Community-led monitoring (CLM) technical assistance
Community Data For Change (CD4C) consortium

Ukraine
Landscape, activities, progress, challenges & opportunities

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A quick recap of the CLM SI purpose

1. **Improve uptake and use of CLM by strengthening the capacity of communities** to gather, analyze and use granular data on availability, accessibility, acceptability, affordability and quality of HIV, TB and malaria prevention and treatment services.

2. **Strengthen integration of CLM into disease responses and national strategies**, particularly around prevention, care and treatment programs for vulnerable and key populations in HIV, TB and malaria programs, in order to improve program quality; along with increased resources invested in community systems and responses to improve program performance and equity, oversight, and accountability.

3. **Generate evidence on the impact of CLM on service delivery**, collaborating with technical partners, donors and communities to capture best practice approaches, contribute to the global body of knowledge, and establish a community of practice.

3 CLM SI TA provider consortiums selected
18 partners representing 5 regions

✓ **Community-Led Accountability Working Group (CLAW**) led by Health GAP with partners, Treatment Action Campaign South Africa (TAC), Advocacy Core Team (ACT) of Zimbabwe, the Public Policy Office of amfAR, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University

✓ **Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS and Health Service Organizations (EANNASO)** in consortium with APCASO and Alliance Technical Assistance Centre Ukraine (ATAC)

✓ **Community Data for Change Consortium (CD4C**) led by ITPC Global & MPact Global Action for Gay Men's Health and Rights, with partners, African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR), Asia Pacific Coalition for Men's Sexual Health (APCOM), Caribbean Vulnerable Communities (CVC), Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity (ECOM), Global Coalition of TB Activists (GCTA), ITPC EECA & ITPC WCA

1. Context: CLM work in Ukraine

Context

- Community organizations of PLHIV and key populations have considerable experience in collecting data on the availability and quality of HIV and TB services. Moreover, community-based monitoring is one of the current areas of work of community organizations, which allows them to conduct advocacy work and ensure the availability of both HIV and TB health services and improve the quality of these services.

- Up to 100 local community organizations and 5-6 large and experienced national HIV and TB NGOs, most of which are somehow involved in collecting data on community needs and services for community members in relation to HIV and TB.

- Actively developing shared non-commercial databases to monitor both health care services and human rights violations against PLHIV and key populations.

But, so far, this work of different organizations is not coordinated, and the creators of the databases themselves are probably competing with each other.

Context

- Cooperation between community organizations and government bodies is actively developing. There are several national and local formal and informal coordination groups in the country, which include representatives of the government and local administrations, as well as parliamentarians and representatives of community organizations. This is a collaborative space where data collected by community organizations can be effectively used.

- During 2019-2021, more than 10 assessments and studies were conducted by community organizations in Ukraine regarding the needs of the community for health protection services related to HIV and TB, and human rights violations against marginalized populations. But, the efficiency of using the collected data, most likely, is not yet high enough.

CLM costed activities in the Ukrainian GF funding request

HIV

Monitoring Ukraine's fulfillment of commitments to eliminate all forms of HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination. Activity is focused on monitoring of Ukraine's fulfillment and practical implementation of commitments to eliminate all forms of HIV/AIDS related stigma **providing development of regular reports and monitoring dynamics and recommendations for action** to be taken based on those reports and communications around data collection and progress monitoring.

➢ **Development, support and strengthening of mechanisms of public control over observance of the rights of persons vulnerable to HIV in the places of deprivation of liberty.** The intervention involves ensuring the operation of mechanisms for **tracking violations, responses and complaints from communities using the institution of monitoring commissions, and mechanisms and measures for assessing transparency, quality and inclusiveness from communities.**

CLM costed activities in the Ukrainian GF funding request

HIV

- ✓ **Implementation, support and development of REAct. REAct is the system of monitoring and reacting to violations of human rights of KPs in Ukraine, allowing to collect and transfer information on human rights violations to the network of competent actors for taking appropriate measures**. Intervention includes supporting national and regional REAct coordinators, conducting trainings, working meetings and monitoring visits related to the system implementation, developing network and internal policies and guidelines for better effectiveness. Obtained data will be used to advocate for policy change and human rights promotion on the national, regional and local levels

- ✓ **Assess the availability of legal support** - key prerequisite for addressing human right violations. Intervention is aimed around **conducting study of the availability of legal services and barriers to accessing them in cases of KP human rights violation in Ukraine and to assess the availability of legal support** - key prerequisite for addressing human right violations. Study and its results are connected tightly to the REAct system and will benefit its effectiveness

- ✓ **Conducting Health Facilities Assessment (HFA) by the communities**. Health Facility Assessment is conducted to **evaluate availability of services readiness to provide them,** along with data collection on KPs coverage, practices on referral to related services, and stigma faced during service provision

CLM costed activities in the Ukrainian GF funding request

TB

➢ **Implement the Multi-stakeholder accountability framework by engaging community, mobilizing support and advocacy priorities to achieve UN HLM targets on TB in Ukraine.** The intervention is aimed at creating effective mechanisms for involving TB community, key populations, and civil society to ensure transparent decision-making on the formation of national accountability indicators and also effective mechanisms for monitoring and assessment of policies and strategies to achieve targets of The Political Declaration on TB which have been adopted as a result of the UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on Ending TB (September 2019).

➢ Main activities will focus on: (1) **establishing and organizing the national Accountability platform** in Ukraine (online); (2) **conducting preparation and expert support** of the participation of representatives of TB community, civil society, and key populations in the UN High-Level Meeting in 2023 with the planned segment to assess the progress achieved in the prevention of TB; (3) **conducting Parliament proceedings on the progress of the implementation of intermediate / short-term targets and commitments** made by the state for achieving by 2022; (4) **holding advocacy activities** to encourage the participation of high-level officials (President, Prime Minister) in the UN HLM, where the issue of progress achieved against TB in 2023; (5) **forming a broad audience of delegation members from Ukraine** with the involvement of representatives of TB communities, key population, and civil society to participate in the UN HLM in 2023

2. TA ITPC Provided to date

Activities implemented from June 2021 to December 2021

Supported meetings and further discussions around landscape assessment information:

✓ Meeting with the FPM and country team to get clarifications on the landscape assessment findings; to get feedback on specific TA activities which should be prioritized; to ask about CLM opportunities in the grant; and on how to engage with country partners

✓ Review of the **CLM landscape assessment** info and refinement by consulting community partners at the regional and local level (ECOM-ITPCRu-APH-The Network)

✓ **A CLM baseline assessment** developed to assess the CLM-related situation prior to the TA, and establish baseline values for a set of CLM-specific indicators

✓ **Discussions with key partners**: PHC (Gov PR), Alliance for Public Health and the Network 100% life (CSO PR's) - with the consultant in charge of the Human Right baseline assessment and with regional EEAC networks - Further consultations with the SR-UKR-AUN, FreeZone (FreeLife) and TB People Ukraine(OneImpact) ; CLM implementers in the current GF FR

Activities implemented from June 2021 to December 2021

Discussion around the strategy and CLM TA approach for Ukraine:

✓ Discussion with UNAIDS HQ and its CLM division to see how they could complement TA support and coordinate with the CLM SI initiative: discussion on adding Ukraine as a priority country for UNAIDS CLM TA until October 2022 *(September-October 2021)*

✓ Support the **coordination / harmonization** between different CLM support from PEPFAR, UNAIDS and other key stakeholders

✓ Establishment of the architecture and working relationships within the CD4C Consortia. ECOM, MPACT and ITPRu will support ITPC for the activities to be implemented in Ukraine *(July 2021)*

Activities planned from January to June 2022

- ✓ Help facilitate discussion with national stakeholders to sensitize them of the concept and models of **linking CLM to national health outcome**

- ✓ Support the work toward a **framework of coordination for GF CLM related activities**, with a collective data base to inform national outcomes/results, which clearly articulated plan for strengthening or developing capacity, data quality assurance, evidence of how CLM contributes to improving programs/services

- ✓ Develop **treatment literacy and capacity** of community-led groups, networks and organisations in strategic advocacy and communication

- ✓ Organise a CLM community consultation

Technical needs will be refined and assessed during CLM consultation

3. Current and Ongoing TA Priorities Identified

Current and Ongoing TA Priorities

Many models of CLM being proposed/and diversity of tools – Reduce fragmentation of efforts: how are these activities connected and coordinated to inform the GF program direction and how data collected will inform advocacy and programmatic improvements ?

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How are these activities connected to inform the program direction and how will it complement what PEPFAR, UNAIDS and other in-country stakeholders are doing/planning around CLM in Ukraine?

➡️ *Need to have a clear advocacy strategy to ensure data are used to inform program/policy changes*

➡️ *Further efforts on monitoring TB program should be applied as well as strengthening capacities of TB partners*

➡️ *Build on the REACT system: lessons learnt and exchange of expertise*

➡️ *Invest on smaller communities' groups of KP, who need to be involved in CLM related activities and capacitated*

➡️ *Support and explore the activities proposed in the FR, related to the development, support and strengthening of mechanisms of public control over observance of the rights of persons vulnerable to HIV in the places of deprivation of liberty*

4. Way Forward

Road-Map for CLM Capacity Building and TA

Improving CLM Coordination and Harmonization

- Support Ukrainian actors in identifying and advancing the most feasible and effective **mechanism of connecting CLM indicators to achieving key health outcomes**.

- Support the **coordination of CLM efforts**, to prioritize advancement of a more comprehensive and **technically savvy tool for accumulating, systematizing, analysing and presenting CLM data**

- Advance CLM mechanism, concept, tool(s), and stakeholders at the local level, working proactively with communities of KPs via series of **training, sensitization, and other educational events**.

- Help all partners to work toward a **framework of coordination for GF CLM related activities**, with a collective data base to inform national outcomes/results, which clearly articulated plan for strengthening or developing capacity, data quality assurance, evidence of how CLM contributes to improving programs/services

- To conduct a comprehensive **evaluation of available electronic CLM tools**

Road-Map for CLM Capacity Building and TA

Strengthening CLM and Advocacy Capacity and ensure sustainability

- To ensure proper **orientation/sensitization around CLM models and tool(s) for all communities of KPs** involved.

- To **further mobilize communities of KPs** in Ukraine, especially those of TB patients, LGBTQ+, and CSWs, with the aim of their more active and direct involvement into CLM process via additional training of activists, organizational capacity building, and financial support/funding mobilisation

- To support **consistent capacity building** to design, develop and conduct high quality monitoring activities, including **tools, training, and continuity of knowledge and efforts** via training, technical support, knowledge and skills sharing

- To encourage the launch of **CLM small grant program, targeting specifically KPs' grassroots local organizations** with the purpose to spur independent CLM efforts and support community mobilization.

- To **document and share diverse best practices** that may emerge

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