

Minutes as of March 30, 2009

Soros Foundation-Moldova
Reunion room, 14:00

Agenda items:

1. Distribution of transportation means in order to extend HIV prevention activities within vulnerable groups (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Round 6) - Vitalie Slobozian, Soros Foundation-Moldova
2. Miscellaneous.

List of participants:

1. S. Gheorghita, AIDS Centre
2. V. Tataru, secretariat NCC TB/AIDS
3. V. Vasiliev, Republican Narcological Dispensary (RND)
4. L. Caraulan, UCIMP, TB/AIDS Programme
5. C. Zara, secretariat Union of Organizations Working in Harm Reduction, NGO "Youth for Right to Live", Balti
6. A. Iovita, UNAIDS
7. L. Gherman, Soros Foundation-Moldova, TWG leader
8. V. Slobozian, Soros Foundation-Moldova, TWG secretary

1. Distribution of transportation means in order to extend HIV prevention activities within vulnerable groups (Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Round 6)

V. Slobozian informed the audience on transportation means, budgeted to be procured within the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Round 6 Grant, in order to extend HIV prevention activities within vulnerable groups (IDU-2 units, CSW-2 units). The procurement was carried out by the UCIMP.

During the meeting of the TWG Vulnerable Groups as of December 12, 2008, it was decided to distribute one transportation mean in Chisinau to NGO "Medical Reforms" (Director A. Leorda) and one in Balti to NGO "Youth for Right to Live", Balti (Director I. Biriucova), aiming at extending the HIV prevention activities among CSW.

According to the decisions made within the same meeting (Minutes as of December 12, 2008, point 4 b), interested organizations, which implement HIV prevention activities for IDU in Chisinau and Tiraspol should present a letter of interest (explaining the need of the transportation mean, the activities of the organization and experience in implementing harm reduction activities for IDU).

The message was sent to all organizations, which could be interested, as of February 5, 2009. The deadline for submission of letters of interest was February 16, 2009.

V. Slobozian mentioned that in order to avoid conflict of interests, TWG members, representatives of organizations which submitted letter of interests, were not invited to participate in the meeting.

The following criteria were taken into consideration by assessing the requests: 1) number of beneficiaries-IDU; 2) number of suburbs covered; 3) NGO experience in implementing harm

reduction activities targeted to IDU; 4) argumentation of the need for transportation mean to improve and extend HIV prevention activities among IDU.

The following organizations have submitted the letters of interest by the deadline:

1. Chisinau

	Name
1	Penitentiary Institutions Department under the auspices of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova
2	Innovative Projects within Penitentiaries
3	New Life
4	For Present and Future (ex ARS-SIDA)

2. Tiraspol

	Name
1	Healthy Future (ex Future Generation)

The letters of interest on behalf of organizations were presented to the participants (attachment no.1).

The Harm Reduction Team of Soros Foundation-Moldova compiled a brief presentation on each organization, based on their reports of activities submitted to Harm Reduction Team by January 1, 2009 (attachment no.2). No conflict of interests was identified.

Taking into account the presented information and following discussions, it was **unanimously decided** to distribute one transportation mean in Chisinau, to NGO “**For Present and Future**” (Director N. Tudoreanu) and in Tiraspol, to NGO “**Healthy Future**” (Director L. Andropova, coordinator V. Stepanov).

2. Miscellaneous

L. Gherman, informed the participants about the meeting of the National Commission of Experts, established by the Ministry of Health, as of March 24, 2009. The meeting had the aim to review the proposals received, which are going to be included within Grant Proposal on behalf of the Republic of Moldova to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Round IX. The audience was informed that the activities presented in harm reduction area were identified as priority activities.

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Slobozian Vitalie
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