

Ms. Ekaterine Tikaridze,  
Chair of the Georgia Country  
Coordinating Mechanism

Dear Ms. Ekaterine Tikaradze!

Herewith Alliance for Public Health (further referred to as APH) would like to appreciate the collaboration with the Government, Civil Society, Communities and Technical Agencies of Georgia in developing sustainable and efficient responses to HIV/AIDS in the region of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) and request consideration and endorsement of Funding Request approach to implement the Global Fund multicountry program on HIV for 2022-24.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, The Global Fund announced request for proposals 'HIV: Sustainability of services for key populations in Eastern Europe and Central Asia region' for the period of 2022-24. Responding to this Request for Proposals, APH formed a consortium of regional civil society and community organizations, joining forces with WHO EURO, and conducted a broad and inclusive regional dialogue followed by rigorous proposal development process.

Based on the mapping of HIV epidemics, existing national program and country initiatives in response to HIV, consultations with national partners, regional dialogue and expertise from the consortium, and having estimated the greatest regional catalytic value that can be produced by a multicountry program, we have developed program concept and suggested specific interventions to be included to the Funding Request in Georgia. This outline is provided in Annex 1 to this letter.

To ensure that the interventions proposed in a multicountry funding proposal do not duplicate, and are consistent with, initiatives under existing national programs, **we are reaching out to you with a kind request to consider and endorse the funding proposal approach suggested in Annex 1 for Georgia.**

It is important to note that the respective CCMs are not approving the budget, or the specific interventions. Rather, the CCMs are endorsing the overall approach as the funding proposal relates to their country.

We would be grateful if you could consider this proposition and provide a written response to us by April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, featuring the following:

- 1) CCM endorsement of the suggested approach;
- 2) agreement with nomination of APH as the implementer (principal recipient) of the overall multicountry program.

We would be happy to provide any additional information on the approach suggested in the Funding Request. Please, do not hesitate to reach out to us, contacting Tetiana Deshko, Director: International Programs, APH, at: [deshko@aph.org.ua](mailto:deshko@aph.org.ua); mobile/WhatsApp/Telegram/Viber: +380503871614.

With kind regards,

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