



**Regional Platform**  
EECA

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## Updates

### **IAS Warns: Halting Funding to the PEPFAR & Stop-work Order for Existing Grants and Contracts Places Millions of Lives in Jeopardy**



On Day 1 of taking office as US President, Donald Trump signed an [executive order](#) that banned any new government spending on foreign aid projects. This was followed by an unexpected [“stop-work order”](#) issued on 24 January, which means that funding to [U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief](#) (PEPFAR), even for existing grants and contracts, is frozen.

PEPFAR is the largest commitment by any country, ever, to address a single disease. Since

it established PEPFAR in 2003, the US government has invested over USD 110 billion in the global HIV response. It has saved 26 million lives and prevented millions of HIV acquisitions in more than 50 countries.

As PEPFAR itself states: “PEPFAR’s lifesaving work is enabled through the U.S. government’s unwavering commitment to the program and the American people’s compassion and generosity, as PEPFAR ensures every U.S. taxpayer dollar is optimally focused for impact.”

Read the [full press-release](#) of the International AIDS Society.

## Webinar: Opportunities for Community Engagement during the Grant Making stage of the Global Fund’s Grant Life Cycle



The poster features logos for the Regional Platform EECA, ehra (European HIV Reduction Association), and TB Europe Coalition. The main title is 'WEBINAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DURING THE GRANT MAKING STAGE OF THE GLOBAL FUND’S GRANT LIFE CYCLE'. The date is 05 February 2025, with times 12.00 Geneva time / 13.00 Kyiv time. A QR code is provided for registration, and a 'REGISTER NOW' button is present. The speakers listed are Svetlana Dupriez, Gayane Arustamyan, Oxana Rucsineanu, and Anya Sarang. An illustration shows a group of people in a meeting around a world map.

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**WEBINAR**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DURING THE GRANT MAKING STAGE OF THE GLOBAL FUND’S GRANT LIFE CYCLE**

05 February 2025

12.00 Geneva time / 13.00 Kyiv time

**REGISTER NOW**

**Speakers**

- **Svetlana Dupriez**, Lead, GAC Secretariat, A2F Department, Global Fund’s Secretariat.
- **Gayane Arustamyan**, Technical Advisor, CRG Investment Support, Community Rights and Gender Department, Global Fund’s Secretariat
- **Oxana Rucsineanu**, ANB de TB din RM "SMIT" (Moldova)
- **Anya Sarang**, independent consultant

There are a number of EECA countries eligible for the [Global Fund’s](#) funding within the GC7 which are currently at the Grant Making stage of the Global Fund’s Grant Life Cycle. While community engagement is visible in the initial stages of the country dialogue process including community consultations and funding request development, it is observed that community engagement at the Grant Making stage is limited and the opportunities for such engagement as well as the Grant Making process itself is unclear for the civil society and communities’ representatives.

To further strengthen community engagement at this stage of Global Fund’s Grant Life Cycle, [EECA Learning Hub](#) in collaboration with [TB Europe Coalition](#) are aimed to organize

a webinar to raise awareness among communities and civil society in the region on available guidance, opportunities and best practices of community engagement during the Grant Making and share the lessons learned.

**Date:** 5 February 2025, 12 noon Geneva time \ 13.00 Kyiv time.

**Language:** Russian\English with simultaneous translation.

Agenda and more information can be found on the website of the [EECA Regional Platform](#). If you have any questions, please email to [eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org](mailto:eecaplatform@harmreductioneurasia.org).

Register Now!

## Funding Opportunities

### Elton John AIDS Foundation RADIAN Success Replication Fund: Call for Proposals

As part of the RADIAN 2.0 program, the Elton John AIDS Foundation announced a competition of grant proposals under the **RADIAN Success Replication Fund**. The purpose of this competition is to improve HIV outcomes in the most affected locations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia by **disseminating and replicating evidence-based solutions** that have demonstrated their effectiveness through **RADIAN or Ukraine Humanitarian Support projects** in 2019-2025.



For more information, please download the [full announcement](#). Please download the [application, workplan](#) and [budget](#) templates in English.

**This opportunity is open until February 17, 2025.**

Applications with supporting documents should be submitted via email to [RADIAN@eltonjohnaidsfoundation.org](mailto:RADIAN@eltonjohnaidsfoundation.org).

Apply Now!

## Stop TB Partnership: Challenge Facility for Civil Society 2025



[The Stop TB Partnership has opened the largest ever Call for Proposals](#) (19 million USD) Round 13 for the Challenge Facility for Civil Society in 2025. With the continued generous support from [USAID](#) and [L'Initiative](#) implemented by Expertise France, Stop TB Partnership is thrilled to announce a total of 19 million USD to continue its support to civil society and TB-affected community partners to champion ambitious and strong people-centered, human-rights based, gender-transformative national TB responses through Round 13 of the CFCS mechanism.

***Deadline to submit applications: 14 February 2025 by 18:00 Central European Time (CET).***

More information about the Call and application process can be found on [STOP TB Partnership website](#).

Apply Now!

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## The Pandemic Fund: Call for Proposals



**The  
Pandemic  
Fund**  
FOR A RESILIENT WORLD

The [Pandemic Fund](#) announced its [third Call for Proposals \(3rd CfP\) on December 19, 2024, with an envelope of US\\$500 million](#). Recognizing the high demand for funding demonstrated in the first and second CfP, the 3rd CfP continues to: ***prioritize high-impact investments in:***

1. early warning and disease surveillance systems,
2. laboratory systems, and
3. strengthening human resources/public health and community workforce capacity, including workforce capacity related to human and animal health.

Financing is intended for projects that will help strengthen core capacities in one or more of these three priority areas, which present the promise of generating a visible impact in terms of prevention and preparedness to effectively detect and respond to disease outbreaks.

Further, in line with the Pandemic Fund's medium-term [Strategic Plan](#) additional emphasis will be placed on strengthening two cross-cutting enablers, National Public Health Institutes (or relevant public institutions) and regional/global networks, organizations, or hubs aimed at bolstering the institutional foundations that support information sharing, coordination across public health and One Health systems, and rapid action.

Apply Now!

## Global Fund Related News

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# SCOPE SURVEY: Community-led Implementation of Global Fund Programs

The SCOPE (Support for Community Organizations & Priorities for Empowerment and Impact) study is a new project to better understand the implementation of Global Fund programs by community-led organizations. The study is led by several partners from the RISE study, which measured barriers and facilitators of community engagement with CCMs. The study is seeking the participation of people in communities most impacted by HIV, TB and malaria to complete the survey about Global Fund programs in their countries.

Join us in advocating for **community-led** Global Fund programs

**PARTICIPATE  
IN THE  
PR SURVEY**

<http://bit.ly/communityPR>



***Don't miss this opportunity to share your experience and opinion: if you are a community member and a Global Fund advocate, please click here to participate in a 5-minute, anonymous survey!***

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