

## **Workshop concept note**

### **The Regional M&E Workshop for capacity building of national TB surveillance focal points for data collection and reporting to the global TB database 18-19 March, 2020**

#### **1. Introduction**

National TB programs regularly provide inputs to Global TB Data Collection System, which serves as a backbone of global TB control, surveillance, planning and financing database and is reflected in Global TB Report. The data has been instrumental to track the progress and gaps towards reaching global and regional objectives for TB control, as well as progress toward the targets articulated in the M&E framework of the TB-REP 2.0 project.

The Workshop will provide capacity building for national TB counterparts from 11 EECA countries in order to improve completeness, accuracy and validity of data reported.

#### **2. Background and Rational**

Global TB Data Collection system is a backbone for reporting essential data regarding TB control, surveillance, planning and financing. The data collection system has been in place since 90ies, while financial data monitoring system set up in 2002. During this period, the system has undergone numerous modifications and improvements, especially in the face of changing needs in global TB control and objectives.

During the last decade, the role and position of NTP has reshaped in EECA countries. TB services are gradually integrating into general healthcare system, while funding from TB increasingly comes from domestic sources. While national TB surveillance and centralized reporting remains under the responsibility of NTP, financial planning, expenditure and utilization data is often unavailable to National TB focal points for the whole system.

Therefore, strengthening and establishing linkages between TB focal points and national counterparts with knowledge and access to TB financial and utilization data is needed. In addition, expansion of production of Health Accounts in all participating countries creates a space for validation of expenditure and utilization data for TB.

#### **3. Aim and objectives**

The workshop aims to improve quality of reporting in Global TB Data Collection System by national TB focal points in 11 EECA countries. For this purpose, specific objectives of this workshop are:

- To discuss current reporting practices, gaps and issues;
- To present updated WHO European Region-specific section of the global TB data collection form;
- To discuss options for financial data collection and validation for planned budgets and expenditures;
- Establish/strengthen linkages between TB focal points and national health system counterparts responsible for TB budget planning, execution and expenditure tracking.

The workshop will be held over 2 days and would comprise of presentations, discussions and group work exercises.

#### **4. Target group**

The participants of the Workshop will include participants from 11 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Each country team will have two participants meeting the following profile:

1. National NTP focal point, who is responsible for collection, reporting and feedback into the Global TB Data Collection System.

2. National counterpart for TB financial and utilization data: a person who is responsible for national TB budget planning, and execution and expenditure tracking, as well as takes part in donor coordination mechanisms around TB program.