



Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism

Reporting period: December 2016 – February 2017

**The report outlines the main activities performed by Georgia CCM in the period covering
December 2016 – February 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

CCM Meetings

One CCM meeting was held during the reporting period (85th CCM meeting, December 29, 2016). Main focus of the meeting was introduction of TSP. As per decision of the meeting the consultations with PAAC and other relevant stakeholders was continued and the plan was unanimously approved by the CCM through e-voting on February 6, 2017. The Global Fund Allocation letter was discussed in details. Summary review of the CCM activities, grant implementation status were presented. The attendees were provided with the status update on Regional EECA TB-REP HSS National Group Mechanism as well as with the details on Advocacy Strategy for TB Outpatient Care Model within the framework of TB REP project. The meeting was informed on the results of the following study: Barriers and facilitators of adherence to TB treatment (implemented by CIF) and on the results of the baseline assessment of CSOs and community system engagement in the national TB response conducted within the project financed by Stop TB Partnership and implemented by CIF. Status update on the on-going and planned TB clinical studies was presented.

Meetings of the Oversight Committee/Site visits

Two field visits were conducted during the reporting period (Gori – on January 23, 2017 and Batumi – January 31- February 1, 2017). 7 sites were visited.

TB and HIV Dashboards for P1 (July 1 – September 30, 2016) were shared with the CCM on December 15, 2016. The next OC meeting has been planned for March, 2017.

Transitional Planning

Policy and Advocacy Advisory Committee (PAAC)

PAAC thematic meeting on TSP indicators and targets was convened on December 16, 2016. Following the decision of the 85th CCM meeting PAAC meeting N7 was convened on January 17, 2017. The objectives of the meeting were: to discuss the final version of TSP, M&E Framework and Budget; to give final recommendation for TSP to be presented to CCM for final approval. PAAC approved the TSP final document and recommends it for CCM approval with a condition that the comments proposed during the meeting will be integrated in the final documents. The final document integrating the comments was presented to the CCM for approval.

TB-REP HSS National Group Mechanism

The 1st meeting of TB-REP HSS National Group Mechanism was convened on December 20, 2016. The objectives of the meeting were: to inform group members on TB-REP national group mechanism and its role; to define priority areas and technical assistance needs to improve TB control in Georgia through implementing people centered care models; to define modus operandi of the group.

TB Clinical Research Coordination Working Group

The meeting of TB Research Coordination working Group was conducted on February 28, 2017. The current status of on-going and upcoming clinical studies was presented to the audience and discussed.

Civil Society Forum

On February 23, 2017 Civil Society Forum was organized to promote active participation of CSOs, TB and HIV KAPs and infected persons in national response to HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis. The forum was aimed at discussion of the main dimensions of the Transition and Sustainability Plan and the coordinated actions towards their implementation. The topics of HIV and TB control current initiatives and the role of the CSOs in their implementation, the transitional planning, Global Fund grants and future prospects of financing was covered during the meeting. The ways/barriers and possibilities of strengthened CSOs involvement in national response to Tuberculosis and AIDS, anticipated challenges of transitional period and role of CSOs in this process was actively discussed. The representatives of the CSOs, members of the CCM, the officials from the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, representatives of Government Sector, International organization, the Global Fund attended the meeting. The event was covered by mass media.

Preparation of new funding request

Georgia CCM has started the endeavors for making the development of a new funding request a transparent and inclusive process. The allocation letter was widely distributed and the prospects for future financing was brought to the attention of a broad audience attended the CSO Forum of February 23, 2017 to ensure effective information sharing and broader participation.

GFATM grants

The implementation of NFM GEO-T-NCDC started on January 1, 2017.

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