

Request for Proposals (RFP)

Grants to support the community-led activities focused on ensuring the sustainability of HIV / TB responses among KAPs within the transition from the Global Fund's support to national funding in Republic of Armenia and Republic of Kosovo

RFP Number	EHRA-11-04
RFP Title	Sub-grants Armenia/Kosovo
RFP Closing Date and time:	15th of December 2021 23:59 CET
Proposal Submission Address:	info@harmreductioneurasia.org

Background

The Eurasian Harm Reduction Association (EHRA) invites initiative groups, organizations of communities of people living with or affected by HIV and TB, as well as non-governmental HIV and TB focused organizations being involved into the implementation of Global Fund grants at the national level in Republic of Armenia and Republic of Kosovo, to apply for grants within the open tendering process.

Armenia (HIV) and Kosovo (HIV, TB) are 2 EECA countries being scheduled for transition from the Global Fund's support in 2020-2022. These countries moved to upper middle income status between 2018-2020 and received transition funding for 2020-2022 allocation period¹.

It is very important to ensure that civil society including communities (including people using drugs, men having sex with men, trans*gender people, people living with or affected by TB or HIV, migrants, former inmates) play a key role in the transition related processes being meaningfully involved into relevant decision making, monitoring and implementation processes. One of the major aims for the civil society should be ensuring the components of HIV and TB responses of a major priority for the key affected populations remain sustained within the transition from the Global Fund's support to national funding. Different approaches could be used in achieving that, including the community led monitoring of the implementation of the national transition plan, identification of the existing gaps in transition process, advocating for certain sustainability measures including the community led budget advocacy etc.

EHRA is planning to support in these two countries the community-led activities aimed on reinforcing the country's preparedness /readiness for transition of HIV/TB response among KAPs from Global Fund's support to national funding.

¹ https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/9017/core_projectedtransitionsby2028_list_en.pdf

PRIORITY AREAS FOR SUPPORT

The applicants are expected to formulate the problem they would like to address with the use of this grant, the project aim and objectives as well as to propose the activities for the implementation within the grant project and clearly describe the expected results and project impact on the sustainability of the components of HIV and TB responses of a major priority for the key affected populations within the transition from the Global Fund's support to national funding.

The proposed project activities must address problem(s) prioritized by one or several key affected communities and fit one of the next priority areas for support:

- Community led monitoring of the relevant transition related process;
- Coordination/consolidation of different community efforts in watchdogging of the transitioning processes and advocacy;
- Community led advocacy focused on ensuring the sustainability of HIV/TB response among KAPs within the transition.

IMPLEMENTATION TIME: January - July 2022

LANGUAGES: English

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS:

- be registered as a legal entity in Republic of Armenia or Republic of Kosovo; in case of initiative group, it should have a financial agent registered in one of these countries.
- only NGOs, non-for-profit organizations can apply. Initiative groups also can apply, but their financial agent should be NGO or non-for-profit organization.
- work with / represent / provide services / advocate for the needs of key populations affected by HIV and / or TB at the national level.
- Ensure coordination and consolidation of the content of the grant proposal with key partners in the country being involved into the Global Fund related national processes.

No more than 2 grants will be awarded (1 grant per each country) for the period up to 6 months of implementation. The budget limit for each grant is US \$ 6,500.

HOW TO APPLY

To be eligible as a EHRA's sub-recipient, any organization or individual must comply with the Eurasian Harm Reduction Association Code of Ethics which you can find at the following link: <https://harmreductioneurasia.org/ehra-code-of-ethics/>

To apply, please send the following documents by 15th of December 2021 23:59 CET at info@harmreductioneurasia.org:

- 1) Filled application form, signed with the organization director or responsible representative.
- 2) Filled work plan and budget in Excel format.

3) Annex 1 - Registration document of the organization translated into Russian or English.

In the subject line of your e-mail please indicate **the RFP number, RFP title and name of the organisation. Otherwise, the application will not be considered.** Applicants who have submitted an incomplete package of documents will not be considered as tender participants!

This announcement shall not be construed as a contract or a commitment of any kind. This request for proposals in no way obligates EHRA to award a contract, nor does it commit EHRA to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of the proposals.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The submitted applications will be evaluated by the selection committee comprised on EHRA Secretariat members. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the received applications (the maximum possible number of points is 100, the minimum required number is 80 points):

- Problem statement (20);
- Clear and achievable aim and objectives of the grant (20);
- Realistic and clear grant activities (20);
- Financial and administrative capacity of the organization to implement the grant within the specified time frame. Including: realistic and justified budget (20).
- Coordination of proposal content with key partners (20).