



Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism

Reporting period: December 2017– February 2018

**The report outlines the main activities performed by Georgia CCM in the period covering
December 2017– February 2018**

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

Site visit to National Center of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases was conducted on January 16, 2018. The objectives of the visit were: To study closely the GFATM supported project: Provision of Support for Patients with Resistant Tuberculosis to Provide Improvement in Treatment; To collect information on harmonization of the approaches to support TB treatment adherence; To identify possible challenges of program implementation and set up the ways of their addressing.

On January 25-26, 2018 the OC conducted field visit to Batumi, Ajara region. Objective of the visits were: to collect information from SRs and SSRs about the implementation of GFATM-funded programmes, their performance and operations; Review challenges in the process of grant implementation and discuss ways of their overcoming. The project implementation staff and program beneficiaries were met during the visit. Sites of the visit: Batumi Infectious Diseases, AIDS and TB Regional Centre; Batumi Center for Mental Health and Prevention of Addiction. Methadone substitution therapy program; Georgian Harm Reduction Network (GHRN)/Imedi; Center for Information and Counseling on Reproductive Health TANADGOMA, Batumi branch; HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation, Batumi branch; Batumi Resource Center, "Identoba"

On February 1, 2018 the meeting of the oversight Committee was held. The dashboards covering period of Q3 of the year 2017 were discussed during the meeting. The results of the oversight activities were presented at the 89th CCM meeting held on February 9, 2018. The reports were shared with the CCM on-line.

On February 23, 2018 the Oversight field visit to Gori was conducted with the purpose to collect information about the implementation of the programmes, their performance and operations and review challenges in the process of grant implementation and discuss ways of their overcoming. The sites visited: Center for Methadone Substitution Therapy; TB program; GHRN Service Center “Step to the Future”.

CCM Meetings

One CCM meeting was held during the reporting period (89th CCM meeting, February 9, 2018). Main topics of the meeting: HIV and TB grants implementation status/ The process of preparation of funding requests; Savings under current programs/Reprogramming proposals; report of the OC

CCM Civil Society Forum

On February 20, 2018 Civil Society Forum organized by Georgia CCM was conducted. The concept of the forum was developed by the representatives of Civil Sector of Georgia CCM. The forum was very representative. More than 100 participants attended including broad representation of community organizations, KAPs, local NGOs, representatives of the Government Sector and International Organizations. The forum was covered by mass-media. The following topics were presented and discussed: The state support for the transition period / Trends in growth of state funding, the Global Fund current grants, the process of preparation of programs continuation request, HIV/AIDS and TB control current initiatives and the role of the CSOs in their implementation.

TB Clinical Research Coordination Working Group

The 7th meeting of TB Clinical Research Coordination Working Group was convened on January 16, 2018. The current status of clinical studies was discussed during the meeting.

TB-REP HSS National Group Mechanism

On February 19, 2018 TB/HSS working group meeting #2 to discuss accessibility and quality improvement issues for TB outpatient services, as well as the challenges concerning the role of private providers and human resource mobilization in TB control programs; the meeting was implemented in coordination with the TB-REP / HSS project;

GFATM grants

Activities of GFATM supported grants are mainly being implemented as planned. Savings under current programs/Reprogramming proposals were presented at the 89th CCM meeting of February 9, 2018.

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