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## Updates

### Don't miss! 15 December - Kick-off session, overview of Global Fund's Grant Cycle 8



The Global Fund will be organizing a [series of information sessions for the countries applying within the 8<sup>th</sup> Grant Cycle](#).

The first session – ***Kick-off session, overview of Grant Cycle 8*** – is already on ***Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 15.00 Kyiv time***. [Registration is required!](#)

#### IMPORTANT:

- Information about the sessions and registration links are available [here](#).
- ***Dates are tentative***. Please register for sessions you are interested in attending. All registered attendees will be notified of any changes via email.
- Following each session, [recordings and presentations will be available on this page](#).
- Sessions will be held in English, some with Spanish, French and Portuguese translations.

**Register!**

## Webinar "In advance to GC8: ensuring meaningful engagement of TB communities into country dialogue processes"

### Date & time:

18 December 2025, 13.00-14.30 Kyiv/

Vilnius time.

Registration is required!

The **objective** is to help the activists from among communities affected by TB as well as NGOs involved into implementation of the Global Fund's TB grants in EECA region to:



- Become better informed about the GC8 context, key elements and processes.
- Become aware of challenges faced by TB communities which have limited their engagement into Global Fund related process and explore strategies/recommendations.
- Explore opportunities for TB community engagement in GC8 preparations.

**Organizers:** [EECA Regional Learning Hub](#) together with TB Europe Coalition (TBEC) with support from Global Fund's CRG Team.

### Speakers:

- Pedro Trinidad Garcia, Technical Advisor – Community Engagement, Community, Rights and Gender Department (CRG), Global Fund Secretariat.
- Vlada Rabinova, Program Manager, TB Europe Coalition.
- Olga Klymenko, Development Director, TB People Ukraine.
- Chinara Imankulova, Project Manager, PF "Den Sooluk Nuru", Kyrgyzstan.

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

Register now!

## Case Study of Kazakhstan: Engaging TB-Affected Communities in the Development of the National Funding Request for Global Fund Grant Cycle 7



This [case study documents](#) the engagement of TB key populations and affected communities in Kazakhstan during the development of the Global Fund TB funding request for Grant Cycle 7 (GC7). From October 2024 to January 2025, the EECA Regional Learning Hub, hosted by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) under its “Country-level Engagement Support” activity, enabled a participatory and transparent community dialogue.

[EHRA](#) supported rapid needs assessment, online and in-person consultations, the drafting of a Community Priorities Annex, and mentoring to respond to the Technical Review Panel (TRP) comments. All seven community priorities have been partially but successfully integrated into the funding request – contributing to approximately 26% of the total TB budget. The process not only strengthened country ownership and alignment with human rights-based TB responses but also proposed a replicable approach for other EECA countries.

[Read more!](#)

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## Call for abstracts and Global Village applications within AIDS 2026 are open

The [26th International AIDS Conference](#) (AIDS 2026) will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and virtually on 26-31 July 2026.



In the face of an unprecedented funding crisis and major cutbacks to HIV programmes, the world's largest conference on HIV and AIDS will unite people living with HIV, researchers, policy makers, healthcare professionals, funders, media and communities.

The [abstract submission](#) and [submission of Global Village applications](#) are now open. **Submissions deadline: 27 January 2026.**

[Find out more!](#)

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