



UNDP / Global Fund Project February Update: Effective Control

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Under the Global Fund grant, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) continues to support efforts to end tuberculosis and HIV in Kyrgyzstan. Our work consists in providing best quality and free drugs for all patients on treatment and in need, improving diagnosis, organizing education and prevention activities, supporting NGOs, communities and patients. Here's an update of our February activities.

UNDP / Global Fund Project helps to diagnose children for tuberculosis



In the framework of the Global Fund grant, the UNDP helps **diagnose children for tuberculosis with MRI** (magnetic resonance imaging). The MRI is funded by the UNDP for children with suspected TB symptoms or who were in close contact with a TB patient, upon request of doctors. This is crucial for **timely starting TB treatment for children**. TB in children can present different symptoms and be difficult to diagnose, so treatment is usually delayed, making it more difficult to cure young patients. MRI allow to confirm TB diagnostic at earlier stages of the disease.

[In 2019, 616 children were tested for TB with an MRI](#)

As a result, TB diagnosis was confirmed for 157 of them, and they were immediately started on the correct treatment. 459 children were diagnosed with other diseases.

The UNDP / Global Fund Project empowers organizations working to fight HIV



Bishkek, February 26-27-28

The UNDP organized a three day training for NGOs and institutions working together with the Global Fund to fight HIV in Kyrgyzstan. Directors and M&E specialists discussed the results of the 2019 projects, as well as their planned activities, targets and goals for the coming year. Together with UNDP specialists, participants discussed current topics and opportunities for the effective control of HIV in the country.

A key moment was the gender equality training, provided by the UNDP Gender Equality Team, who works all year long to ensure that all UNDP-funded projects work to protect women and build equal rights. The discussion included society questions such as bride kidnapping, divorce, and stigma. Participants actively discussed gender issues and learned how to include gender equality and sensitivity into their HIV projects. The UNDP will further its work on gender rights in 2020 via the catalytic funds.

The UNDP and the NGOs also worked on effective monitoring and evaluation in the implementation of HIV prevention, care and support. Participants shared problems and difficulties regarding monitoring, agreed on targets and were trained on how to use the MIS database. A post-test showed significant improvement.





Key stakeholders and partners in TB & HIV continue to plan the new Global Fund grant



Bishkek, February 18

Alexey Bobrik, Global Fund portfolio manager for Kyrgyzstan, visited Kyrgyzstan to **overview progress in the Global Fund grant implementation** and help the country **effectively plan the future activities** in the field of HIV and TB. Together with the UNDP, who is implementing the Global Fund grant, he met with national and international partners (Ministry of Health, donors, NGOs, communities) and took part in the country dialogue process.

The UNDP continues to **participate in the discussions and planning process of the new Global Fund grant** with its partners. The Global Fund to fight AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis allocated more than 26 million USD to Kyrgyzstan for 2021-2023, to help the country eliminate HIV and TB. The funds will be used to prevent TB and HIV among key populations and purchase quality drugs for the treatment of these diseases. All partners, including government institutions, doctors, donors, international projects, NGOs, communities and patients, have the chance to give their opinion during country dialogues, which are organized to ensure effective use of the Global Fund grant.

The UNDP has been successfully implementing the Global Fund grants in Kyrgyzstan since 2011. Thanks to its experience in purchasing quality drugs, tests and other health products, improving diagnostic, involving communities and preventing the diseases, the UNDP is a key actor in the country dialogues.







The UNDP ensures quality drug management

On February 27-28, the UNDP organized a **training in Osh** for health care workers responsible for drug management from Osh, Batken and Jalalabad regions. Participants were familiarized with existing guidelines and instruments for drug management. They also participated in practical exercises on counting and ordering anti-TB drugs.

In order to guarantee **effective and continuous treatment** for TB patients, it's necessary to introduce **quality drug management**. This means receiving anti-TB drugs on time, ensuring the availability of drugs in places where patients receive their treatment, providing proper storage condition, monitoring expiration dates...

The monitoring visits conducted by the UNDP and partners in 2018 and 2019 showed that there were some lacks in drug management at the local levels and that the decree provided by the Ministry in 2016 was not always respected. In 2020, the UNDP will organize a series of trainings for medical workers at the local and regional levels throughout the country to ensure better drug management of anti-TB drugs.

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