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01. Technical Support provision

Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (RTSHub, RTSH, EECA Hub)



The technical support areas include, but are not limited to: Policy and advocacy, Community mobilization / civil society strengthening, Treatment, care and support, Behavior change programmes, Health and community systems strengthening, Governance, management and human resources, Strategic and operational planning, Assessment and research, Monitoring, evaluation and reporting systems, Resource mobilization, Financial management.

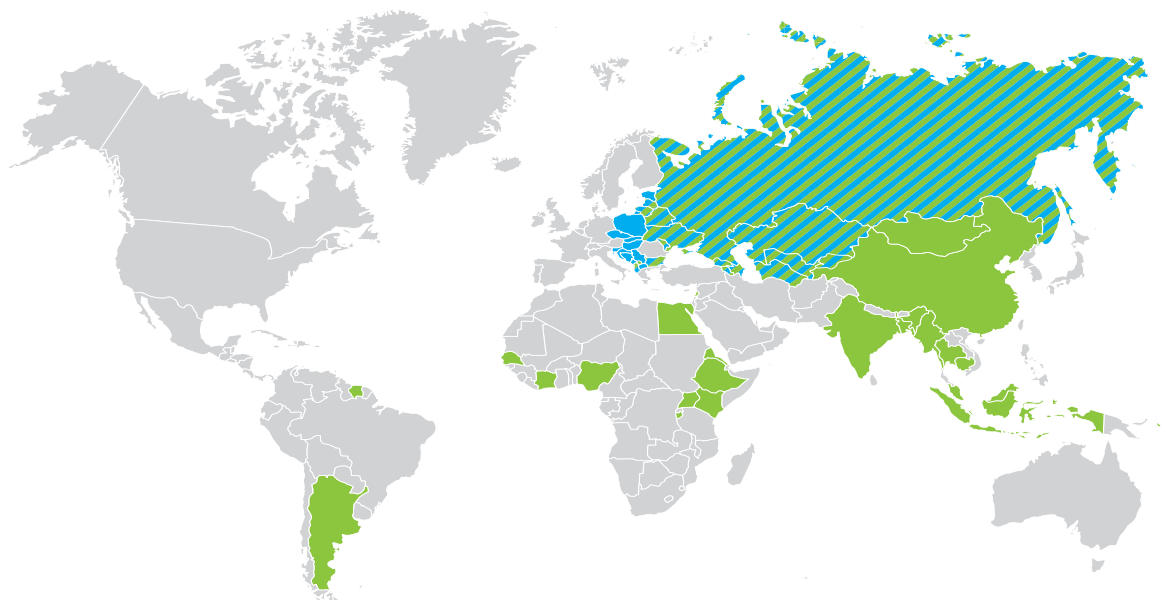
The Regional Technical Support Hub for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (RTSHub, RTSH, EECA Hub) provides long- and short-term sustainable technical assistance (TA, TS) based on best practices to non-governmental organizations / community-based organizations / umbrella organizations, coordinating bodies, including Country Coordinating Mechanisms (CCMs) / governmental organizations, UN agencies and private sector organizations

Geographical coverage of TS Hub and EECA Platform

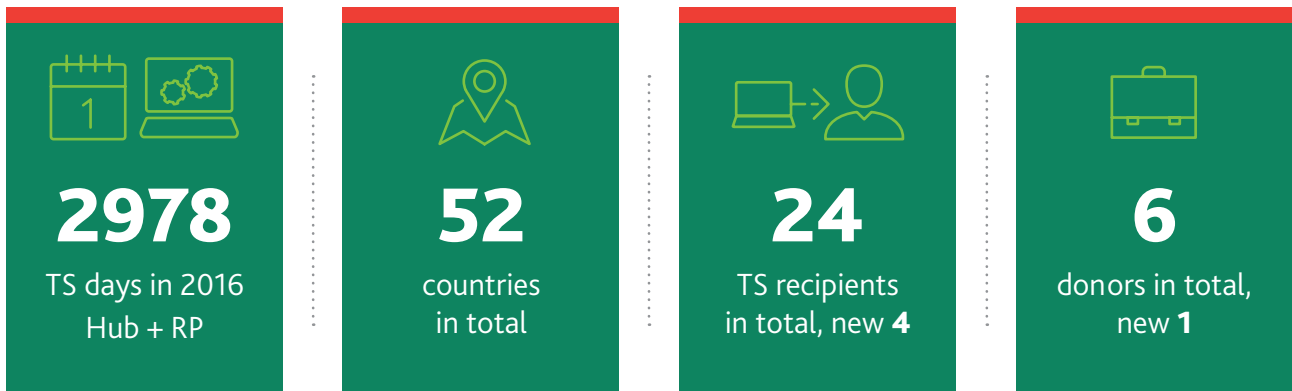
● Hub

● Regional Platform

● Hub and Regional Platform



Indicators



Key projects

LinkUp

a long-term (3.5-year) project of establishing and harmonizing monitoring and evaluation systems in five countries: Bangladesh, Burundi, Myanmar, Uganda, Ethiopia and adapting SyrEx software to adjusted to local contexts. One more big achievement is the development of a unique clients registration code and the program's implementation in coordination with all country stakeholders. During project implementation, we developed capacity of over 100 people from among M & E staff of a number of local organizations to create a comprehensive and robust M & E system in their organizations. The implemented M & E approaches were replicated and scaled-up over other projects which will ensure sustainability of project outcomes.



Harm Reduction Academy

is a global learning, dialogue and skills building course established with the vision to end AIDS and Hepatitis C among people who inject drugs. We conducted 2 Cycles of Academy (Kyiv, Ukraine and Delhi, India) and brought together 30 individuals with a mix of international backgrounds ensuring professional and cultural diversity in the classroom and in the field.



2 GMS

successfully implemented in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan



4 EPAs

successfully implemented in PANCAP region, Surinam, Kenya and Belarus.

2 CRG projects

successfully implemented in Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan "Assess the feasibility of creating organizations of TB patients for their engagement in TB control in Turkmenistan" and "Conduct training for trainers on PDI model and implementing mechanisms in Kyrgyzstan"



2 assessments

"Independent evaluation of the scope and effectiveness of intervention activities among people who inject drugs, supported by the Global Fund in Nigeria" and "Assessment of Country Coordination Mechanism and National AIDS Commission ACS in Burundi, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, Mauritius, Tanzania"

1 training

"Capacity building for CSOs with skills on advocacy for harm reduction in the Eastern Africa Region, CSO harm reduction advocacy guidelines"



02. Regional Platform-EECA

Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform – Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Regional Platform-EECA, RP-EECA)



Donor: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.



Partners: Consortium of key Technical Support providers and community networks in Eastern Europe and Central Asia: EHRN, ECUO, ECOM, SWAN, ENPUD, TBEC.

Consortium Members



Indicators



500

recipients of e-digests on technical support and capacity building opportunities



1000

followers, facebook



5000

users, website



60

addressed requests of CS and community representatives

Key activities, events and achievements

12 distant TA requests and **21 information requests** from CS representatives addressed.



9 PUD community representatives received support to nominate themselves into the CCMs of their countries.

Assessment of needs and gaps in TA among CS and community organisations carried out.

4 webinars on relevant topics for CS and communities of the region



Mapping of CS and community organisations in **29** countries carried out.

RP was presented at **8 meetings**, target audience is acquainted with the project aim and activities, new contacts and partnerships established.

Mapping of donors providing support and/or funding in **29** countries carried out.

Over **400** resources/information materials adapted and presented.

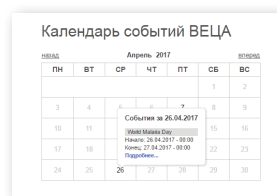


Created

A **unique bilingual** (Eng and Ru) regional web-resource, containing key news, resources, announcements on events and information of receiving TA and funding in the HIV/AIDS and TB responses sphere with a focus on communities, rights and gender issues. eecaplatform.org



Calendar of all key days and events, relevant for EECA CS and communities.



Project **Facebook page:** facebook.com/eeca.platform

Project **Twitter account:** twitter.com/EecalInfo

Project **online learning** platform: courses.eecaplatform.org/

Google group for regular communication and information exchange among the representatives of project partner organisations

Developed

11 issues of e-digest «TA, funding and capacity building: current opportunities digest» in Russian and English

10 publications on the Global Fund communities, rights and gender issues



Online course on the communities' response to HIV and TB epidemics response materials



Guidance for "shadow reporting" of civil society/community participation in GF processes was prepared

Guidance on effective participation of community groups in National Strategic Plans (NSPs), GF processes, mid-term reviews, other national documents which regulate HIV/AIDS and TB response inside countries is prepared

Project presentation leaflet



TA needs and gaps assessment report

03. Research

Alliance Consultancy has been engaged in several major research projects



2 researches were held in the framework of the METIDA project ('M&E-related Technical Assistance and Improved Data application in HIV' – a project funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and being implemented by The International Charitable Foundation "Alliance for Public Health" for the period of 30 September 2012 – 31 March 2018):

MoT – Assessment of reported HIV modes of transmission in Ukraine

The research was planned for interviewing of recently reported HIV cases using enhanced instruments to further improve the estimates of prevalence of HIV risk factors (IDU, MSM, providing or using commercial sex) and consisted of 2 parts: qualitative and quantitative parts.

Qualitative research part: recruited 42 health care providers, 29 for 4 focus groups conducted in 4 cities, 13 for in-depth interviews; technical and qualitative reports were prepared.

Quantitative research part: 9 teams in 8 cities were hired and trained, 2328 randomly selected HIV positive patients (enrolled into care in 7 regions of Ukraine during 2013-2015) were interviewed. Technical and qualitative reports are being prepared, report to be printed in 2017.

Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance (IBBS) Survey among PWID and their sexual partners

Report on National representative Integrated Biological and Behavioral Surveillance (IBBS) Survey among PWID and their sexual partners (9405 PWID and 769 partners were interviewed and tested in 2015) is published: aph.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Monitoring-povedinky-SIN_PROEKT.pdf

Purpose: to track the changes and tendencies in HIV spread and receipt of information on potential behavioral factors related to HIV transmission in the population among key groups to use it in information sharing and advocacy activities, planning, monitoring and evaluation of prevention programs' effectiveness.

Objectives: evaluate/assess HIV, hepatitis B and C and syphilis prevalence among PUDs and their partners, their behavioral patters, connected to HIV-infection, drug use, usage of HIV prevention and treatment services and HIV in these two groups.

Country, place:

PUD research: Ukraine, 29 cities/towns; 25 administrative centres and the Crimea, in Sevastopol and 3 cities of Kyiv Oblast.

PUD partners research: 10 towns/cities.

A Study of Networks, Recruitment and HIV Risks among PWID in Kyiv, Ukraine

Client: Yale University

Country: Ukraine

Organization of preparation and conducting, as well as logistical support of interviewing respondents within the K01 research project.

Purpose: to design and implement a Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) pilot study that would serve as an improvement over the current RDS sampling scheme in the study of HIV and HCV transmissions.

Activities: For this purpose 500 PWID were recruited by RDS, interviewed and tested on 1st wave in December 2015 – April 2016 and 250 randomly selected participants of 1st wave were recruited again, interviewed and tested on 2nd wave in September – December 2016.

Health Facility Assessment umbrella agreement with the Global Fund: HFA secondary analysis for Nigeria and Malawi

Donor: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Countries: Malawi, Nigeria

Activities implemented: Preliminary desk review of Nigeria and Malawi HFA reports and other relevant data sources; review of global indicators and consultations with stakeholders (including routine telephone consultations and meetings, development of indicator matrix).

Microbiology

Country: Ukraine

Client: American Society of Microbiology

Provision of consultancy services to American Society of Microbiology within the implementation framework of the Global Laboratory Capacity Strengthening Program (LabCap) in Ukraine.

Purpose: ensure due tracking of process indicators of CD4 point-of-care test implementation within the system of Ministry of Health of Ukraine, State Penitentiary Service, at other relevant sites and strengthen laboratory capacity of Ukraine for the diagnosis and treatment monitoring of HIV/AIDS.

Activities: consultancies on methods of data collection and entry, data quality assurance and data analysis, provision of findings and recommendations for further program planning and management.

04. Event management/logistic and administrative support of events

Alliance Consultancy has a pool of specialists with extensive experience of organizing and supporting various types of local, national and international events, such as trainings, workshops, conferences, etc.



85

TS days in 2016

M&E-related Technical Assistance and Improved Data application in HIV (METIDA)



Number of events: 15.

Place: Ukraine.

Participants: 463 national and regional M&E staff, doctors, nurses, etc. from various parts of Ukraine

Aim: to increase the professional capacity of monitoring and evaluation staff, representatives of stakeholder and partner organisations, engaged in the implementation of research in HIV/AIDS sphere, analysts, medical workers and other representatives of specialized institutions around Ukraine. The events are directed and raising their awareness, developments of crucial skills for working with data, introduction of up-to-date approached to data analysis and new M&E instruments. Such events will allow to improve the overall process of data collection, aggregation, analysis and interpretation.

The Alliance Centre on HIV, Hepatitis C and Drug Use



Donor: ICF "Alliance for Public Health", The Alliance Centre on HIV, Hepatitis C and Drug Use

Number of events: 2 international

Place: Thailand and Georgia

Participants trained: 59 from different parts of the world

Aim: to develop a strategic advocacy campaign on Hep C in countries that informs and contributes to a global campaign to end Hep C among people who use drugs; strengthening institutional capacity to mainstream a gender perspective in public health.



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