



## Regional Platform EECA

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## Updates

### **Aidspan: Concerns Over Georgia's Foreign Agent Law - Implications for Civil Society and Public Health**



**Georgia's Transparency of Foreign Influence Bill**, recently passed by Parliament, **raises concerns regarding its potential impact on civil society and public health.**

While purportedly aimed at safeguarding national interests and electoral integrity, critics worry it could resemble Russian legislation and lead to the stigmatization and restriction of non-governmental organizations and media outlets. Civil society groups warn of adverse effects on HIV prevention efforts and potential human rights violations. President Salome Zourabichvili has vetoed the law, citing violations of constitutional and European norms.

#### **The Law:**

- Has stigmatizing language;
- The disproportionate impact on HIV prevention and civil society;
- Violation of international obligations: European Convention on Human Rights, International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

**The Global Fund Secretariat acknowledged the concerns regarding Georgia's the Transparency of Foreign Influence law.** The organization is closely watching the situation to assess its impact on HIV and TB programs in Georgia. The Global Fund values the vital role of civil society organizations in providing essential services.

Read more at [Aidspan website](#).

## Global Fund Related News

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## Communities Delegation to the Board of The Global Fund: Apply for Membership from People Living with HIV, and Affected by Tuberculosis or Malaria

# Communities Delegation

to the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The **Communities Delegation to the Board of The Global Fund** is currently [inviting applications](#) for membership from people living with HIV, and affected by Tuberculosis or Malaria. The process strives to achieve a balanced and representative Delegation with strong **consideration for the following criteria**:

- Malaria lived expertise;
- Tuberculosis lived expertise;
- People living with HIV;
- Women in all their diversity;
- Key population members;
- Adolescents and Youths in all their diversity.

**Delegation especially encourages applications from:**

- Latin America and the Caribbean, West and Central Africa, **Eastern Europe and Central Asia**, Southeast Asia and Western Pacific regions,
- Members of the **sex workers, drug users, MSM, and transgender communities**.
- Members of the **TB and Malaria Communities**.

Applications should be sent to: [focalpoint@communitiesdelegation.org](mailto:focalpoint@communitiesdelegation.org). **Subject** must read: **APPLICATION TO COMMUNITIES DELEGATION 2024**. Closing date: Thursday **10th June 2024** at 6 pm CET.

***Applications without all requested documentation will be automatically disqualified. Incomplete applications and those received after the deadline will not be considered.***

Apply Now!

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## Survey for Armenia, Kosovo, Montenegro on Country Dialogue and Funding Request Development



[The Global Fund](#) is grateful to have received the funding requests submitted for Window 4 of Grant Cycle 7 (also known as GC7 or the 2023-2025 Allocation Period).

As part of our 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. **We ask that you please share this email with those in your networks who may have participated.**

Completing the survey will require between 10 to 15 minutes of time. Those taking the survey are encouraged to provide honest feedback regarding country dialogue, the funding request development process, and how the Global Fund can improve.

### **Eastern Europe & Central Asia**

Armenia - [TB/HIV](#) ([FR](#), [ES](#), [PT](#))

Kosovo - [TB/HIV](#) ([FR](#), [ES](#), [PT](#))

Montenegro - [HIV/AIDS](#) ([FR](#), [ES](#), [PT](#))

**Please complete this online survey by 04 June 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](mailto:A2FTraining@theglobalfund.org).

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## **Survey: Satisfaction of Communities with Engagement in Global Fund Grant Making Process**

Help the Global Fund to understand how Satisfied Communities Have Been with the Grant Making Process (for Countries which submitted their funding requests in W 1-3: Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan (HIV), Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine).

The Key Performance Indicator (KPI) C1 survey dedicated to **measuring satisfaction of communities with engagement in the grant making process is now live!** The KPI C1 marks a significant step in Global Fund's commitment to prioritize community leadership in addressing HIV, TB, and malaria. This indicator aims to measure community satisfaction throughout the grant cycle, emphasizing the voices of those most affected by these diseases.

To measure this, the Global Fund has launched the newly developed [Community Engagement Satisfaction Survey](#), designed to comprehensively measure satisfaction across three key grant stages, aligning with Global Fund's commitment to promoting and enhancing inclusive and sustained community involvement. Please note that this survey is to measure the second stage: **the Grant Making stage**. *(Further surveys for W4 & W5 will be launched later this year).*

**The Global Fund needs your support** to gather data it can measure; here's how you can make an impact:

**1. Participate in the [Survey](#).** Your insights and feedback on community engagement during grant development are invaluable. The survey, available in Arabic, English, French, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian, is open until **midnight CET 16 June 2024**. Your participation will shape actionable insights for progress.

**2. Spread the Word.** Help extend the reach of this survey by sharing with communities around you affected by HIV, TB, and malaria. Your effort in amplifying awareness will ensure maximum reach and as such, a comprehensive and representative response. You can share this letter, the link, or this handy QR code:

Satisfaction of communities with  
engagement in Global Fund Grant  
Making process



You can email at [info.CRGsurveys@theglobalfund.org](mailto:info.CRGsurveys@theglobalfund.org) or check out [FAQs](#), it will be updated periodically.

The survey closes **16 June 2024 at midnight CET**. Until then you can complete the survey and share this information and the link (<https://forms.office.com/r/aMKNMLd7f8>) to those around you engaged in the grant cycle.

For more information please visit the [EECA Platform website](#).

Participate Now!

## News from Partners



### Brochure: CSOs and Community Insights: Lessons Learned from GC7 Country Proposal Development in Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan



In 2023, most countries in the EECA region prepared their country funding request to the Global Fund (GF) within the new allocation period 2023-2025.

[TBEC](#) provided short-term technical assistance to four countries in the region: Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Thanks to this technical support, representatives of CSOs and communities in these countries were able to identify their main priorities and develop targeted interventions that reflect their needs.

However, despite the innovations introduced, CSOs and communities encountered obstacles at every stage of the process when preparing funding request for this cycle.

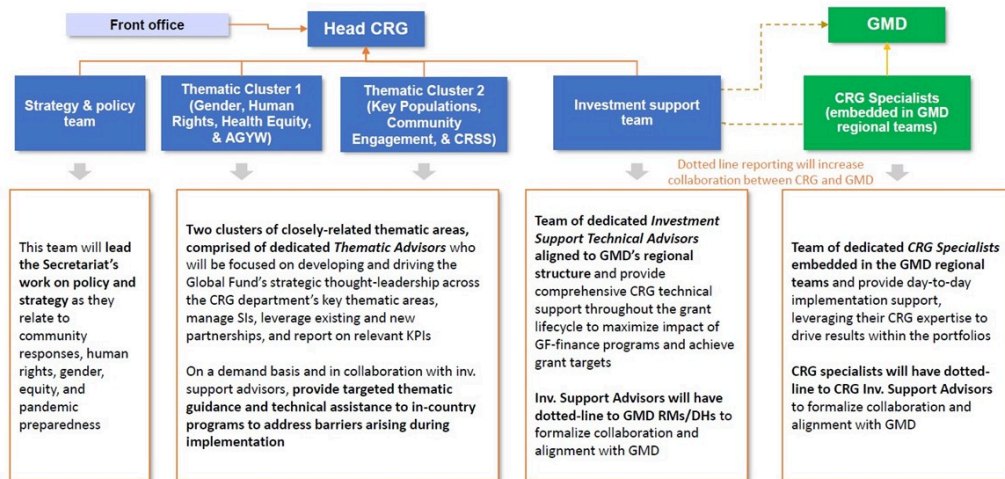
This document compiles the main challenges and recommendations for overcoming them. Taking them into account in the future will ensure a more rational approach to the preparation and involvement of CSOs and communities in the requests preparation process.

Read Now!

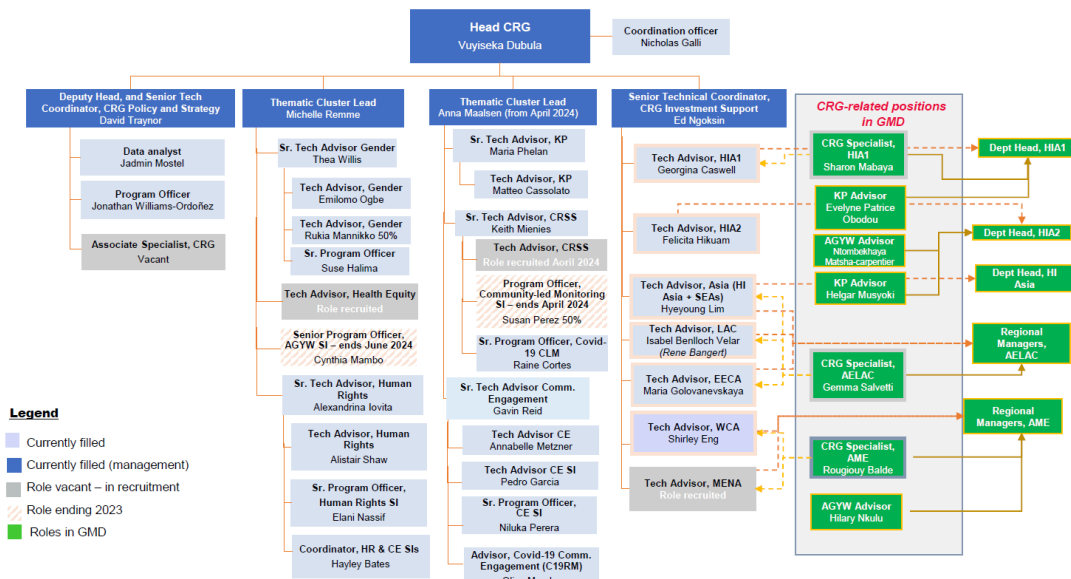
## Global Fund Policies & Documents

**Vuyiseka Dubula** became a new **Head of the Community, Rights & Gender (CRG) Department** in the Global Fund Secretariat in late 2023. V. Dubula is a prominent South African activist who has been living openly with HIV for many years and who worked at the Stephen Lewis Foundation before joining the Global Fund. Among other things, the CRG Department is coordinating the implementation of the Global Fund's Community Engagement Strategic Initiative. With the arrival of a new Head, the **Department has updated its structure**, which we would like to share with you.

### New Structure Overview



Resulted in 7 new positions in CRG and 3 in GMD





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