Country Dialogue Narrative

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This document aims to capture the country dialogue process for the development and finalization of the funding request to the Global Fund. This information will be used by the Global Fund to assess the effectiveness of the process and assess compliance with CCM Eligibility Requirement 1.

Country dialogue is an open and inclusive conversation between different stakeholders who respond to and are affected by the diseases in the country. It is crucial to funding request development as it forms the basis for determining what should be included in the funding request. Country dialogue should also be ongoing throughout the grant life cycle.

For guidance on the country dialogue process, please refer to the [Preparing for Country Dialogue in the 2023-2025 Funding Cycle eLearning](https://theglobalfund.csod.com/DeepLink/ProcessRedirect.aspx?module=loRegisterAndLaunch&lo=e92ab83a-37b8-405d-9b4c-64684a7e4013).[[1]](#footnote-2)

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| **Considering the above, please describe the process undertaken to engage a broad range of stakeholders in the country dialogue leading to the development of the funding request. These stakeholders should include non-CCM members, civil society, communities affected by the three diseases, health systems stakeholders, and other relevant experts.** |
| On December 20, 2022, the HIV and TB Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic received official notification that $27,400,758 had been allocated to the country for HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and building resilient and sustainable systems for health (RSSH), and $500,000 in catalytic Matching Funds for scaling up programs to remove human rights and gender related barriers. To ensure a broad country dialogue, Kyrgyzstan began preparations as early as the beginning of 2022. Due to changes in the country's legislation, adoption of a new Constitution, laws on the Cabinet of Ministers, and changes in laws on the regulations of the Government, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic revised and approved the regulation on the Coordinating Council on Public Health and the HIV and TB Committee.[[2]](#footnote-3) The Regulation revised the quotas for civil society members and introduced representatives from prisoner communities, transgender people and migrants/youth into the Committee. Being guided by the new Regulation and with the support of partners, the community forums were held during the summer of 2022 to increase the involvement in the decision-making mechanisms and proceedings. In the fall of 2022, there was held a National Civil Society Forum, where 9 main nominees and 9 alternates from the affected communities and NGOs[[3]](#footnote-4) were elected. At the same time, the state and international sectors proposed their nominees to the Committee. Since November 2022 the new composition of the HIV and TB Committee became effective. Prior to receiving the letter from the GF on the possibility of submitting a country funding request (FR), training on the GF procedures, CCM requirements, country dialogue and oversight processes was provided to all Committee members.  After receiving the letter from the GF, the Committee decided to form a working consultative and expert working group to develop the FR, which included representatives from all KVPs. Each community and sector nominated their own candidates to the working group, some of whom were elected to the working group back at the National Civil Society Forum (fall 2022).  To ensure support for the development of the country FR, all international partners were approached for technical assistance in the development process. UNAIDS, STOP TB, GIZ, USAID, EHRA, Partnership Network Association and others supported the development of the country FR. Timely consultations were provided by WHO and the GF team.  All members of the working group held meetings to inform their sectors about the priorities of the GF, the structure of the funding request, and possible available amounts, and held discussions, collecting needs to be included in the FR. For example, all communities during January-February 2023 (PLHIV, PWUD, SW, TG, MSM, and prisoners), with the technical support of partners (EHRA, UNAIDS, GIZ, and the GF funds for CCM), held meetings in their communities[[4]](#footnote-5) in the regions of the country, and conducted needs surveys. More than 150 representatives of the KVPs were reached by the events. Minutes of the meetings and lists of needs were sent to the members of the working group. In addition, round tables were held with the participation of the broad range of stakeholders, including KVPs, NGOs, international agencies, government organizations, where the activities of the FR were also discussed and written recommendations on the priorities and activities of the FR were sent to the working group, HIV and TB Committee.  The members of the working group, representing all sectors and all KVPs, based on the recommendations received from their communities, independently developed the activities of the FR under the modules affecting their groups, participated in all expanded meetings of the working group, in the sector discussions of the FR and in the meetings of the HIV and TB Committee to discuss the activities included in the FR.  At the same time, an extensive mailing list for NGOs and communities exists (country\_dialogue@googlegroups.com) and the draft FR, including budget and performance framework was sent to this mailing list. Comments and suggestions were received from the mailing list participants, which were then either taken into account or clarifications were given.  The Ministry of Health together with the Republican Center for the Control of Bloodborne Viral Hepatitis and HIV, the National TB Center conducted their own discussions on the activities of the funding request. Deputy Minister of Health, Chair of the HIV and TB Committee Arykbaeva B.K. met with heads of subsidiary institutions to discuss the activities of the FR, priorities.  The draft of the country FR was put up for discussion at the round table with more than 100 invited participants before the meeting of the HIV and TB Committee where comments and recommendations were also received for inclusion in the country FR.  In accordance with the Committee procedures, the Country Funding Request was reviewed and endorsed by a majority vote of the Committee's application sector, and was endorsed by a majority vote at the 06.03.2023 HIV and TB Committee (CCM) meeting. Eighteen members, including all representatives of the KVPs, voted yes and two (the National TB Center manager and the Cure TB Project Officer) abstained. Note: The Committee consists of 23 members. |

1. Preparing for Country Dialogue in the 2023-2025 Funding Cycle eLearning (Registration on [iLearn](https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/ilearn/) required: https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/ilearn/) - https://theglobalfund.csod.com/DeepLink/ProcessRedirect.aspx?module=loRegisterAndLaunch&lo=e92ab83a-37b8-405d-9b4c-64684a7e4013 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. http://hivtbcc.kg/npa/27-postanovlenie-o-ksoz-pri-km-kr-ot-15-dekabrja-2022-goda-678.html [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. http://hivtbcc.kg/pages/members.html [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Key priorities please see in “FR1405-KGZ-C\_11\_Funding priorities from Civil Society and Communities” [↑](#footnote-ref-5)