

## THE FORTH CENTRAL ASIAN FORUM OF PARTNERS WORKING ON HIV PREVENTION

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### RESOLUTION

HIV epidemic still remains to be a crushing burden for the countries of Central Asia region. The main goal of activities of all partner organizations working in the field of HIV prevention is stabilization of spreading of epidemic at the concentrated level by applying joint efforts at national and regional levels.

Implementation of National programs on AIDS control has a positive impact on an epidemiological situation. However, according to the results of epidemiological surveillance, the level of HIV infection spreading, especially among vulnerable groups of the population, has been increasing. Over recent years political leaders of countries of the region have realized the strategic importance of strengthening the control over HIV spreading.

Result of positive changes in perception and attitude to this problem in the Central Asian states was the increase of financing starting 2005 (both from internal and external sources) of programs on HIV prevention. This has resulted in strengthening of inter-sectoral and inter-governmental cooperation with the purpose of effective HIV counteraction; programs on antiretroviral treatments of HIV infection have been extended as well. Significant numbers of international partners are working in the region in this area. However, at present, issues of coordination of counteraction on HIV epidemic at the national level require immediate intervention and positive response.

Problems and perspectives of coordination of HIV epidemic counteraction at the national and regional levels were topics of extensive discussion in the course of the Fourth the Central Asian Forum of Partners.

**Participants of the Fourth Central Asia Forum of Partners working on HIV prevention consider it necessary to:**

1. Emphasize sound positive experience in the sphere of HIV prevention gathered in the result of implementation of activities of all partner organizations.
2. Make integrated efforts for improvement of coordination of activities of all stakeholders working at the national levels in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan with involvement of government authorities, concerned ministries and departments, public organizations and international partners.
3. Promote modernization of existing models of Country Coordination Committees on HIV and AIDS Control that will involve wider representation of civil society in their structures, strengthen their supervising role over all activities on HIV and AIDS that are being implemented in the countries, irrespective of source of financing.
4. Give special priority to the development of regional cooperation with assistance of international organizations and projects through carrying out regional forums, academic and research conferences, thematic workshops that will contribute to the advancement and solution of vital issues.

5. Consider it rational to make amendments to the draft Regional Strategy on HIV Control in Central Asia for the period of 2010-2015 taking into consideration other infectious diseases.
6. Continue joint work on creation of Regional database covering all spectrums of epidemiological data characterizing growth of epidemic, packages of developed educational resources, and results of various evaluation researches.
7. Provide technical assistance to the countries of the region in designing new National programs of HIV and AIDS counteraction.
8. Considering increasing level of professionalism of civil society organizations ensure wider involvement of representatives of nongovernmental organizations (NGO), including representatives of people living with HIV and those involved in the given issue, in implementation of prevention programs.
9. Promote expansion of NGO number, foresee mechanisms for support and sustainable development of new nongovernmental organizations that would lead to efficiency of measures being undertaken, and expand coverage of target groups by programs directed to epidemic prevention.
10. Strengthen efforts on building stable partnership relationship with representatives of mass media in order to ensure qualitative and regular coverage of HIV and AIDS subjects in means of mass media.
11. Considering time limitations of activities of Projects/Grants ensure continuation of work and successful application of gathered positive experience.
12. Arrange and carry out in 2010 the Fifth Central Asia Forum of Partners working on HIV Prevention in the expanded format through joint financial and technical resources of international organizations and projects; make special emphasis on consideration of issues of national coordination, status of implementation of programs on harm reduction and status of issue on combination of infections (HIV/TB), results of national and regional researches, experience of religious leaders, ensuring comprehensive approach while providing antiretroviral therapy to people living with HIV.

Organizers of the Forum will inform relevant government officials, concerned ministries and departments of participating countries on results of Fourth Central Asian Forum of Partners working on HIV prevention.

Participants of Forum will consider the accepted Resolution, inform all concerned partner organizations and use it as a guide for planning of activities for 2010.