

Newsletter #1, February 2024

### **Funding Opportunities**

## USAID Central Asia: Regional Approaches for Eradicating Tuberculosis (RAFET) activity

The <u>United States Agency for International Development</u> (USAID) is seeking applications from qualified entities to implement the Regional Approaches for Eradicating Tuberculosis (RAFET) program in Central Asia. Deadline to apply: February 22, 2024, 10:00AM, Almaty time.



The geographical focus of RAFET will include all five CA countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

USAID intends to award one Cooperative Agreement pursuant to this Notice of funding opportunity. Subject to funding availability and at the discretion of the Agency, USAID intends to provide up to 10.000.000 (ten million) USD in total USAID funding for the period of performance of (5) five years. The initial implementation period is three years with expected funding of 6.000.000 (six million) USD in total. The initial implementation period may be extended for two more years.

### Pandemic Fund's Second Call for Proposals



Pandemic Fund emerged as an imperative to address the gaps exposed by previous health crises. It is a multistakeholder partnership between governments, the World Bank, the World Health Organization (WHO), UN agencies, multilateral development banks, global health initiatives, philanthropies, and civil society organizations.

The Pandemic Fund announces its <u>Second Call for Proposals</u>, demonstrating a significant stride toward building resilience in low- and middle-income countries. With a grant envelope of \$500 million, the Fund invites eligible nations and entities to submit innovative proposals that prioritize high-impact investments in pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response.

The online application portal is set to open in late February and will remain accessible until **May 17, 2024**. Eligible countries from EECA region: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia. The exact date for funding allocation will be announced no later than **October 2024**. For more information and detailed guidance on the application process, interested parties can refer to the official Guidance Note and Call for Proposals.

#### **Global Fund News**

### Developing Country NGO Delegation to the Global Fund Board Seeking for New Members Including from Central Asia

The Developing Country NGO (DCNGO) Delegation to the Global Fund Board is seeking for new members including from Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.



- Timeframe of Membership: Three years from 2024 2026.
- Application deadline: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. CAT.

For more information about the Delegation, eligibility criteria and application process please check the <u>EECA Platform website</u>.

# Global Fund Approved US\$9.2 billion in New Grants to Accelerate fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria in More than 70 Countries



The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) has approved US\$9.2 billion for grants starting in 2024. 152 new grants will begin implementation, supporting more than 70 countries to continue their lifesaving work to end the three epidemics and build sustainable and climate-resilient systems for health over the 2024-2026 period.

#### **News from Partners**

Unmet Needs of People Who Use Synthetic and Psychoactive Substances in Central Asia in Access to HIV Services

The <u>Eurasian Women's Network on AIDS</u> (EWNA) has implemented a qualitative community-led assessment assessment and prepared <u>REPORT</u>: "HIV Infection Risks, Use of Health Services, and Unmet Needs of People Who Use Synthetic and Psychoactive Substances (SNPS) in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan".



The assessment aims to better characterize the level of HIV infection risk among people who use SNPS and to determine whether this group (or specific subgroups) should be prioritized for HIV prevention, testing and treatment interventions.

### **Tenders**

## EHRA RFP: Consultant to Conduct the Regional Civil Society Survey on the Global Fund Related Learning Needs

<u>Eurasian Harm Reduction Association</u> (EHRA) is hosting the EECA Regional Platform for Communication and Coordination (EECA Learning Hub) since 2017. One of the objectives of the EECA Regional Platform is to enhance communities' knowledge of the Global Fund and its processes, through the regular mutual sharing of tailored and targeted information with a diverse audience.

Currently EHRA is looking for a consultant to conduct the Regional Civil Society Survey to understand the Global Fund related learning needs and priorities of civil society including affected communities in EECA region.

The submissions should be sent to <u>info@harmreductioneurasia.org</u> by 23:59 EET 7th February 2024.

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