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Global Fund Portfolio Manager Visits Kyrgyzstan

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria mission led by Sandra Irbe, Fund Portfolio Manager, visited Kyrgyzstan from January 27 to February 3, 2014. Other members of the mission were Kamilla Nurbaeva and Renata Kamalova.

During the visit, Sandra Irbe met with the management of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, Director of the Republican AIDS Centre, Director-General of the National Centre for Tuberculosis and Director of Republican Narcology Centre to explore the needs and demands of the healthcare system of the republic in order to provide further assistance to Kyrgyzstan.

Also, she met with the community of donors implementing projects to fight AIDS and tuberculosis in the Kyrgyz Republic, and they discussed resource mobilization and closer collaboration to avoid redundancy.

Site visits to sub-recipients of Global Fund grants

During the mission of the Global Fund, site visits were made to governmental and non-governmental organizations taking part in the implementation of Global Fund grants in the Kyrgyz Republic. Nineteen organizations (12 NGOs and 7 governmental organizations) were visited within five days.

The purpose of these site visits was to determine the progress and gaps in sub-recipients' implementation of Global Fund grants as well as to define possible measures to improve the system of financial, administrative, and programme management and to give relevant recommendations.

Global Fund mission meets representatives of civil society organizations

On January 29, representatives of the Global Fund met the heads of NGOs that are sub-recipients of HIV grants in Bishkek. Representatives of twenty non-governmental organizations in Bishkek and Chui Oblast took part in the meeting.



The mission of the Global Fund during a meeting with the sub-recipients

It should be noted that such meetings are important since they let the representatives of the Global Fund hear the representatives of civil society reporting in person about the implementation of Global Fund grants on site and get feedback on the Principal Recipient's implementation of the programme.

Meeting of the Country Coordinating Mechanism with participation of the Global Fund mission

The regular meeting of the Country Coordinating Mechanism to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria at the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic was held on January 30 in Bishkek and was attended by Sandra Irbe.



Ms. Sandra Irbe during a meeting

The country budget and indicators for 2014 within the HIV grant were endorsed during the meeting, and reprogramming of funds under the tuberculosis grant was approved.

Sandra Irbe presented the Global Fund's New Funding Model to the CCM and further activities of Kyrgyzstan regarding HIV and tuberculosis Concept Notes were discussed.

HIV GRANT

Direct agreements with sub-recipients taking part in the implementation of Global Fund grants

In January, UNDP entered into contracts with sub-recipients taking part in the implementation of HIV grant.

The majority of agreements will be valid in the first quarter of 2014 (January to March) since the agreement between the Global Fund and UNDP for 2014 is still being negotiated.



Subrecipients during the signing of contracts

Below is information on agreements entered into:

	Sub-recipient	Duration of agreement	USD
1.	Podruga	Q1 Y2014	15,212
2.	Tais Plus 2	Q1 Y2014	16,329
3.	Tais Plus	Q1 Y2014	21,822
4.	Gvozdika	Q1 Y2014	4,758
5.	Ulukman Daryger	Q1 Y2014	10,717
6.	Ishenim Nuru	Q1 Y2014	5,110
7.	Tendesh	Q1 Y2014	4,031
8.	Anti-AIDS Association	Q1 Y2014	14,878
9.	Rainbow	Q1 Y2014	6,746
10.	Gender Vector	Q1 Y2014	5,956
11.	Republican Centre of Dermatovenereology	Q1 Y2014	16,735
12.	Kyrgyz Indigo	Q1 Y2014	4,999
13.	ZIOM-21	Q1 Y2014	4,995
14.	Alternativa v narkologii	Q1 Y2014	11,852
15.	Plus Centre	Q1 Y2014	9,405
16.	Aman Plus	Q1 Y2014	15,914
17.	Asteria	Q1 Y2014	6171
18.	Musaada	Q1 Y2014	8,929
19.	Garmonia Plus	Q1 Y2014	7,242
20.	Peer to peer	Q1 Y2014	3,421
21.	Rosin-Tsadmir	Q1 Y2014	7,484
22.	RPN	Q1 Y2014	23,920
23.	Socium	Q1 Y2014	15,385

24.	Ayan Delta	Q1 Y2014	19,147
25.	Association "Harm Reduction Network "	Q1 Y2014	44,447
26.	Ranar	Q1 Y2014	9,473
27.	Matrix 2005	Q1 Y2014	22,055
28.	AntiStigma	Q1 Y2014	25,640
29.	Otkrovenie	Q1 Y2014	6,419
30.	Zdorovie I obrazovanie molodezhi v 21 veke	Q1 Y2014	4,995
31.	Association "Solidarity of PLHIV"	Q1 Y2014	21,681
32.	Shag Navstrechu	Q1 Y2014	5,099
33.	Araket Plus	Q1 Y2014	4,478
34.	Prosvet	Q1 Y2014	12,060
35.	Krik Juravlya	Q1 Y2014	5,028
36.	World Health Organization	January 1 to December 31, 2014	258,772
37.	Republican Narcology Centre	January 1 to December 31, 2014	815,947
38.	State Penal Service	January 1 to December 31, 2014	207,793
	Total contracts value		1 750 045

Building capacity of sub-recipients and reporting skills and M&E

In 2013, UNDP was paying special attention to building the capacity of sub-recipients of the Global Fund grant. Thus, diverse training sessions were held for managers, accountants, and other staff of the organizations.

The results of those trainings were seen in the quarterly reports of 2013, which showed the enhancement of programmatic reports over time by the sub-recipients.

Below is the interview with Marina Kisten, - supervisor of NGO "Anti-Stigma" which received an HIV sub-grant. She talks about the results of trainings contributing to capacity building. In the opinion of UNDP, reports of NGO "Anti-Stigma" along with such organizations as "Ravnyi Ravnomu", "Kyrgyz Indigo" and "Prosvet" are exemplary.



Marina Kisten
- curator component on HIV "Antistigma"

Question: "What were the most significant achievements for your organization in 2013?"

- It was a great achievement for us to open the Centre providing temporary accommodation and boarding to PLHIV at Kara-Balta. This centre was opened in October 2013 and it is currently equipped with furniture, household appliances and foodstuffs. In a short period of time we have managed to help 19 PLHIV and 14 people at risk, vulnerable to and affected by HIV. At Kant, we have provided accommodation and boarding services to 72 people including 43 kids.



Center to provide services for PLHIV

Question: "What difficulties did you face when you were implementing the Global Fund grants?"

- Often PLHIV using the services of our foundation do not want to use their customer identification cards. This is often due to discrimination in society and even by medical staff. Those people living with HIV who do not want to lose their jobs because of the stigma refuse to use such cards.

Question: "Are there any problems with filling in the reports to be submitted to the UNDP as the Principal Recipient of the Global Fund grant? If yes, what are they and how did you overcome them?"

- Currently, all problems with filling in the reports are solved since in December 2013 UNDP held training for sub-recipients on how to prepare reports. At the training, we discussed all the questions we had before.

Question: "What trainings did you participate in 2012-2013 organised by UNDP or did you take part on your own to build the capacity of your organization?"

- In the mentioned period our employees took part in the following trainings:
 1. Training for financial experts on how to write an accounting policy for NGOs and Accounting
 2. Training "MSEXCEL –2003"- Basic level
 3. Training "Project administration. Management"
 4. Training "Building capacity of managers"
 5. Training "Client management as a prevention programme and its role in rehabilitation and stability of life of a drug user"
 6. Training on how to prepare financial reports
 7. Training at Kiev on the basis of All-Ukrainian network of PLHIV "Client management of PLHIV to create commitment to ART including working with children"

Remuneration to employees of methadone substitution therapy sites

In its letter dated January 10, 2014, Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic approved the request of UNDP to change the scheme of remunerations to employees of methadone substitution therapy sites.

This request was made because the methadone therapy programme encountered difficulties with the quality of services provided to clients. The joint committee of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic and the UNDP that visited the methadone therapy centres in summer of 2013 paid particular attention to these problems.

Poor quality of the programme has led to a high turnover of patients of methadone therapy centres and, in the opinion of experts, one of the reasons for the poor quality of the programme has been the incorrect motivation of the staff of the methadone therapy centres.

According to the approved remuneration scheme for 2012, employees of methadone maintenance therapy centres received equal amounts regardless of the number of patients they treated. Thus, a narcologist of a centre covering 100 patients received the same wage as a narcologist of a methadone maintenance therapy centre covering 10 patients. According to the new order, remuneration for the staff of methadone maintenance therapy centres has become as follows:



#	Position	Previous remuneration	New remuneration
1.	Consultant	\$US 150	\$US 100 – if the MST centre covers less than 50 people \$US 150 – if the MST centre covers more than 50 people
2.	Narcologist	\$US 200	Base rate = \$US 50 + \$US 3 per every patients of the centre
3.	Nurse	\$US 200	Base rate = \$US 50 + \$US 3 per every patients of the centre
4.	Social worker	\$US 150	Base rate = \$US 80 + \$US 2 per every patients of the centre

In the following issues of our newsletter, we will keep you updated of the results of the transition to the new remuneration system the staff of the methadone substitution therapy centres.

TUBERCULOSIS GRANT

Training for directors of oblast centres to fight tuberculosis, coordinators of MDR-TB and accountants

On January 09, 2014, a two-day training for directors of oblast centres to fight tuberculosis, coordinators of MDR-TB, and accountants involved in the implementation of the tuberculosis grant was held in Bishkek.

This training was held to strengthen the capacity of sub-recipients to implement projects under the tuberculosis grant and to enhance their skills of working with electronic spread sheets.



Participants of the training

During the training, the staffs of tuberculosis facilities were taught the basic principles of work related to making contracts, records management, and reporting insurance contributions. They also mastered the skills of computing payments to medical workers and patients with MDR-TB, tabulating performance indicators, and using Microsoft Excel 2003.

Information on procurement for January 2014

1. Contract with Neman Company was signed for the supply of medical devices in exchange for vouchers under the project of a friendly pharmaceutical service: \$US 2,559.
2. Contract for printing materials was signed under HIV and Tuberculosis grants: \$US 6,512.
3. Contract for the supply of adapted milk formula was signed for children aged 0-12 months under the HIV project covering the needs in 2014: \$US 55,637.
4. Contract signed for broadcasting videos under the HIV grant and news ticker under the tuberculosis grant: \$US 3,947.
5. Contract signed for provision of storage facilities in 2014: \$US 61,243.
6. Contract signed for the supply of respirators under the tuberculosis grant: \$US 157,164.
7. Contract signed for the supply of laboratory materials under the malaria grant: \$US 14,037.
8. Contract signed for the supply of food and hygienic packages under the tuberculosis grant: \$US 2,969.
9. Contracts signed for the supply of dairy products under the tuberculosis grant: \$US 42,653.
10. Contract signed for provision of office premises: \$US 69,180.
11. Contracts signed with sub-recipients: \$US 1 750 045.
12. First quarterly supply of evaporated adapted milk formulas for the Republican AIDS Centre delivered in the amount of \$US 13,754.
13. Contract signed for the supply of ARV drugs in the first six months of 2014: \$US 130,804.

Information on supplies for January 2014

Within the HIV grant:

- Medical devices and short-term HIV tests were delivered: \$US 144,139.
- Computer equipment and thermometers for refrigerators were delivered: \$US 1,665.
- Information and education materials (IEM) were supplied: \$US 844.

Within the Tuberculosis grant:

- Second and third line anti-TB drugs were supplied to oblast tuberculosis centres for the value of \$US 204,885.

Within the Malaria grant:

- Medical devices and anti-malarial drugs were supplied to city and oblast centres of the Department of State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance for the value of \$US 10,592.

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