

Minutes  
of  
Policy and Advocacy Advisory Council Meeting: 11

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The PAAC meeting was held at the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health on November 7, 2017 at 13:30.

**Objectives:**

- To meet with Global Fund Portfolio Manager to discuss the Funding Request preparation process.

**Attendees:**

<i>Nino Berdzuli</i>	Deputy Minister of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, PAAC Chair
<i>Gyongyver Jakab</i>	The Global Fund Portfolio Manager
<i>David Kokiashvili</i>	The Global Fund
<i>Irma Khonelidze</i>	Deputy General Director, National Center for Disease Control and Public Health
<i>Ketevan Stvilia</i>	NCDCPH, PIU, HIV Program Manager
<i>Irakli Katsitadze</i>	LFA
<i>Nana Nabakhteveli</i>	LFA
<i>Nino Badridze</i>	Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Center, Head of Epidemiological Department
<i>Nino Lomtadze</i>	Head of Surveillance and Strategic Planning Department, Coordinator of the Global Fund TB Program, National Center of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases
<i>Natalia Zaqareishvili</i>	UNFPA, Program Analyst, PAAC Member
<i>Lasha Tvaliashvili</i>	Representative of HIV infected community
<i>Khatuna Kutateladze</i>	Georgia Harm Reduction Network
<i>Konstantine Labartkava</i>	NGO "New Vector"
<i>Giorgi Magradze</i>	Georgia Health Promotion and Education Foundation – TB Coalition member organization, Deputy Board Chairman
<i>Natia Morchiladze</i>	MSF
<i>Davit Ananiashvili</i>	NGO, Georgia + Group
<i>Nino Tsereteli</i>	Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health - Tanadgoma, executive director
<i>Irina Grdzelidze</i>	CCM, Executive Secretary
<i>Natia Khonelidze</i>	CCM, Administrative Assistant
<i>Tamar Zurashvili</i>	PAAC, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

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The meeting was opened by **Dr. Nino Berdzuli**, Deputy Minister, and PAAC Chair, who welcomed the attendees and introduced the purpose of the meeting: to discuss the Funding Request preparation process with the GF new Portfolio Manager. She noted that per the CCM decision made on the CCM meeting held on August 7, 2017, the Program Continuation Request has been discussed by the PAAC and relevant planning was initiated to ensure that the process is transparent, well documented and participatory (representatives of governmental and non-governmental sectors, SCOs and KAPs are part of the development process). In order to ensure the engagement of all stakeholders in the process of developing Program Continuation Request, CCM secretariat circulated information on involvement of additional members in PAAC among CCM members who then disseminated the information among their constituencies. The announcement was published on the CCM web-site. As a result 6 members of CSO and vulnerable population were added to the composition of the committee.

Dr. Berdzuli's welcome speech was followed by the brief introduction of the meeting participants.

**Dr. Gyongyver Jakab**, the Global Fund Portfolio Manager, briefed the audience on the Funding Request preparation process and the new elements of the 2017-2019 funding cycle:

- Any remaining funds from an existing grant, unused by the start of the new allocation period, will not be additional to the allocation amount.
- Total amount of 2017-2019 allocation is subject to additional co-financing investments from the Government of Georgia (25% of 2017-2019 allocation). 50% of these co-financing investments must be invested in disease program interventions to address sustainability and transition challenges and 50% - in interventions targeting key and vulnerable populations. The requirements may change if the county's income level changes.
- CCM eligibility requirements (the type of CCM eligibility review: Light for program continuation)
  - Eligibility Requirement 1 – Transparent and inclusive funding request development process (the CCM is required to provide the completed and signed Program Continuation Request, including its Annex 1 [Inclusiveness of Engagement with Key Population])
  - Eligibility Requirement 2 – Transparent and documented PR selection process
- Georgia is invited to submit a simplified application for HIV and TB programs continuation. This application package includes: Program Continuation Request. The components of Program Continuation Request: (1) program continuation request cover letter; (2) applicant self-assessment to inform program continuation consisting of 6 sections in the form of checklist and (3) Annex 1 to confirm the inclusiveness of engagement with key and vulnerable populations. The responses to each question of the self-assessment checklist should be brief (max. 300-500 words) and reference to supporting documents and evidence is strongly encouraged.
- In addition, Georgia HIV and TB are expected to prepare a prioritized above allocation requests which can be submitted during grant-making.

The discussion followed was mainly focused on interventions targeting key and vulnerable populations and sustainability of the prevention programs. After that the rationale behind the decision on submitting separate Program Continuation Requests for TB and HIV versus joint application was presented by the attendees. The need for development of a new HIV NSP (it may be a draft version by the time of submission) was presented and discussed. Thus April 30 was set as a timeline for submission of the

HIV and TB Programs' applications. Policy and advocacy specialist Ms. Tamar Zurashvili made a brief overview of PAAC Work Plan for Program Continuation Request development. After the discussion it was agreed that PAAC would follow the plan's activities but the timelines may change due to the new deadline set.

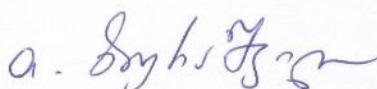
At the conclusion Ms. Ketevan Stvilia summarized the meeting and thanked the participants.

**Minutes prepared by Tamar Zurashvili**

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'a. Zurashvili', is written over the typed name.