



## Regional Platform EECA

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### Global Fund Related News

#### Webinar: Results of the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Global Fund's Board

The 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the [Global Fund's](#) Board took place on 22–24 of April 2024 in Geneva. The detailed overview of discussed topics you may find in the recent [Aidspace's Global Fund Observer Issue 448](#).

[EECA Regional Platform](#) is organizing the **webinar** to discuss the results of the **51st meeting of the Global Fund's Board**. To take part please [register](#). English-Russian translation will be provided.



14 May 2024 at 14.00 Kyiv time

#### Key speakers

- **Andriy Klepikov** – Executive Director, [Alliance for Public Health](#) (Ukraine), member of the Developing Country NGO Delegation of the Global Fund.
- **Vitaly Djuma** – Executive Director, [Eurasian Coalition on Health, Rights, Gender and Sexual Diversity](#) (ECOM), Developed Country NGO Delegation of the Global Fund – Board member.

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## Key Harm Reduction Messages for 51<sup>st</sup> Global Fund Board Meeting



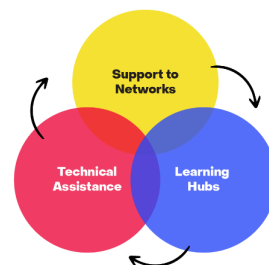
In advance to the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the [Global Fund's](#) Board which took place on 22–24 of April 2024 in Geneva, the [Harm Reduction International](#) (HRI) together with the South African Network of People who use drugs (SANPUD), VOCAL Kenya, Rumah Cemara, Regional Network of Asian People Who Use Drugs (NAPUD) and the [Eurasian Harm Reduction Association](#) (EHRA) called on Board Delegations to factor in the following **harm reduction related priorities:**

- It is imperative that the Global Fund's funding for harm reduction and wider key population programs, and support to community-led organizations, is protected and increased, in keeping with the Global Fund Strategy and the Global AIDS Strategy 30-80-60 targets.
- Health financing must include concerted efforts to increase domestic investment in harm reduction and broader key population programming.
- Community and civil society voices must play a central role in the Lusaka Agenda.
- Catalytic investment funding, including multi-country grants, strategic initiatives and matching funds must be prioritized in order to meet the Global Fund Strategy objectives on health equity, gender equality and human rights.

Read the full text on the [EECA Regional Platform website](#).

## The Global Fund: Update of the Components of Community Engagement Strategic Initiative

The new 3-year phase of the Global Fund's Community Engagement Strategic Initiative (CE SI) implementation started in January 2024. Last week the Community Rights and Gender Department updated the information and resources on the [Global Fund's website](#) about the strategic initiative, including short-term technical assistance, long-term capacity strengthening and regional learning hubs.



[Here](#) you will find:

- Updated information about the Short-term Technical Assistance being available to support the meaningful engagement of the communities in Global Fund and related national processes. The updated information includes the Community Engagement Technical Assistance Guidelines, TA Request Form (available in 6 languages

including ENG and RUS), Community Engagement Technical Assistance Provider List.

- The list and contacts of 12 regional and global networks and organizations to strengthening the capacity of key and vulnerable population networks and groups to meaningfully engage in Global Fund and related national processes within the Component 2 of the CE SI.
- Updated list of 6 Regional Learning Hubs (also known as Regional Platforms for Communication and Cooperation) which are aimed at sharing information and good practices on engagement in Global Fund and related processes, and work to improve access to technical assistance.

In case of questions regarding the meaningful engagement of civil society and communities representatives into Global Fund and its national related processes, or Global Fund's Short-term Technical Assistance in Central Eastern Europe and Central Asia – please contact EECA Regional Platform (EECA Regional Learning Hub) at [eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org](mailto:eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org).

## Funding Opportunities

### “Gender and HIV” Grants Open Call for EECA and SEE Countries



[Eurasian Key Populations Coalition](#) (EKPC) is pleased to announce an **Open Call for Project Proposals for 2024 Grants Program “GENDER and HIV”** (in the framework of #SoS\_project2.0).

#### Eligibility

- Civil society organizations scaling up access to gender oriented, sensitive and/or transformative HIV prevention, treatment, care and support and assuring that resources are mobilized and utilized appropriately to respond gender gap in HIV epidemic for TRANS\*GENDER (TG) and SEX WORKERS (SW) communities.
- From the following countries: EECA countries (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan) and SEE countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia).

The **goal** of the Grants Program is to contribute to improved health, inclusion and social wellbeing for TG and SW in EECA and SEE.

The regional networks and national organizations are invited to apply for a grant for up to 4 months duration. The **deadline for submission of proposals is May 7, 2024, at 12:00 (noon) CET**.

Interested organizations should submit **ONLY** the following 2 documents to

[badalyan@eakpc.org](mailto:badalyan@eakpc.org): (1) Project Narrative Proposal, (2) Project Budget Proposal.

More information about the Grants Program and application forms can be found on the [EKPC website](#).

Apply Now!

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## The Robert Carr Fund: Request for Proposals (RFP) 2024 for the funding period 2025-2027



[Robert Carr Fund](#) invites global and regional civil society networks led by, and/or serving inadequately served populations to apply for the **long-term flexible funding to support their core and activity needs** for a three-year period (2025-2027).

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2025-2027 grant, applicants must:

- Address the health, social inclusion and wellbeing of inadequately served populations (ISPs);
- Be a civil society network and/or a consortium of civil society networks;
- Operate regionally and/or globally;
- Be from the civil society sector; and
- Be led by ISPs.

**Deadline** for proposal submission via online application portal – **22 July 2024 at 12.00 CET**.

**Application procedure and key deadlines** are in the [Request for Proposals](#).

Apply Now!

Any questions in regard to this Request for Proposals should be addressed to [grants@robertcarrfund.org](mailto:grants@robertcarrfund.org).

## Global Fund Policies & Documents

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We also would like to share with you a number of documents recently issued by the Global Fund which might be of an interest for civil society partners involved with the Global Fund processes.

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[Regional Impact Report - The Global Fund and the European Union's Eastern and Southern Neighbors](#) (in English) - together with the European Commission, governments, communities and global health partners, the Global Fund is working to build a healthier, safer and more equitable world where no one is left behind.

[Operational Policy - The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#) – the [Operational Policy Manual](#) (in English) compiles all Global Fund operational policies across the grant life cycle. Its structure has been updated and internal operational procedures have been removed and listed separately for information. A [new web page on the Global Fund website](#) lists individual Operational Policy Notes (OPNs) to facilitate download by topic.

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[The HIV Paediatric treatment brief](#) – this [briefing note](#) (in English) describes key considerations for the introduction of pALD, a new product which aims to simplify treatment for children living with HIV, in Global Fund grants. It supports Global Fund Country Teams and Principal Recipients to make this shift.

[Global Fund Implementing Country Resources](#) (in English) – the Global Fund Implementing Country Resources channel hosts videos to support Principal Recipients, Country Coordinating Mechanisms, Local Fund Agents, and other in-country actors that implement Global Fund-supported programs. It contains information sessions, system demos, and tutorials in English, French and Spanish.



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