

# SIX REGIONAL PLATFORMS FOR COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

Part of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria's  
Special Initiative on Community, Rights and Gender



## CORE OBJECTIVES OF THE REGIONAL PLATFORMS:

- Enhance knowledge of civil society and community groups on the Global Fund and access to technical assistance/support
- Coordinate with other technical assistance initiatives and programs in the region
- Improve understanding of TA/capacity development gaps and needs of civil society and community groups
- Strengthen and develop strategic civil society and community capacity development initiatives



## THE CRG SPECIAL INITIATIVE REGIONAL COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION PLATFORMS WORK TO:

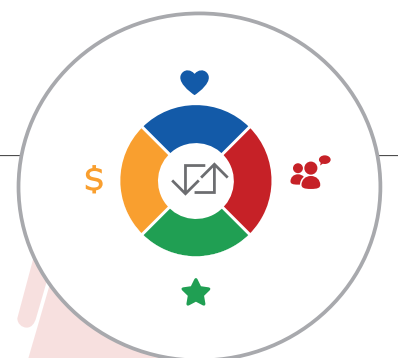
- Compile and update listservs and or mappings of civil society/community groups in the region
- Disseminate by email/web/conference calls regular information in appropriate languages on issues related to the Global Fund, New Funding Model, and TA. Audience: national level civil society/community groups
- Provide regular information to other TA initiatives and programs in the region about any planned TA and information activities being conducted by the Regional Platform
- Conduct national level studies of access to information, TA and capacity development among civil society and communities in a sample of countries in the region
- Strengthen civil society and community groups capacity to effectively participate in mid-term reviews and national strategic planning and policy processes for HIV, tuberculosis and malaria

## ASIA AND THE PACIFIC PLATFORM HOST: APCASO

- Compiling a directory of key civil society and community groups working in the region, including actors working in TB and malaria.
- Developing information fact sheets and discussion papers to enhance civil society and community knowledge on Global Fund related processes and TA opportunities such as on: 1) Understanding the CCM; 2) Understanding the Global Fund key population strategy and CSS Framework; 3) Human Rights and the three diseases; and 4) Community engagement under the New Funding Model (NFM).
- Providing ad-hoc support to civil society and community groups in developing requests for Global Fund CRG short-term TA such as to the Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV (APN+) on its regional concept note development and Greater Mekong Sub-region Malaria Civil Society Platform for its engagement in regional dialogue and concept note development.
- Providing critical technical support to Platform members to operationalise CRG-related issues in malaria and TB
- Conducting in-depth CRG TA Needs Assessments in: Indonesia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Pakistan, India, Lao PDR, and for civil society involved in the Greater Mekong Sub-region Regional Artemisinin Initiative (RAI).
- Reviewing Global Fund Concept Notes from across the region to analyse and report on the extent to which community and civil society priorities have been included and the extent to which the inclusion was meaningful.
- Undertaking guest speaker Q & As on CRG TA introduction at meetings of key population networks as well as of malaria and TB advocates.
- Website: <http://apcaso.org/>

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For Anglophone Africa

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- Has a current listserv of 1280f subscribers and a newsletter service that goes out to three groups: a.) civil society and community groups, b.) civil society and community groups on the CCM, and c.) civil society PRs and SRs
- Currently undertaking a mapping of civil society and community groups in the region; to date have database of 200 organisations with extensive details to share with partners and key stakeholders
- Developed 12 newsletters (approx. one per month) distributed on: opportunities for accessing Global Fund TA and the Introduction to the Global Fund Community Guide
- Produced 18 "Community Guides" (9 English & 9 Portuguese) on the Global Fund, the Global Fund's Strategy for 2017-2022, the Gender Equality Strategy, the SOGI Strategy, the Gender Equality Action Plan, the Key Populations Action Plan, the Challenging Operating Environments Policy, The Sustainability, Transitions and Co-financing Policy, and the Allocation Methodology for 2017-2019.
- Supported civil society and community groups in 15 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to access technical assistance, including: South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia and Uganda.
- The Regional Platform served to link the South African National AIDS Council with the STOP TB Partnership TA opportunity, and reviewing drafts of their application, helping them to request support to engage potential civil society SRs to apply as part of the new national grant.
- Website: [www.eannaso.org/anglorccp](http://www.eannaso.org/anglorccp)



## ANGLOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM HOST: Eastern Africa National Networks of AIDS Service Organisations (EANNASO)

# Middle east and North Africa Platform Host: International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC-MENA)

- Conducted a mapping of civil society and community groups, including representatives of CCMs among 80 organisations for mailing list and Platform listserv
- Currently have a Facebook page posting materials related to Global Fund processes translated into three languages
- Regularly disseminate technical assistance opportunities and information to community listserv, including list of current TA providers
- Organisation of cross NGO, community and technical assistance provider working group to inform TA providers of needs and challenges of civil society and communities
- Supported ATP+ (Association Tunisienne de Prévention Positive) and AGD (Association pour les gestionnaires du développement) Mauritanie to apply for TA with Initiative 5%
- Conducted a regional survey to determine the needs and challenges of civil society and community groups working in the three diseases with regards to Global Fund processes, i.e. NFM and access to TA—17 associations in 5 countries
- Organized the first workshop involving key populations represented in MENA CCMs for sharing experiences and strategies for effective representation.
- Website: [www.facebook.com/PlateformeRegionalMENA](http://www.facebook.com/PlateformeRegionalMENA)



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## • EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA PLATFORM HOST:

**CONSORTIA OF SIX REGIONAL PARTNERS AND NETWORKS INCLUDING ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (ALLIANCE UKRAINE CONSULTANCY), THE EURASIAN HARM REDUCTION NETWORK (EHRN), THE EAST EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA UNION OF PLWH (ECUO), THE EURASIAN NETWORK OF PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS (ENPUD), SEX WORKERS' RIGHTS ADVOCACY NETWORK (SWAN), EURASIAN COALITION ON MALE HEALTH (ECOM) AND TB EUROPE COALITION**

- The EECA Platform functions as a sustainable coordination mechanism being implemented by key TA providers and community networks in the region
- Undertaken a mapping of over 500 civil society and community organisations in 29 countries
- Conducting a TA gaps and needs assessment among CS and community organisations in the region, 50 organisations reached so far
- Developed a bilingual (English and Russian) EECA Resource Centre with key documents and tools on CRG, Technical Support and the Global Fund related issues and an EECA events calendar
- An estimated 1475 e-mails regularly covered by key information, including the TA, funding and capacity building current opportunities digest
- Have provided ad-hoc long-distance support to CSOs in response to 21 requests so far
- Designing an e-learning course on Community engagement in the country dialogue and HIV and TB responses and planning a corresponding workshop
- Website: [www.eecaplatform.org](http://www.eecaplatform.org); Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/eecaplatform/>; e-mail: [info@eecaplatform.org](mailto:info@eecaplatform.org)



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## FRANCOPHONE AFRICA PLATFORM HOST: Réseau Accès aux Médicaments Essentiels (RAME)

- Works across 18 francophone countries in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Developed of a community database of 995 individuals/organisations
- To date has sent 677 emails to civil society and communities in 18 countries and to 30 technical assistance providers on Global Fund-related information/calls for proposals for funding and TA
- Conducted situation analysis in 14 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, Cote D'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, RDC, Sénégal, Tchad, Togo
- Provided ad hoc support to Guinea (REGAP+) and Cote D'Ivoire (RAP+AO) to more effectively engage in processes related to NFM
- Website: [www.prf-fondsmondial.org/fr](http://www.prf-fondsmondial.org/fr)



## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN PLATFORM HOST: Centro Regional de Asistencia Técnica para Latinoamérica y el Caribe/ CRAT (Via Libre)

- Compiled a database incorporating the databases/ mappings of national and regional networks in 37 Latin America and Caribbean countries
- Development of communication platform document database with 72 documents on Global Fund-related processes and information related to technical assistance (in English and Spanish); the communication strategy includes a monthly Newsletter and Social Networks presence
- Formally coordinates with Global Coalition of TB Activists and with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance (Portal SIDA and Key Correspondents) to strengthen support to civil society and communities in the region on TB-related issues/ interventions
- Participated in the Panama meeting (March 2016) on sustainability and transition to determine key priorities and concerns of civil society and communities/key populations
- Working with the CRG Special Initiative short-term TA component to support civil society and communities that are no longer eligible for Global Fund financing in the transition to domestic financing for health
- Website: <http://plataformalac.org>



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