

Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism

Reporting period: September- November 2017

The report outlines the main activities performed by Georgia CCM in the period covering September– November 2017

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 activities/CCM meetings

On October 25, 2017 the meeting of the oversight Committee was held. The dashboards covering period of P4 (HIV) and P2 (TB) were discussed during the meeting. On November 17 the members of the OC attended the meeting with the Global Fund Consultants assessing HIV program. The assessment mission was mainly directed to assessment of the packages of PWID and MSM in Tbilisi and Batumi. On November 9, OC members had a meeting with Ms Gyongyver Jakab, Global Fund Portfolio Manager.

CCM Meetings

One CCM meeting was held during the reporting period (88th CCM meeting, November 24, 2017). Programs implementation status including planned reallocation/reprogramming activities was presented and discussed; it was decided to submit programs continuation requests under the Window 6, on August 6, 2018; the new initiative called end AIDS epidemic in Georgia was presented by Prof. Tengiz Tsertsvadze; it was decided that the issue of reselection of current PR will be brought to e-vote on no-objection basis; the brief outline of the first draft CCM transition plan was presented by EHG Consultants; the possibilities of receiving technical assistance from GIZ were discussed; it was decided to nominate two representatives from the country (from Civil Sector and Government Sector) to the EECA Constituency; the draft Code of Conduct was reviewed and it was decided to solicit inputs from the CCM members on a draft document electronically;

Transitional Planning / CCM Evolution Plan/PAAC

The consultations with EHG consultants on CCM transition plan development were held on a continuous basis; The PAAC meeting #12 was convened on November 22, 2017 to meet with EHG consultants to discuss the draft CCM Transition Plan; On November 24, 2017 at the 88th CCM meeting the EHG consultants presented to the CCM outline an main highlights of the draft plan. The draft CCM transition plan has been distributed to the PAAC members for the comments (deadline December 8, 2017). The consolidated comments were sent to the EHG consultants for the revision of the plan. The questionnaire developed by CCM Hub was distributed among PAAC members and CCM to collect their thoughts on how to evolve the CCMs to achieve greater impact and provide critical information on how the Global Fund can modify and adapt CCMs. The consolidated comments were sent back to the CCM Hub on September 15, 2017.

Elaboration of Funding Requests/PAAC

Planning Meeting on Program Continuation Request Development was conducted on September 22, 2017. The Work-plan was developed. In order to develop the requests in transparent and open format ensuring the meaningful participation of all stakeholders especially those representing KAPs and vulnerable populations and following the decision of the 87th CCM meeting the PAAC composition was expanded, six new members were added. The PAAC meeting #11 was convened on November 7, 2017 to meet with Global Fund Portfolio Manager to discuss the Funding Request preparation process.

TB Clinical Research Coordination Working Group

No meeting was convened during the reporting period. The comprehensive Status Report on ongoing and planned TB research activities was prepared by National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases and submitted to the Secretariat.

Visit of the Global Fund to Georgia

On November 6 - 12 Ms Gyongyver Jakab, Global Fund Portfolio Manager visited Georgia. During the mission meetings with the CCM Chair, PAAC Chair, donor organizations, Principal Recipient, LFA, PAAC, OC, CCM members were held. Site visit to OST, visit to Equality Movement to review of PReP pilot implementation progress, MSM outreach session, site visit to New Vector, site visit to TB ambulatory, Site visit to Infectious Diseases, AIDS and Clinical Immunology Research Centre, the field visit to Zugdidi were conducted. Sites visited in Zugdidi: NSP; FSW targeting services; MSM targeting services; TB program

GFATM grants

Activities of GFATM supported grants are mainly being implemented as planned. Planned reallocation/reprogramming activities were presented and discussed at the 88th CCM meeting of November 24, 2017.

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