

3d phase of the Global Fund's Community, Rights & Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance (TA) Program – what's new?

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Webinar agenda:

- About the new phase of the Global Fund's Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG) Strategic Initiative;
- About the new phase of the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program, including:
 - Program objectives;
 - New CRG Technical Assistance Guidance Note and its brief overview
 - The new TA Request form and its brief overview
 - New list of TA Providers
 - Examples of the approved TA requests from the last year;
- The EECA Regional Platform and its role with regard to CRG TA Program;
- 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 to be provided by one of 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 and tools 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 - Russia

Period of TA provision: July – November 2020

TA Budget: 50 000 USD

The request was initiated by: NGO Candle on behalf of the civil society and communities' representatives – members of the Civil Society Coordinating Committee

Period of communication with GF on TA request: February - June 2020

TA Provider: Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network

Example of supported TA activities:

- Conducting the needs assessment among the KAPs to better inform the content of the funding request
- Conducting 3 on-line meetings to discuss the content of the new request and to keep the civil society representatives informed about the process of the funding request development
- Conducting the on-line meeting with civil society representatives to discuss the TRP comments and response on them

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

Period of TA provision: October 2020 – January 2021

TA Budget: 40 000 USD

The request was initiated by: Consortia of CSOs led by “New Generation” Humanitarian NGO

Period of communication with GF on TA request: September - October 2020

TA Provider: Alliance Consultancy

Supported TA objectives:

- Enhancing the knowledge about the Global Fund, its technical guidance and its processes enabling community and key population groups in their diversity to meaningfully participate across the grant lifecycle.
- Identifying key challenges and gaps in the response to HIV posing risks to KP access to services and sustainability of KP services; and
- Making recommendations to address these challenges and gaps in the form of a priority charter containing prioritized and costed priorities to be included in the HIV funding request.

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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