

The Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program

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Plan of the session:

- Information about the Global Fund's Communities, Rights, and Gender (CRG) Strategic Initiative
- About the Community, Rights and Gender (CRG) Technical Assistance Program, including:
 - Program objectives
 - Who may request\receive TA
 - What type of CRG technical assistance can be requested?
 - Who will provide TA support
 - How to apply
 - That is the process of the approval of the request
 - Examples of the approved TA requests from the last year
- What is the EECA Regional Platform and its role with regard to CRG TA Program
- Q&A.

Moving forward:

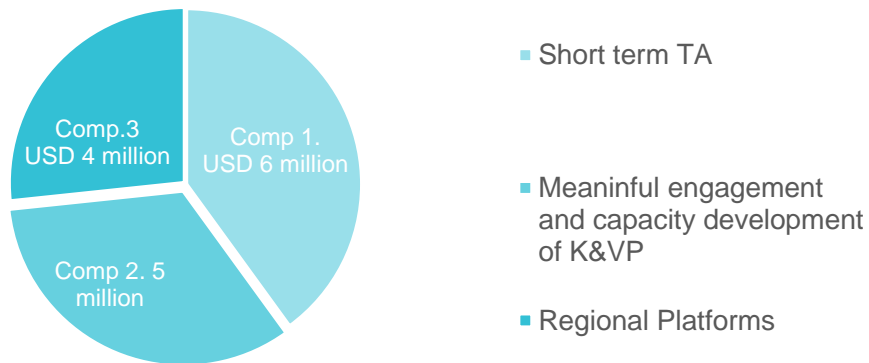
The 2017-2019 CRG-Strategic Initiative

In November 2016, the Global Fund Board reaffirmed its commitment to the strengthening of the voices of civil society in the Global Fund's processes by **approving a new phase** of the Special Initiative (2014-16)

Within the new commitment, now called **Strategic Initiative**, the Fund allocated additional **\$15 million** to be executed throughout 2017-2019 by the three mutually reinforcing components presented below

Aim of the CRG-Strategic Initiative - to ensure that all those who are affected by the three diseases play a meaningful role in Global Fund processes, and that these barriers are effectively addressed

Share of each SI component



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3. Regional Communication and Coordination Platforms

- In Asia Pacific, Anglophone Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Francophone Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Middle East and North Africa will continue to enhance civil society and community coordination and communication. At the end of 2017 six civil society organizations were selected by the Global Fund to host the platforms and the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) has got a new host: the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA).
- While in the first phase of the GRG-SI the Regional Platforms expanded communication of Global Fund process among civil society groups and organizations, the new phase of the initiative will see a stronger role of the platforms in the **coordination of TA needs and opportunities**

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2. Long-term capacity development and meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations

Will continue to support the meaningful engagement of key and vulnerable populations in Global Fund processes in the long-term;

Global networks of HIV KPs

- Direct contract between the Networks and the Global Fund
- 6 Global Networks of HIV KPs were supported by the CRG-SI

AGWY Fund: HER Voice Fund

- Provision of small grants to CS and community groups in 13 AGYW focus countries
- HER Voice website launched on World AIDS Day: www.hervoicefund.org

Malaria

- More focused investment in the engagement of communities affected by Malaria

Tuberculosis

- More focused investment in the engagement of Global and Regional Networks of TB Advocates – 3 TB Networks were supported at the end of April to strengthen the capacity of regional and national TB networks, coalitions and groups of advocates

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1. CRG Short-term Technical Assistance

Now **extended also to cover the grant making and grant implementation phases** (e.g. to enhance the capacity of community organizations to engage in the design of the grant as well as to monitor grant implementation)

Replenishment of pool of TA providers: 26 TA providers with stronger capacity to deliver in key areas including Gender, Human Rights barriers to services, Malaria, TB as well as in emerging areas such as Sustainability, Transition and Co-financing and support to civil society in complex operating environments (COEs).

EECA countries eligible for CRG technical assistance: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

Civil society organizations wanting to engage in GF-related processes can apply at any time, by sending a request form to crgta@theglobalfund.org. TA requests can also be submitted to CRG SI through country teams.

CRG Short-term Technical Assistance

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/funding-model/technical-cooperation/community-rights-gender-technical-assistance-program>

▪ <http://eecaplatform.org/>

Examples of TA request supported in 2017 – Armenia

- Assistance in establishing the CCM CRG Working Group. Development of all relevant documentation regulating the work of the group.
- Support in development of the civil society report on the country's readiness to transition. Its relevant conclusions were integrated into the official CCM report on the transition readiness assessment.
- A 2-days workshop for civil society and communities representatives on the issues of transition from Global Fund support of HIV\TB programs to national funding in Armenia and processes in connection with it.
- A 2-days workshop on budget advocacy issues for civil society and communities representatives.
- Bringing a CCM member from Belarus to take part in the meeting of the Armenian CCM to present on the process of the development of the Transition Plan in Belarus and the role of civil society and community representatives in it.

Examples of TA request supported in 2017 – Bulgaria

- Moderation of a Google group on information and communication for civil society and communities' representatives on sustainability issues.
- Development of a report on the situation with “social contracting” in Bulgaria providing the analysis of main problems and recommendations on next steps to overcome them.
- 2-days workshop on the issues of transition of national HIV and TB programs from the Global Fund support to national funding and ensuring sustainability of services for key groups of population in this process, as well as a 1-day working meeting of CS and official structures representatives on these issues.

Examples of TA request supported in 2017 – Georgia

- Support in developing a Civil Society Organizations' Position document with regard to Georgia's Transition Plan.
- Development of the Information note for community and civil society activists on the Georgian Transition and Sustainability Plan (TSP)
- Development of a WEB-tool for civil society to monitor the implementation of the transition plan
- Organization of a 2-days workshop for CS and Communities' representatives, with participation of other sectors' representatives to develop the approaches to monitoring of the implementation of the Georgian Transition Plan by civil society and communities' representatives. In a follow up to this event the local OSF office expressed an interest to support the establishment of the TSP monitoring group.

EECA Regional Platform and its role with regard to CRG TA Program

The EECA Regional Platform is hosted by the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (Lithuania) <http://harmreductioneurasia.org>

One of the tasks of the Regional Platform is to raise awareness of civil society and communities about technical assistance opportunities under the Global Fund's CRG TA program, and to assist in development of the quality TA requests in Technical Assistance.

Therefore, if you have any questions about filling out the application form, or if you need an advice on the possible content and/or quality of the request, please contact the Regional Platform. <http://eecaplatform.org/>

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QUESTIONS?

Practical exercise

Aim:

To form the understanding of key problems in the context of ensuring communities' meaningful involvement in Global Fund's processes on the country level, as well as to form the understanding of needs in TA for their resolving, in order to help the participants to initiate the process of preparing and submitting a request in TA.

Objectives:

- (1) To formulate the main problems/barriers in insuring a meaningful involvement of CS representatives in GF processes on a country level
- (2) To formulate *concrete activities* in response to concrete needs in TA for problems' solution / barriers' overcoming