based organizations to ensure their meaningful engagement in the Global Fund-related processes at the national level throughout the grant cycle.

The short-term technical assistance allows for the engagement of community experts to provide peer-based TS services for approximately 30 days over a period of up to three months.

Technical assistance under this Programme is available in three main areas of work, including:
• Situational analysis and needs assessments;
• Engagement in-country dialogue processes;
• Supporting tools/mechanisms for the development and implementation of Global Fund grants.

The Technical Assistance programme does NOT support:
• CCM strengthening (e.g. training of CCM members in their roles and responsibilities);
• Long-term capacity development of civil society organizations and networks (e.g. organizational development, support to become a Global Fund beneficiary/recipient, etc.);
• Development of stand-alone/unitary tools that are not community-oriented; and
• Writing of funding requests.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

The following stakeholders from countries eligible for Global Fund funding as well as from countries covered by the activities within the Global Fund regional grants:
• Key population networks and organizations
• Youth-led networks and organizations
• Women's networks and organizations
• Networks or organizations of people living with HIV or affected by tuberculosis or malaria
• Civil society networks and organizations led by or working with other affected communities (e.g. migrants, refugees, miners).

♀ How to request TS?

Applicants are kindly requested to contact the EECA Regional Platform (please see above for contact details) for assistance in formatting the request prior to submission to the Global Fund.

The Technical Assistance Request Form can be downloaded from the Global Fund website in English and in Russian.

A properly completed request form should be submitted to crgta@theglobalfund.org.

Please note that it may take between 2 and 3 months (from the moment of submission to the Global Fund) to mobilize resources for technical support.

The general guidelines for application can be found in the CRG Technical Assistance Guidance Note, which is available from the Global Fund website in Russian and English.

The list of the organizations pre-qualified as technical assistance providers for the Communities, Rights, and Gender programme is available here.

For more information on the Global Fund's Strategic Initiative on Communities, Rights, and Gender, including details on the short-term Technical Support Program, please see the Global Fund's website (in English): https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/throughout-the-cycle/community-engagement/.

✿ Other TS options available

The EECA Regional Platform team is willing to provide advice and support to ensure a more meaningful engagement of civil society and communities' representatives in the development, implementation, and evaluation of Global Fund programmes in the ECEA region, on a range of issues including:
- technical assistance to engage in all stages of the grant cycle, including country dialogue, funding request development, grant implementation, and monitoring, etc.;
- technical assistance to participate in the development, implementation, and monitoring of transition and sustainability strategies for HIV, TB, and malaria programmes.
- Global Fund-related issues, including its structure; global, regional, and country-level activities; procedures and policies; and opportunities for strengthened engagement of civil society and communities' representatives in these processes;
- other information issues that can be important for a meaningful engagement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund-related processes to strengthen the response to the three diseases across the EECA region.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

Communities and civil society representatives from the EECA countries where the Global Fund grants are being implemented.

♀ How to request TS?

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ COVID-19 pandemic related TS

Technical assistance is available to support advocacy campaigns and analytical research in respect of the following issues:
- Analysis of budget allocations for particular areas in light of the COVID-19 pandemic impact and funds provided to respond to the pandemic;
- Strengthening the capacity of NGOs in budgeting issues to raise funds for HIV and TB programmes;
- Implementing efficient solutions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic to secure sustainable funding for HIV and TB services.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

NGO representatives and initiative groups from all Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries are encouraged to apply for technical support. Requests from governmental entities from the EECA countries can be considered as well.

♀ How to request TS?

The applicant organization is expected to submit a request for technical support including the following details:
- Information about the organization requesting technical support;
- Description of an issue that is going to be solved through this technical support;
- A clearly articulated request with a problem statement to be addressed through the requested technical support, and its expected outcomes;
- Which key and vulnerable populations will benefit from this technical support?
- Which other organizations have already provided technical support for this request? (Please describe the outcomes);
- Deadlines for the technical support delivery.

Requests can be submitted in Russian. No formal application form is required to submit a technical support request.

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

Technical assistance is available within the SoS project in a range of work areas, aiming to:
- Provide national NGOs and key community-led organizations with the knowledge and practical skills for budget advocacy.
- Promote sustainable HIV service delivery models to provide HIV care to key populations through primary health care facilities in the EECA countries.
- Support and develop digitalized solutions/approaches to improve the collection and analysis of data on transition, social contracting mechanisms, and budget analytics.
- Remove barriers to streamline the public funding mechanisms for HIV services.

- Develop social contracting mechanisms and practices.
- Provide technical support to national NGOs and key populations-led organizations to enable supportive policy and legal environments to ensure sustainable public funding for HIV services.
- Analyse the national budget development and budgeting processes in the EECA countries.

Who is eligible to request TS?

NGO representatives and initiative groups from all Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries are encouraged to apply for technical support. Requests from governmental entities from the EECA countries can be considered as well.

How to request TS?

The applicant organization is expected to submit a request for technical support including the following details:
- Information about the organization requesting technical support;
- Description of an issue that is going to be solved through this technical support;
- A clearly articulated request with a problem statement to be addressed through the requested technical support, and its expected outcomes;
- Which key and vulnerable populations will benefit from this technical support?
- Which other organizations have already provided technical support for this request? (Please describe the outcomes);
- Deadlines for the technical support delivery.

Requests can be submitted in Russian. No formal application form is required to submit a technical support request.

International Treatment Preparedness Coalition in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ITPCru)

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ HIV, TB and COVID-19 pandemic related TS

Themes/areas:
- Studying the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the access to treatment
- Facilitating access to ARVs
- Formats of ARV therapy delivery
- Writing of funding request components
- Increased access to ARVs and HCV/TB treatment
- Advocacy
- Media relations
- Government relations
- Research methodology development.

Technical support is available in online and offline modes, such as:
- Consultations
- Educational sessions/lectures
- Participation in special training with a focus on particular issues
- Participation in special technical meetings and roundtables with a focus on particular issues.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

Activists and NGOs, working to provide better access to treatment, HIV, and other related services in the EECA region, are encouraged to apply.

💡 How to request TS?

Please submit your request to the Focal Point (see contact information above), in Russian.

Timeline: On request, preferably at least one month in advance / before the required technical support date. Service availability will be subject to staff workload and capacity, which are planned in advance. The receipt of your request will be confirmed within three days, and a more substantive response will follow in a reasonable time (up to 2 weeks).

PAS Center – Center for Health Policies and Studies

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

PAS Centre is one of the pre-qualified technical assistance providers under the Global Fund's Technical Assistance Programme on Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG). PAS Centre is eligible to provide support to civil society and community organizations to ensure their meaningful engagement in Global Fund-related processes, with a focus on the following areas:

(1) Situational analysis and needs assessments:
- CRG-related assessments to generate strategic information for better decision-making;
- Program reviews to ensure community perspectives inform service delivery improvements.

(2) Engagement in country dialogue processes:
- Community consultations to inform priorities for inclusion in national policies, guidelines, plans and programs;
- Coordinating input into key Global Fund-related documents;
- Engagement planning to strengthen participation of communities in Global Fund processes.

(3) Caucusing and collective strategizing for coordinated community-led advocacy:
- Supporting design and implementation arrangements;
- Mapping of civil society and community organizations and activities to strengthen community systems;
- Refining or validating tools that support community engagement in Global Fund-related processes;
- Workshop to strengthen knowledge of civil society and community groups on the Global Fund.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

The following stakeholders from countries eligible for Global Fund funding as well as from countries covered by the activities within the Global Fund regional grants:
- Key population networks and organizations
- Youth-led networks and organizations
- Women's networks and organizations
- Networks or organizations of people living with HIV or affected by tuberculosis or malaria
- Civil society networks and organizations led by or working with other affected communities (e.g. migrants, refugees, miners).

⚲ How to request TS?

Applicants must fill in the CRG technical assistance request form and contact the CRG Regional Platform for EECA region hosted by EHRA at eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org for assistance in shaping the request prior to submission to the Global Fund.

The EHRA reviewed request form needs to be submitted to crgta@theglobalfund.org. The request will be assessed by CRG Department and Global Fund Country team and the technical assistance provider will be assigned.

See CRG Technical Assistance Guidance Note for detailed application requirements and process.

Technical Assistance is available from January 2021 to December 2023 in relation to HIV, tuberculosis, malaria as well as resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH).

✿ Other TS options available

Technical support is provided under TB-REP on the following areas:
- TB CRG assessment and removing barriers: adaptation of CRG tools, KPs prioritization and data collection, translation of findings into action plans, removing barriers
- Community-led monitoring in TB and real time reaction to needs: adaptation of the OneImpact App, training of trainers, organization of real time reaction team and deployment of support.
- Video-supported treatment (VST): development of normative and operational framework, adaptation of VST app, training and support through the roll out.
- People centered-model of care: adaptation and integration of the community-based supportive TB services into the TB care package, costing and sustainability.

TS is provided through trainings, mentoring, consultations, linkage/peer exchange and learning meetings.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

CSO and CBO involved in TB-REP project implementation in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan. TA is also available to governmental entities, in particular National TB Programs from TB-REP countries.

⚲ How to request TS?

Request for TS, in English or Russian, should be sent to the e-mail address of the focal point. There are no deadline to submit the request.

TS is available until 31 December 2021.

TB Europe Coalition (TBEC)

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

TBEC is one of the pre-qualified technical assistance providers under the Global Fund's Technical Assistance Programme on Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG). TBEC is eligible to provide support to civil society and community organizations to ensure their meaningful engagement in Global Fund-related processes, with a focus on the following areas:

- Addressing gender, age and human rights related barriers in relation to access to and retention in TB services;
- Community systems strengthening as part of broader interventions to strengthen resilient and sustainable system for health and community responses to TB;
- Engagement of TB activists and civil society actors in TB prevention, treatment, care and support and related advocacy;
- Community-led monitoring and feedback mechanisms for social accountability and to improve the responsiveness, effectiveness and impact of programs and services;
- Sustainability, transition and related processes, i.e. health financing, budget accountability and advocacy, social dialogue and social contracting;
- Ensuring linkage to care and engagement of vulnerable and marginalized populations, and specifically mobile populations such as internally displaced people (IDP), refugees and migrants in conflict and emergency settings (or complex operational environments);
- Knowledge of the Global Fund mandate, strategy and model of work.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

The following stakeholders from countries eligible for Global Fund funding as well as from countries covered by the activities within the Global Fund regional grants:

- Key population networks and organizations
- Youth-led networks and organizations
- Women's networks and organizations
- Networks or organizations of people living with HIV or affected by tuberculosis or malaria
- Civil society networks and organizations led by or working with other affected communities (e.g. migrants, refugees, miners).

How to request TS?

Applicants must fill in the CRG technical assistance request form and contact the CRG Regional Platform for EECA region hosted by EHRA at eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org for assistance in shaping the request prior to submission to the Global Fund.

The EHRA reviewed request form needs to be submitted to crgta@theglobalfund.org. The request will be assessed by CRG Department and Global Fund Country team and the technical assistance provider will be assigned.

See CRG Technical Assistance Guidance Note for detailed application requirements and process.

Other TS options available

Within current TBEC grants the following TS could be provided under the following thematic areas to strengthen Community Networks and Organizations of People Affected by Tuberculosis:
- Meaningful involvement of Civil Society to support national Accountability processes (baseline assessment using Annex 2 of MAF-TB Checklist - civil society participation meaningful engagement in TB response).
- Community and CS monitoring based on four WHO indicators of meaningful involvement of CS.
- Strategic plans development to strengthen national and regional responses to TB by incorporating CRG principles and adapting to new challenges.
- National Dialogues and country advocacy thematic round tables to bridge the gap between CS and NTP (including stigma, gender and human rights).
- TB-affected community involvement in WHO National TB Programme (NTP) reviews.
- Implementation and adaptation of Standards of community-based TB care.

Who is eligible to request TS?

TBEC members from civil society and TB communities from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

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 planned events, there will be a call for applications to participate.

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

For technical assistance through the TSM: if you are a government or civil society organization partner and would like to request technical assistance through the TSM, please contact the UNAIDS country office in your country.

🌐 Web-site

www.unaids.org/ en/topic/TSM

⚙ Technical support

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation as well as COVID-19 pandemic related TS

UNAIDS has established a Technical Support Mechanism (TSM) to enable high quality technical assistance (TA) provision to accelerate AIDS response implementation, including the Global Fund grants, towards the Fast-Track Targets and the 2016 Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS response Goals.

The TS is done through the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) which is a country demand driven but centrally managed instrument which finances the provision of technical expertise and assistance through deploying consultants.

UNAIDS TSM has also TS for COVID-19 related areas which aims to support countries in ensuring HIV services are not disrupted by COVID-19. We have also supported countries in their C19RM applications. Funds will be available for such requests from the middle of the second quarter of 2021.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

In principle, some Fast-Track countries in EECA like Ukraine and exceptionally, countries which recently received Global Fund support - and in which country partners are struggling with the transition to domestic resources - may request for Technical Assistance.

But due to the negative impact of the pandemic, countries with the most significant levels of specific service interruption and populations in HIV testing and linkage to ART and in prevention services, high burden of COVID-19 cases and weak health systems and/or active humanitarian crises are eligible to apply for TS.
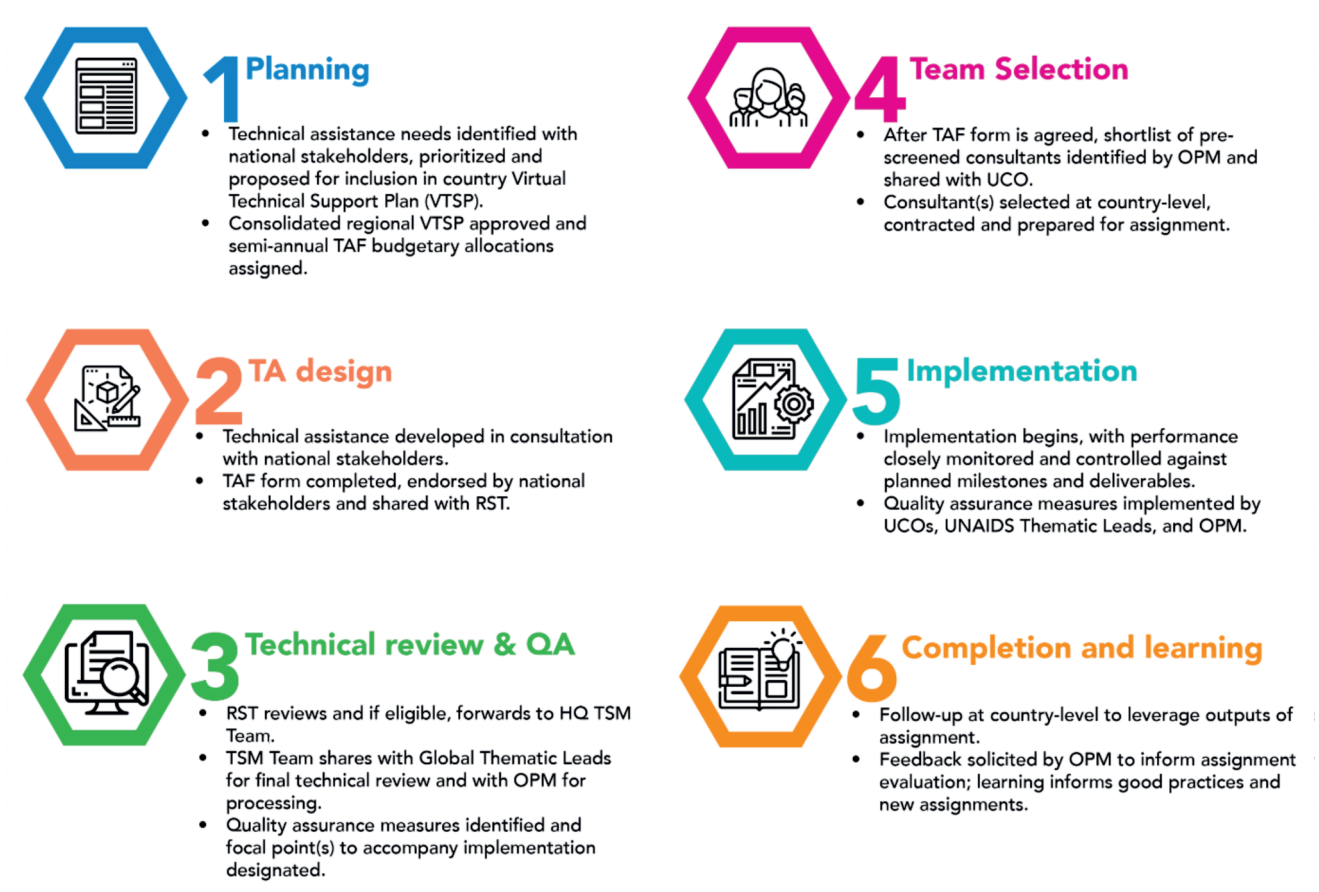
The following organizations (Government and CSO/NGO partners) in the priority countries can apply for TS if they:
• Have a focus on and investment in expanding the community response (community systems strengthening and community-led responses).

- Have strong analysis and/or well-structured interventions to address stigma, human rights, and gender barriers.
- Pay strong attention to key and vulnerable populations.
- Have substantial progress in prioritizing prevention activities, including the introduction and/or expansion of new prevention technologies, such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
- Have the aim of strengthening key population targeting and programming.
- Have AGYW (Adolescents Girls and Young Women) focused initiatives.
- Work on the implementation of the Stigma Index 2.0, and expansion of community led responses.

How to request TS?

The request for TS usually originates from national stakeholders (CSOs/NGO, Government etc.), and is channeled through UNAIDS Country Offices (UCO). A letter is addressed to the UNAIDS Country Director requesting for technical support. The Country Director/TSM Focal Point will examine the request and will coordinate the preparation, completion, and submission of the Technical Assistance Fund (TAF) application form to the UNAIDS Regional Support Team (RST) for review and approval. The Regional office will thereafter submit the request to the TSM Team for processing. (See TAF Process below).

1 Planning
- Technical assistance needs identified with national stakeholders, prioritized and proposed for inclusion in country Virtual Technical Support Plan (VTSP).
- Consolidated regional VTSP approved and semi-annual TAF budgetary allocations assigned.

2 TA design
- Technical assistance developed in consultation with national stakeholders.
- TAF form completed, endorsed by national stakeholders and shared with RST.

3 Technical review & QA
- RST reviews and if eligible, forwards to HQ TSM Team.
- TSM Team shares with Global Thematic Leads for final technical review and with OPM for processing.
- Quality assurance measures identified and focal point(s) to accompany implementation designated.

4 Team Selection
- After TAF form is agreed, shortlist of pre-screened consultants identified by OPM and shared with UCO.
- Consultant(s) selected at country-level, contracted and prepared for assignment.

5 Implementation
- Implementation begins, with performance closely monitored and controlled against planned milestones and deliverables.
- Quality assurance measures implemented by UCOs, UNAIDS Thematic Leads, and OPM.

6 Completion and learning
- Follow-up at country-level to leverage outputs of assignment.
- Feedback solicited by OPM to inform assignment evaluation; learning informs good practices and new assignments.

In terms of deadlines, it is ideal if the request for support can be requested to the UCO as early as possible (many months in advance) given that at the beginning of each year, the UCO develops an annual plan for the year for technical support so all requests should be put into this plan. TS is for a maximum of 3 months.

In terms of language, English or French is encouraged as the forms are processed and reviewed through various units throughout the organization at the country, regional, HQ level.

🏛 United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

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content/rbec/en/home/
governance-and-peacebuilding/
HIV-and-Health.html

⚙ Technical support

⚙ COVID-19 pandemic related TS

UNDP is supporting governments across the region with responding to the COVID-19 epidemic and to build back better. Main areas of support as per the UNDP COVID response and Vaccine service offer including issue of procurement of PPE (personal protective equipment), waste management, digitalization, and tracing. The main beneficiaries of the TS are governments and specifically Ministries of Health. COVID offers an opportunity for integrated SDG (sustainable development goals) financing for sustainable procurement, waste disposal, digitalization and links to addressing non-communicable diseases.

COVID-19 rapid healthcare waste management assessment methodology developed and implemented in 7 countries globally including Kyrgyzstan and Serbia in EECA region, resulting in synthesized national legal, regulatory and practice snapshot with recommendations.

https://www.eurasia.undp.org/content/rbec/en/home/governance-and-peacebuilding/HIV-and-Health.html.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS

- UNDP Country Offices
- Governments (Ministries, Municipalities etc.)
- CSOs

UNDP does not work in certain countries where we have no representation offices and in some where we don't have health programmes including dedicated Country Office health focal point persons 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 Resident Representative in the country offices where UNDP has HIV and Health programmes or with the Regional HIV Health and Development team (see contacts above) for further consideration and subject to the availability of time and resources. Just one-page concept note detailing the specific Technical support requirements from UNDP. No special request form is required.

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

UNDP supports civil society and community engagement into the Global Fund HIV/TB funding request development process mainly by providing support for involvement in the Country Coordination Mechanisms (CCMs) which determines the priority areas to be included in the grants.

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

- Civil society organizations working in HIV and/or TB areas in EECA region programming countries.
- Regional KP Networks
- UNDP Country Offices

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WHO Regional Office for Europe

The WHO's broad mandate includes advocating for universal healthcare, monitoring public health risks, coordinating responses to health emergencies, promoting human health and well-being, setting international health standards and guidelines and collecting data on different health issues. It provides technical assistance to countries in development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of health related strategies and action plans; development/adaptation of national guidelines into the international requirements. WHO also promotes partnerships and serves as a platform for discussions on various health issues, including through the Regional Collaborating Committee to Accelerated Response to Tuberculosis, HIV and Viral Hepatitis (RCC-THV), a European platform for interactive exchange of information and strengthened involvement of national and international partners, including civil society organizations, in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of tuberculosis (TB), HIV and viral hepatitis, hosted by WHO/Europe.

✉ Focal point(s) and contacts

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https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/
communicable-diseases/hivaids
https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/
communicable-diseases/hepatitis
https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/
communicable-diseases/tuberculosis

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⚙ Technical support

⚙ COVID-19 pandemic related TS

WHO may provide TS, including to civil society organizations, through publishing and dissemination of technical guidance, organizing trainings, webinars, workshops, and other types of meetings on the following topics:
• COVID-19 diagnostics, clinical management and infection prevention and control.
• Continuity of essential services, including HIV, TB and viral hepatitis-related during COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO may provide TS on the regional level, or on country level – through WHO Country Offices where present.

👥 Who is eligible to request such TS?

The WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) is one of WHO's six regional offices around the world. It serves the WHO European Region, which comprises 53 Member States: http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries. WHO/Europe provides technical assistance primarily to its Member States, represented by Ministries of Health.

WHO also advocates and facilitates full inclusion and involvement of the civil society, including organizations representing vulnerable populations into national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Civil society organizations working in the area HIV, TB and viral hepatitis and regional networks can approach WHO/Europe directly or through its Country Offices regarding possibility of technical support.

🏆 How to request TS?

There is no special procedure to request TS. Requests can be sent to the focal points (see above) by email in English or Russian language.

⚙ TS available to support the meaningful involvement of civil society and communities' representatives into the Global Fund HIV / TB grants implementation

WHO/Europe provides support to eligible countries in improving the quality of their funding requests to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria through the expert Mock Review of funding requests. The Review ensures the meaningful and sustainable role of civil society in the funding request implementation.

The timeline depends on submission date of funding requests (Windows for submission).

👥 Who is eligible to request TS?

All countries and territories eligible to get support from the Global Fund are eligible to request this type of support.

WHO also advocates and facilitates full inclusion and involvement of the civil society, including patients' organizations into national response to HIV and TB.

Civil society organizations working in the area HIV, TB and viral hepatitis and regional network can approach WHO/Europe directly or through its Country Offices regarding possibility of technical support.

🏆 How to request TS?

There is no special procedure to request TS. Requests can be sent to the focal points (see above) by email in English or Russian language.

⚙ Other TS options available

WHO may provide TS, including to civil society organizations, through publishing and dissemination of technical guidance, organizing trainings, webinars, workshops, and other types of meetings on the following topics:
- HIV, TB and viral hepatitis surveillance and strategic information
- HIV, TB and viral hepatitis prevention, including innovative prevention interventions
- HIV, TB and viral hepatitis testing, treatment and care
- Implementation science in the area of HIV, TB and viral hepatitis prevention and response.

WHO may provide TS in development of the National Strategic Plans (NSPs). It includes support in the country consultation process to ensure involvement of all national and international stakeholders, including civil society and community organization and all sectors involved in the disease response in development, implementation and M&E of NSPs.

WHO may provide TS on the regional level, or on country level – through WHO Country Offices where present, and also through the network of WHO Collaborating Centers:
https://www.who.int/about/partnerships/collaborating-centres.

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WHO also advocates and facilitates full inclusion and involvement of the civil society, including patients' organizations into national response to HIV, viral hepatitis and TB.

Civil society organizations working in the area HIV, TB and viral hepatitis and regional network can approach WHO/Europe directly or through its Country Offices regarding possibility of technical support.

💡 How to request TS?

There is no special procedure to request TS. Requests can be sent to the focal points (see above) by email in English or Russian language.