

Georgia CCM

Report of Oversight Committee

**Reporting Period:
December 2015 – February 2016**

Introduction:

The report outlines the activities implemented by the Oversight Committee (OC) of Georgia Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) during the December 2015 – February 2016. This includes the following:

- **Field visits to Zugdidi and Batumi**
- **New CCM members orientation meeting where OC Chair presented to newly elected CCM members the main principles of oversight**
- **1 dashboard meeting with PIU staff and CCM Secretariat**
- **1 CCM meeting where the recommendations derived from dashboards P7 were presented**

Field Visits

As per decision of the 81st CCM meeting on December 16-18, 2015 the field visits to Zugdidi and Batumi were conducted. *The purpose of the meeting* : Assessment of the current status of implementation of GFATM funded GEO-H-NCDC program and identifying the reason of underachievement in the following indicator: Number of MARPs (IDUs, MSM and FSWs) covered with HIV testing and counselling (including provision of results) to find mechanisms of its improvements.

Note: the HIV dashboard for period (July 1-September 30, 2015) has revealed underachievement of the indicator – 86%. Thus it was important to study the factors determining the indicators to ensure its further improvement.

The following sites were visited:

Zugdidi. 3 sites:

1. Georgia Harm Reduction Network/ Xenoni
2. Tanadgoma
3. AIDS Center

Batumi. 6 sites:

1. Infectious Diseases, AIDS and TB Regional Centre
2. Georgia Harm Reduction Network/ Imedi

3. Center of Narcology
4. Tanadgoma
5. HIV/AIDS Patients Support Foundation

The meeting participants had direct communication with program implementers and beneficiaries (FSWs, MSMs, IDU).

During the meeting with the staff of AIDS Center in Zugdidi the existing and potential challenges, the epidemiological situation in the region and current trends were discussed.

During the meeting with the staff of Infectious Diseases, AIDS and TB Regional Centre the existing and potential challenges, the epidemiological situation in the region and current trends, the topics related to new treatment regimens, implementation of cash incentive scheme, introductions of e-module were discussed.

During the meeting the staff of the Center of Narcology discussion was structured among current status of program implementation, existing and potential challenges in program implementation.

Details on outcomes of each site visit are given in attached field visit report.

It is worthy to note that the coverage of indicator has been further increased and constitutes 93 % in dashboard 7.

New CCM members orientation meeting

On January 20, 2016 orientation meeting for new CCM members was conducted. The substantial portion of the meeting was dedicated to the oversight function of the CM. Mr. David Ananiashvili explained in details the oversight mandate of the CCM. He shared with the audience his experience of being CCM member as well.

Dashboard meeting

On March 7, 2016 the meeting of Oversight Committee dedicated to the discussion of dashboard 7 (October 1 – December 31, 2015). The recommendations of the OC are given below.

HIV Program

1. Underachievement of the programmatic indicator # and % of IDUs reached with HIV prevention programs requires further follow up from PR side, such as study of practices, revision of approaches (rotational schedule of mobile ambulatories), conducting of site visits ensuring involvement of OC.
2. Underachievement of the programmatic indicators # and % of MSM and FSW reached

with HIV prevention programs requires further follow up from OC side, such as obtaining disaggregated data (Tbilisi and Regions).

3. Recommendation on the quality of 1 ml syringes: Mini survey to be conducted **by** GHRN among IDUs to identify shortcomings of the quality.

TB Program.

1. The underachievement of % of laboratories showing adequate performance in external quality assurance for smear microscopy among total number of laboratories that undertake smear microscopy during the reporting period requires follow up from OC with TB Center.
2. The Underachievement of % cases with drug resistant TB started on treatment for MDR TB who were lost to follow up during the first six months of treatment, requires further follow up from PR to study the particular cohort (January- June 2015).

CCM meeting

On March 9, 2016 at the 82nd CCM meeting the recommendations derived from dashboards for period 7 were presented and agreed with the CCM.

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