



Regional Platform EECA

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Updates

Harm Reduction Journal: Article on the Results of the Sustainability Assessment of Opioid Agonist Therapy Programs in Belarus, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine in the Context of Transition from the Global Fund Support

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the BMC website. On the left, the BMC logo is followed by the text 'Part of Springer Nature'. On the right, there is a search icon. Below the navigation bar, the journal title 'Harm Reduction Journal' is displayed with a small icon of three figures. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Home', 'About', 'Articles', 'Submission Guidelines', and 'Join The Editorial Board', along with a 'Submit manuscript' button with a document icon.

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Sustainability of opioid agonist therapy programmes in Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine in the context of transition from Global Fund support during 2020–2023

On 16th October 2024 the [Harm Reduction Journal](#) has published an [article Sustainability of opioid agonist therapy programs in Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine in the context of transition from Global Fund support during 2020–2023](#).

The study concludes that after 20 years, OAT sustainability in the four countries remains at risk and requires further planning and management. Technical partners and donors should continue supporting this work through the dual lenses of HIV and drug policy. Realistic expectations and new solutions for sustainability are needed for conflict-affected territories. The methodology and instruments used to conduct the assessment are described in another Harm Reduction Journal article: [Measuring sustainability of opioid](#)

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The reports on the assessments conducted in each of these countries in 2020 and 2023 can be found on [EECA Regional Platform website](#).

Reports from Serbia, Georgia, Moldova and Tajikistan: Public Commitments to Ensure Sustainability of the HIV Response Among Key Populations in the Context of Transition from the Global Fund

The reports from [Serbia \(English\)](#), [Georgia \(English\)](#), [Moldova \(English | Russian\)](#) and [Tajikistan \(English | Russian\)](#) on the results of re-assessment of the progress with fulfillment of the government commitments to ensure sustainability of HIV responses among key affected populations (KAP) in the context of transition from Global Fund support to national funding have been published. Assessment was conducted by EHRA with the SOS 2.0 project using the updated [methodology being developed and piloted in 2020 – 2021](#).



Republic of SERBIA

Second assessment of Public Commitments to Ensure Sustainability of the HIV Response Among Key Populations in the Transition to National Funding

GEORGIA

The Second Assessment of Public Commitments to Ensure Sustainability of the HIV Response Among Key Populations in the Transition to National Funding



Republic of MOLDOVA

Reassessment of the Implementation of the State Commitments to Ensure Sustainability of the HIV Response among Key Populations in the Context of Transition from Donor Support to Domestic Funding

Republic of Tajikistan

Reassessment of the Implementation of the State Commitments to Ensure Sustainability of the HIV Response among Key Populations in the Context of Transition from Donor Support to Domestic Funding

The Lancet: NGOs Seek Novel Funding Sources Amid Global Crackdown

Growing trend of governments to impose restrictions on NGOs, including through so called “foreign agents” law has impact on many levels. According to the Global Fund countries where civic space is restricted account for a large share of the burden of the three diseases that the Global Fund focuses on. Check out the article in the [Lancet issue of 12 October 2024 exploring the impact of such restrictive measures on NGOs and response to HIV, TB and malaria](#).



NGOs seek novel funding sources amid global crackdown

Authoritarian regimes worldwide are hampering non-governmental organisations through laws targeting funding sources, imperilling health care. Ed Holt reports.

If you are not registered to Lancet the articles can be read at the [Rise & Decriminalize web-page](#).

Also [here are the more news \(from October 25\) about impact of the shrinking space for civil society caused by so-called “foreign agents” law in Georgia](#): organizations providing crucial and sometimes life-saving services may be forced to shut down.

News From Partners

Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health is Launching Partnership on Migrant Health for the EECA Region

Organizations working with migrants from different countries are consolidating their efforts to ensure uninterrupted access of migrants and refugees from key populations to services related to HIV, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis as they move out and around the region. The goal of creating this Partnership is to develop cross-country links between service organizations that provide help migrants and refugees from Eastern Europe and Central Asia affected by HIV, TB and viral hepatitis.



Regional
Expert Group
on Migration and Health

[Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health](#) (REG) initiated the [Partnership Migrants Health for the EECA region](#).

If your **organization provides assistance to migrants and refugees from key populations from the EECA region affected by HIV, TB and viral hepatitis** and you are ready to unite efforts with like-minded colleagues, please, join the Partnership!

Join Now!

If you have questions about the Partnership, please, contact its coordinator – Tatiana Zhuravskaya, INGO “Spring of Hope” at tanazizn4@gmail.com.

Global Fund Related News

Communities Delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Announced New Members

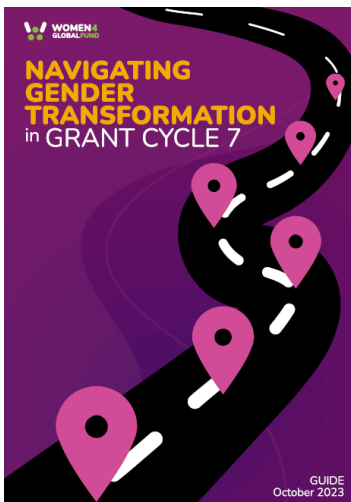
Three representatives from the EECA region have been elected to the [Community Delegation of the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria](#): **Denis Godlevsky**, regional coordinator of ITPC EECA; **Valeriya Rachinskaya**, director of the Department of Human Rights, Gender, and Community Development at “100% Life”; and **Lyubov Vorontsova**, representative of the Eurasian Women’s Network on HIV and a member of the steering committee of the International Community of Women Living with HIV.



The delegation consists of a group of up to forty people from around the world living with HIV and affected by tuberculosis and malaria, who are actively working on issues related to the Global Fund’s activities.

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Guide: Navigating Gender Transformation in Grant Cycle 7



Gender inequality looms large in the realms of HIV, TB, and malaria. Women and girls, especially in lower-income countries, bear a disproportionate burden due to complex factors—biological, social, and economic. The Guide [Navigating Gender Transformation in Grant Cycle 7](#) developed by [Women 4 Global Fund](#) aims to:

- empower women and girls of all backgrounds to champion gender-transformative programs in the Global; and
 - reveal actionable interventions for weaving the unique needs of women and girls into Funding Requests.
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