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Regional Partnership Scale 2019-2021

CONSORTIUM











The largest and most comprehensive regional GF project



14 countries and 25 cities are involved



Unique partnership between EECA and SEE countries

OVERALL PROJECT GOALS:



\$73 405 110

ART price optimization and reallocation of relevant economy for HIV prevention services



\$10250000

Increase of national and local HIV funding targeting key populations vulnerable to HIV

280 000 PLHA

Increase in # of PLHA knowing their status (Fast Track Cities, + 75 thousand)

90%

Increase in # of PLHA on ART (90%, or 252 000 in 12 Fast Track Cities)





Goals and objectives for SEE & Balkan countries



To achieve sustainable national HIV response among key populations in the context of donor departure

#SoS_ project objectives at Balkans

To establish and/or institutionalize a sustainable regulatory framework and management mechanism allowing domestic financing of NGOs to implement quality HIV programs

To increase domestic funding for HIV programs from national and municipal sources at the sufficient level to cover most of the estimated need and achieve sustainable funding allocation to NGOs

To strengthen civil society engagement in policy and budgetary decision making processes to achieve relevant programs scope and quality

Progress to date

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Budget advocacy

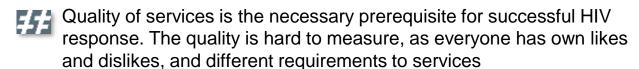
- Unit costing
- Development of country-specific standards of HIV service provision for key populations
- Advocacy for changes in legislation making social contracting possible
- Establishment and ensuring functioning of local coordination councils and development of local programs for combating HIV
- > Capacity building of local NGOs to be competitive at the market of social services provision
- **Unit costing** for key populations interventions conducted for Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and North Macedonia
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** 2 projects of civil society institutions are already funded by municipalities, 2 are expected soon
- Montenegro: our partners were involved in development of the Action plan 2019-2020 for National AIDS strategy 2015 2020. As result, #SoS_project funded priority activities are incorporated in it
- **##** Balkans regional meetings RCM (Podgorica, Montenegro, 26-27 September, 2019), From Donor Support to Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (Skopie, N.Macedonia, 2-3 October, 2019)

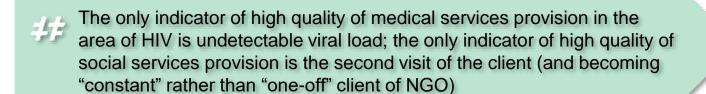


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Quality of HIV-related services







The issue of quality of services is very important and should be taken into consideration by service providers. External reviews by experienced organizations have to be undertaken to ensure non-partisan assessment and evaluation of quality



SoS project is largely concentrated on ensuring sustainable and uninterrupted HIV services in project countries and making funding available. The issues of quality of services are in the area of responsibility of regional partners selected through open call for proposals



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Fast Track CITIes

progress to date



Bosnia and Herzegovina

- ➤ Established contact with three cities to implement Fast Track Initiative: Sarajevo, Bijeljina and Mostar
- ➤ Conducted unit costing for making further adequate calculations in budgeting of Municipal HIV programs for key populations to reach 90-90-90



- ➤ Initiated a dialogue with the Municipality of Skopje in order to establish a working group on HIV, develop a municipal program and sign the Paris Declaration
- ➤ Conducted unit costing for making further adequate calculations in budgeting of Municipal HIV programs for key populations to reach 90-90-90



- Serbian cities of Belgrade, Novi Sad, Šabac, Prokuplje, Zaječar, Loznica, Sombor, Kragujevac chosen to implement Fast Track
- ➤ Dialogue with Belgrade, Novi Sad, Šabac and Zaječar to sign Paris Declarations

Montenegro

Podgorica, Bar, Bjelo Pole have chosen to implement Fast Track Initiative

Paris Declaration on HIV signed:

- December, 2019 **Podgorica**, **Bar** and **Bijelo Polje** (Montenegro)
- January, 2020 **Skopje** (North Macedonia)
- May 2020 **Sarajevo, Mostar, Bijeljina** (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- June, 2020 Sombor, Kragujevac (Serbia)



Removal of Legal Barriers

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EECA Commission Drug Policy: development of analytics, regional candidates (1 step)

Research on drug policies in Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus (2020)





Strategy and main methods for phase one:

1. Search

2. Talk

3. Analyse

4. Report

REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL **PARTNERS**

A Unique Role of Regional KP

Networks: data collection on human rights violations, community mobilization, TG, integration of TB, analysis of transition plans











NATIONAL PARTNERS

Rights-Evidence-ACTion: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Georgia and Moldova:



IT-system for monitoring of, and response to human rights violations, which is managed by grassroots **NGOs**



4 Challenges

Challenges identified in SEE countries

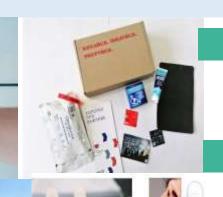
- HIV-related services provided by NGOs were under the risk of interruption when donors left Balkan countries
- In some countries, legislation disables harm reduction services provision by NGOs (e.g. in Montenegro legislation regarding medical wastes)
- Very expensive price of ARVs and very limited access to broad spectrum of cheaper drugs, even brands, and this does not provide for economy and its reallocation to HIV prevention programs
- Patients and medical practitioners have prejudices to changing approaches in HIV treatment (WHO guidelines, optimization of ART regimens)

COVID-19 Related Challenges

- Need to ensure uninterrupted HIV-related services with a view to limitation of transportation and physical distancing
 - Need to ensure supply of HIV and OST drugs for the patients (with a view to closed borders and lack of drugs in the countries)
- Many patients belonging to vulnerable groups and PLHA left without earnings due to closure of their organizations for the lockdown period
- Funding for HIV might be reallocated to combating COVID-19



‡ Recommended changes after COVID-19



Services:

- Harm Reduction 2.0
- Syringe vending machines
- Online-counseling

- ➤ HIV self-testing
- > ART per post
- ➤ ART delivery
- > Take-home OST

Recommendations:

- ➤ Take-home OST for not less ➤ Increase in online conseling than 14 days
- Supplies stocks (including) sanitizers) for harm reduction clients for up to 1 month
- Supplies delivery to harm reduction clients per post/ courier service
- Introduction and promotion of test/syringe vending machines
- > Expansion of HIV self-testing

- services (phone, social networks, messengers, hotlines)
- > ART provision for 3 months and more
- > ART delivery per post, especially when patient visit health facility is impossible
- > The possibility of temporary registration and receiving ART at the place of residence



4 COVID-19 Response

Social Initiatives Map is:

- ★ Online web-site representing
 55 interactive stories of people and communities from 19
 countries on combating #COVID19 and #HIV/A IDS
- ➤ Stories how under the conditions of #COVID19 the services and practice have been changed, which are provided by the community and HIV-servicing organizations in all the countries of the EECA and SEE region



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 ★ Unique regional case on establishment and development of sustainability of services for key populations and people living with HIV













