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Funding Opportunities

ECOM – Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity in partnership with the organizations “Aidsfonds” (Netherlands) and ICF “Alliance for Public Health” (Ukraine) is implementing a program aimed at reducing the negative impact of the Russian war against Ukraine on the access of key populations to HIV services and humanitarian assistance in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (CEECA).



As part of this program, ECOM has announced a third call for proposals for organizations and unregistered initiative groups led by communities of key populations vulnerable to HIV in CEECA countries (except Ukraine).

Tracks supported under the call for proposals:

1. Self-organization of communities in migration.
2. Providing services for key populations in migration.
3. Removing political barriers to the “legalization” of migrants affected by HIV and their access to social or health services.
4. Establishing and/or maintaining measures to amend and/or mitigate the impact of existing laws and procedures and to respond to new legislative initiatives that contribute to harassment and discrimination against people living with HIV and key populations.

All the grant competition details are available on [ECOM website](#). **The deadline for submitting proposals is March 4, 2024, 23:59 EET** (Eastern European Time).

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The Global Fund Invites Suppliers to Demonstrate Their Capabilities to Provide Support to the CCMs



[The Global Fund](#) invites potential suppliers (organizations) to demonstrate their capabilities to provide support to the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs).

The Global Fund Secretariat is looking to contract external agencies to provide technical assistance in a range of different contexts, to continue to strengthen the capacities of CCMs in the key areas: to monitor and improve their performance, capability and maturity as inclusive in-country governance mechanisms, to support learning and best practice and support CCMs to deliver the priorities of the Global Fund's strategy.

The purpose of the Request for Proposal is for the Global Fund to select a set of organizations who can provide this support. Detailed Terms of Reference and supporting documents can be found at the [Global Fund website](#). **The applications must be submitted by 11 March, 11 am Geneva time.**

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Urgent Action Fund – Grants to Support Frontline Feminist Movements

[Urgent Action Fund](#) (UAF) provides resources that serve as a lifeline for women, trans and nonbinary activists who face direct threats to their safety and well-being. Guided by the priorities and expertise of activist partners, UAF delivers holistic timely support to frontline feminist movements when, where and how it matters most.



In directing fast, flexible funds to individual activists, organizations and the larger movements they lead, UAF delivers the resources feminist movements require to navigate immediate challenges and opportunities and thrive collectively over time.

UAF offers two types of grants:

1. [Security grants](#) – for activists whose safety and security is at risk. **Grant amount:** up to \$8,000. **Grant period:** 3 months.
2. [Opportunity grants](#) support efforts focused on advocacy, awareness raising, influencing policy, and changing public discourse. **Grant amount:** up to \$8,000. **Grant period:** 6 months.

Submission form and manual available in English and Russian.

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Global Fund Related News

Survey: Experiences from Participation in Country Dialogue and Development of a Funding Request to the Global Fund

[The Global Fund](#) has received the funding requests submitted for Window 4 of Grant Cycle 7 (GC7, 2023-2025 Allocation Period). As part of the ongoing commitment to improve the Global Fund's impact, the Global Fund has developed a confidential survey which everyone who participated in country dialogue or funding request development for one of the funding requests below is invited to take:



Belarus – [TB/HIV](#) (ENG)

Turkmenistan – [Tuberculosis](#) (ENG)

Uzbekistan – [TB/HIV](#) (ENG)

**Unfortunately, there are no Russian versions of the survey.*

Completing the survey will require between 10 to 15 minutes of time. **Please complete this online survey by 19 March 2024** and forward it to others who participated in the funding request development process, including the country dialogue. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to A2FTraining@theglobalfund.org

The Global Fund's Breaking Down Barriers Initiative – Progress Assessment Reports from Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine 2023

The Global Fund's Breaking Down Barriers initiative provides support to countries to scale up to a comprehensive level programs, to remove human rights-related barriers to HIV, tuberculosis and malaria services which increases the effectiveness of Global Fund grants. Two countries in EECA region are covered by the activities within the Breaking Down Barriers Initiative: Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.

The [progress assessment of the situation in Kyrgyzstan](#) presents results of work carried out between the mid-term assessment in 2020 and July 2023, thus overlapping but not matching the lifespan of the Grant Cycle 6 (GC6) grant that was implemented from January 2021 through December 2023.



The Global Fund conducted the [assessment of the situation in Ukraine](#) from the moment of the full-scale invasion until the beginning of the 2023. This assessment became part of the Grant Cycle 6 (GC6) provided by the Global Fund. The results allow to better understand how the war has affected the implementation or programs and the challenges that have arisen in the field of healthcare.

The Global Fund Results Report 2023



[The Global Fund Results Report 2023](#) reviews state of fight in the fields of HIV, tuberculosis and malaria, progress towards resilient and sustainable systems for health, updates on Global Fund's response to COVID-19 and other crisis effecting global health and investment for impact.

The letter from the Executive Director marks that despite the remarkable turnaround in programmatic results, the world remains off the trajectory required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 3 target of ending AIDS, TB and malaria.

News from Partners

TB Europe Coalition: New Tools for Communities Will Be Piloted in Azerbaijan, Moldova and Ukraine

[The TB Europe Coalition](#) (TBEC), acting as a technical partner for the implementation of the of the Global Fund's Community Engagement Strategic Initiative for the years 2024-2026 in Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine, will pilot two new tools for communities.



As part of long-term technical assistance, community service organizations and communities will be able to utilize:

- Organizational capacity assessment to identify gaps and weaknesses in its work and structure, and identify potential key asks for support from the Global Fund.
- Cooperation plan to improve coordination of activities between communities and build their capacity. This plan will be reviewed and updated every six months.

More information can be found at [TB Europe Coalition website](#).

Implementation of the Multisectoral Accountability Framework to End TB continues in EECA region countries

[The TB Europe Coalition](#), with the support of the [WHO Regional Office for Europe](#) and in partnership with national stakeholders, continues to actively work to launch the Multisectoral Accountability Framework to accelerate progress to end TB (MAF-TB) in the countries of the EECA region.



In February 2024, the initiation of MAF-TB was launched in [Azerbaijan](#), and a baseline assessment of the situation was conducted in accordance with two annexes of the MAF-TB checklist in [Kyrgyzstan](#).

In [Moldova](#), following a baseline assessment conducted in previous years, a dialogue on further steps for implementing the mechanism has been resumed.

Despite the full-scale war that has been going on for more than 2 years in [Ukraine](#), MAF-TB is being actively implemented in accordance with the ten steps suggested by WHO. Namely at the level of the Community Coordinating Mechanism responsible for the implementation of MAF-TB in the country, approval of the algorithm and plan of further implementation of the mechanism in [Ukraine](#) is planned for the end of March.

More information can be found at [TB Europe Coalition website](#).



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