



# *Implementation of Component 2 of the Global Fund's Community Engagement (CE) Strategic Initiative (SI) in Republic of Moldova*

## *What is being planned to support TB communities in 2024 – 2026.*



## Who We Are: PAS Center



**Established** in 1999 as a non-governmental, non-profit regionally exposed organization based in Moldova.

**Focus:** Health policy development, research, and advocacy for Moldova and the region.

**Mission:** Improving public health through research, policy development and strategic partnerships.

**Areas of expertise:** Health Policy Development and Advocacy, Programs Implementation, Health Systems Strengthening, Collaboration with International Partners, Civil Society Organizations and Key Affected Population Networks.

# Our Projects and Initiatives

More than 60 grants and initiatives with a budget of over US\$ 70 million

- **Public health programs:** related to health systems, communicable and non-communicable diseases and social accountability in Moldova and EECA region (TB, HIV/AIDS and STIs, hepatitis B and C, Tabaco Control, Mental Health, Palliative Care, etc)
- **Policy advocacy:** Influencing health policies at national and regional levels.
- **Capacity building:** Training health workers and community members on prevention, diagnosis and treatment.
- **Research and evaluation of intervention effectiveness.**
- **Media coverage and informational campains, watchdog activities.**

Collaboration with health authorities and agencies, national and regional civil society organizations, key population networks.

Financed by: *The Global Fund (both as a Principal Recipient of TB and HIV grants, as well as a Sub-Recipient), World Bank, Stop TB Partnership, Open Society Foundations, UNFPA, UNICEF, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), Center for Disease Control Atlanta, European Commission, Japan Social Development Fund, and others.*

## Moldova National Association of Tuberculosis Patients “SMT”

Moldova National Association of Tuberculosis Patients “SMIT” is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, registered in 2010, that supports people affected by tuberculosis and their families.

SMIT advocates for an inclusive and equitable public health system, protects the rights of people affected by tuberculosis and promotes people-centered care.

Since its foundation, SMIT has safeguarded the interests of affected people in front of TB stakeholders including heads of local health centers, clinicians, healthcare workers, Local Public Authorities, Ministry officials, Parliament members, WHO officials and partner donors.

# AREAS OF ENGAGEMENT

TB rights (Experience and commitment to fight for the values and rights of TB people and key and vulnerable populations);

Advocacy and Policy Change (Experience in involving different governmental and non-governmental actors in participatory processes at national level, developing concepts and policy change recommendations and carrying out advocacy and communication activities);

Community engagement in research and development, including CLR (Experience in engaging in clinical and operational studies, in particular evaluations on aspects relevant to TB community, including data collection and analysis);

Service delivery - active case finding and psychosocial support (Experience in promoting and implementing approaches focused on the needs of people in TB care);

Collaborative partnerships (Experience in working in partnerships to attain tangible results).

## To develop the engagement plan end country profile (Y1)

Together with country partners prepare the country profile on TB/HIV situation in the country.

To formulate and progress-review and annual update of the engagement plan.

## To conduct CLR TB stigma quantitative assessment in Moldova (Y1-Y2)

Develop methodology and research tools: guides for focus-group discussions, key informant interviews, and questionnaires in multiple languages (Romanian, English, Russian).

To initiate and conduct in-depth interviews and focus groups.

To analyze the collected data and develop a comprehensive report that can be used for advocacy and informing policy.

To engage with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure the findings are impactful and lead to meaningful change in TB response efforts.

## To conduct CLR Patients' Satisfaction level with TB care quality assessment (Y2-Y3)

Develop methodology and research tools: guides for focus-group discussions, key informant interviews, and questionnaires in multiple languages (Romanian, English, Russian).

Initiate and conduct in-depth interviews and focus groups.

Analyze the collected data and develop a comprehensive report that can be used for advocacy and informing policy.

To engage with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure the findings are impactful and lead to meaningful change in TB response efforts.



# To conduct an organizational development assessment of TB community, namely SMT organization and prepare the action plan (Y1-Y3)

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Develop the strategic plan in consultation with board members and staff to better reflect on organizational and beneficiaries' needs

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Conduct a validation meeting to discuss and present a renewed strategy

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Develop a sustainability strategy and ensure its implementation and regular revision

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Develop a strategy for volunteer engagement and management

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Develop an organisational annual employee performance review form

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Conduct a validation meeting on the organisational developed policies and procedures

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Conduct trainings of staff on the organisational developed policies and procedures

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Develop a clear procedure documenting storage periods, maintaining the security of records and restricting access

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Develop a risk mitigation plan in consultation with the Board to be further used for strategic planning in the organization

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Conduct a validation meeting to discuss and present the procedures

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# Opportunities for engagement and collaboration: how can communities beyond the immediate partners engage/benefit

