



Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism

Reporting period: June - August 2016

The report outlines the main activities performed by Georgia CCM in the period covering June - August 2016

Background

Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) is a central mechanism for implementing Global Fund supported TB and HIV programs in Georgia. CCM creates a multi-stakeholder platform for country ownership and participatory decision making on HIV and TB related policy and programmatic issues. Georgia CCM includes representatives from both the public and private sectors, including government organizations, multilateral or bilateral agencies, non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, private businesses and people affected by and living with the diseases. CCM's operations are regulated with the Government resolution #220 as of June 18, 2012 and the CCM Governance Manual effective from June 1st, 2015.

Oversight Committee membership renewal

The future steps and procedural norms to proceed with the renewal of OC were presented and agreed at the 82nd CCM meeting held on March 9, 2016. The nominations were made. The renewed composition of the Oversight Committee was endorsed at the 83rd CCM meeting held on June 15, 2016 as planned.

Oversight activities/CCM meetings

On July 13, 2016 the first meeting of the renewed Oversight Committee was held. The core principles of the oversight and the dashboard tool were presented to the newly elected OC members and discussed in details. The candidate to the position of the OC Chair was nominated, further presented and agreed with all CCM. The candidacy to the position of the member of Oversight Committee of the Regional Program "Harm Reduction Works – Fund it!" was nominated, further presented and agreed with all CCM. The updated OC work-plan covering the period of February 2016-March 2017 was agreed at the meeting.

During the reporting period one CCM meeting was convened (83rd CCM meeting, June 15, 2016). The current status of GFATM grants implementation was presented to the audience. During the meeting the proposed outline of the TSP and the composition of the Oversight Committee were endorsed. The CCM was provided by the OC report through an e-mail and the OC recommendations for Dashboard for HIV grant Period 1 and TB grant Period 8 were agreed with the CCM in on-line format.

Transitional Planning

Policy and Advocacy Advisory Committee (PAAC)

The 3rd meeting of PAAC was held on June 27, 2016. The meeting was attended by Ms. Tsovinar Sakanyan, Fund Portfolio Manager. The attendees were updated on the transition plan development. It was decided that PAAC will continue working on the transition plan according to the outline endorsed at 83rd CCM meeting. Policy and Advocacy Specialist in coordination with CIF expert will facilitate the working process for thematic discussions on selected topic.

Stakeholders' orientation meeting on integration of harm reduction and rehabilitation services in the transition plan aimed at review and agreement of the service package in terms of interventions, coverage, costing and responsible entities organized by GHRN was conducted on July 27, 2016.

A thematic group to discuss civil society involvement in TB prevention was established. A thematic group meeting with representatives of civil society organizations, GF TB project, CCM and Curatio International Foundation expert team was held on August 8, 2016 with the purpose to discuss transition plan development and obtain CSO input. It was decided that consultations with CSOs will have a continuous manner.

The consultative meeting with participation of CCM Vice-Chair, Secretariat, PAS and the financial expert of Georgian Harm Reduction Network was conducted on August 22, 2016. The 4th meeting of PAAC to review draft harm reduction service package and its costing was scheduled for September 7, 2016.

Global Fund mission to Georgia

On June 23-28 the Global Fund Portfolio Manager and Country team visited Georgia. The meetings with main stakeholders, PAAC, CSOs, TB grant making session, wambo.org (e-procurement platform) training were held during the mission.

TB Clinical Research Coordination Working Group

The meeting of TB Research Coordination working Group was conducted on August 22, 2016. The current status of on-going and upcoming clinical studies was presented to the audience and discussed.

GFATM grants

NFM GEO-H-NCDC grant has been approved by the Global Fund Board. The Grant Confirmation has been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers and signed after securing the approval. GEO-H-GPIC grant has been closed out. The grant closure letter was received on August 17, 2016.

6-months no-cost extension for the GEO-T-NCDC grant was approved by the Global Fund. The grant has been extended till December 31, 2016.

Following the request of the CCM the Global Fund allowed to transfer title of the assets (fixed assets and inventory) procured by the previous PR – GPIC within the first phase of the Global Fund grant agreement #GEO-T-NCDC and #GEO-H-NCDC to the current implementing/service provider organizations at no cost/free of charge.

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