

Opportunities for civil society within the Global Fund's Community, Rights & Gender Technical Assistance Program in 2022

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Webinar agenda:

- Information about the current phase of the Global Fund's Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG) Strategic Initiative (Annabelle Metzner)
- About the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program, including:
 - Overview of short-term technical assistance, including opportunities to mobilize TA in the context of the refugee crisis in Ukraine (Annabelle Metzner)
 - TA Request form and its brief overview (Ivan Varentsov)
 - Current list of TA Providers (Ivan Varentsov)
 - Examples of the successful cases of CRG TA provision in EECA (Ivan Varentsov)
- The EECA Regional Platform and its role with regard to CRG TA Program (Ivan Varentsov);
- Q&A

CRG TA Program: summary of key points to remember

- This is a **short-term** TA Program – all the planned activities should be implemented, and results achieved within 3 months
- It could take up to 3 months between the submission of the request and the beginning of TA provision
- The TA is being provided by the pre-selected TA providers
- Experts can be deployed for approximately 30 days over a period of up to three months.
- From the experience of the previous CRG TA phase in EECA: budget of one TA could vary from 15 000 to 50 000 USD
- The content of the request need to be coordinated with broad range of civil society partners involved into the national level Global Fund processes. Also, it is strongly recommended to coordinate the content of the request with the CCM and fund portfolio manager
- Applicants must contact the CRG EECA Regional Platform for assistance in shaping the request prior to submission to the Global Fund.
- There is no limit on how many requests could be submitted from one country over the phase of the CRG TA Program implementation
- Could not be supported:
 - Strengthening of Country Coordinating Mechanisms
 - Long-term capacity building of civil society organizations
 - Any stand-alone activities that lack a focus on community engagement into GF related processes
 - Funding request writing
 - Direct service provision

Example of the CRG Short-term Technical Assistance in 2020 - Kazakhstan

TA Request was submitted in: December 2019

TA was requested by: Kazakhstan Union of PLWH

TA Budget: 27 500 USD

TA Provider: ECOM

Period of TA provision: February – May 2020

TA Objective: strengthen the engagement of KPs in the development of the country proposal for the HIV Global Fund grant for 2021–2024

Example of supported TA activities:

- Organization of number of one-day group consultations with activists and heads of NGOs (separately for each KP)
- Conducting the meetings with representatives of government agencies and international organisations to agree the community priorities with the government vision
- Summarizing the results of the civil society country dialogue to be included into the country proposal

Full description of the TA case available: <https://eecaplatform.org/en/ta-kazakhstan-2020/>

Example of the CRG Short-term Technical Assistance in 2019-2020 - Tajikistan

TA Request was submitted in: May 2019

TA was requested by: NGO “Gender and Development”

TA Budget: 50 732 USD

TA Provider: Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Period of TA provision: August 2019 – February 2020

TA Objective: assessing the stigma, gender and legal barriers to accessing TB services in Tajikistan

Example of supported TA activities:

- Conducting desk review in four research areas: legal environment, gender, key populations and stigma.
- Collection of the field data including conducting of in-depth interviews and focus groups
- Data analysis and preparation of the assessment report
- Presentation of the assessment results to the local and international stakeholders.
- Development of the action plan to promote the assessment results.

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How the EECA Regional Platform could be useful for you?

Since 2017 EECA Regional Platform is being hosted by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (Lithuania) <http://harmreductioneurasia.org> The Platform is targeted at working with civil society organizations from all eligible for Global Fund support EECA countries, including networks and community-based organizations representing the interests of key affected populations.

The Platform's team will be happy to:

- support CS and communities' representatives in accessing the CRG TA for engagement at all stages of the funding cycle, including country dialogue, development of the grant proposals, participation in monitoring and implementation of the grant program, etc. We could help to review the draft proposal, provide initial feedback and comments on it, help to establish communication with FPM if needed, etc.
- support CS and communities' representatives in better understanding the Global Fund's structure and activities at the global, regional and country levels, its relevant procedures and policies as well as opportunities for civil society and community representatives to participate in relevant Global Fund's processes.
- help to obtain the information on other issues important for ensuring meaningful participation of civil society and community representatives in the Global Fund processes in order to strengthen the efforts against the three diseases in the EECA region

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