

LETTER OF MOTIVATION

To participate in the election to the Steering Committee of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association

I am, Maram Azizmamadov, an employee of the Tajikistan Public Organization “Volunteer”. From 2004 to the present time I have been working as a manager, consultant of the needle and syringe exchange program, advocating for access of PWUD-PLHIV to testing, treatment and care in the Gorna Badkhshan Autonomous Region in the framework of the project carried out by our organization aimed at the prevention of socially significant diseases among PWUD, PLHIV+PWUD in GBAR.

Knowledge of advocacy within harm reduction programs at the national level allowed us within a short time period to open new OST sites for all regions of Tajikistan. Advocacy, access of PWUD-PLHIV to the Harm Reduction, Treatment and Care and Support program are my official and professional duties. But at the same time, my job responsibilities include working on improving my qualification in the specialty at seminars, trainings and conferences, as well as introducing modern methods of ARV treatment into practice and holding the advocacy campaign in particular to reduce the level of stigma, discrimination and contribute to the elimination of inequalities in access to health services for people living with HIV / AIDS in mountain regions, where the prevalence of HIV infection is higher than in other regions of Tajikistan and this is primarily due to the availability of injecting drug use.

I know the strategy of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association and consider myself part of this team in the implementation of the Advocacy Programs and advisory services in the field of Harm Reduction at the national and regional level in the countries of Central Asia. I am convinced that my practical knowledge in the field of working with the key population, and education and knowledge that I have received participating in international discussions will be able to contribute to the name and achievement of the Association.

Expected results of the work can be:

- Advocacy
- reduction of stigma and discrimination of PWUD
- Improving the access of PWUD PLHIV to the Harm Reduction Program, ARVs, the community and professionals in building adherence to treatment.
- improving the social adaptation of PWUD
- Conducting training sessions for HR program participants, specialists and general practitioners in the prevention of socially significant diseases.