

Evaluation Report on the country's potential on establishment of Regional HIV/AIDS Training Courses

Within February - March of the current year the team of specialists of RPMU have been on business trip to Dushanbe, Tashkent, Bishkek and Almaty with the purpose of gathering information on available teaching materials, conducted trainings, available databases on the prepared trainers in the field of HIV/AIDS prophylaxis and treatment within the territory of the project's countries-participants. The following employees of RPMU have taken part in this work: Component 1 Coordinator Chinara Seitliyeva, Public Health Services Specialist Tatyana Surdina, National Advisers on Regional Training Centers (RTC) support: Venera Baisugurova (Kazakhstan), Tynychtykbek Asanov (Kyrgyzstan), Mehri Sulaimanova (Tajikistan) and Zhahongir Mahmudov (Uzbekistan).

The specialists have been sent on business trips according to the RPMU orders №7, 24/01/07 and №14, 09/02/2007 with the following schedule:

- February, 25 - March, 1 – Dushanbe
- March, 4 - March, 8 – Tashkent
- March, 14 - March, 17 – Bishkek
- In Almaty the working meetings have been conducted within February-March.

Dushanbe. 19 working meetings have been conducted with:

- Deputy Minister of Public Health Services, Chief State Sanitary Doctor Mr. Mirzoev
- Director of the Republican AIDS Center Mr. Ruziyev
- Director of the Republican Center of Healthy Lifestyle Mr. Sharipov
- Director of the Republican Narcology Center Mr. Malakhov
- State Government Youth Affairs Committee Coordinator Mr. Miraliev
- Deputy Director of Academy of Pedagogical Sciences Mr. Kadyrov
- Heads of CA countries offices of the international organizations (UNICEF, AFEW, PSI, DDRP, CAPACITY, and UNFPA) and four nongovernmental organizations.

Very important meeting took place with representatives of the International Migration Organization (IMO) in Tajikistan. The given organization can be the key partner for RTC establishing on work with migrants in Tajikistan. At the moment the work on the memorandum of cooperation executing between CAAP and IMO of Tajikistan is being conducted. During the visit the specialists of RPMU have taken part in work of the Round Table «Problems and prospects of external labor migration management in the Republic of Tajikistan» where heads of all interested state, international and nongovernmental organizations participated and the issues of interaction on the given problem, including prophylaxis of HIV/AIDS, were discussed.

Tashkent. 16 working meetings have been conducted with:

- Chief of the State Sanitary-and-Epidemiological Surveillance Department of the Health Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan Mr. Saidaliyev
- Head of «Health and sport» Department of the Republican Education Center of the National Education Ministry of the Republic of Uzbekistan Ms. Salihova
- Head Doctor of the city Narcological Clinic Mr. Mustafin
- Heads and Specialists of CA countries offices of the international organizations (CARHAP World Vision Uzbekistan, AFEW, PSI, GFATM, UNESCO, UNODC, Society of the Red Half moon, WHO) and five NGO.

Bishkek. 13 working meetings have been conducted with:

- Deputy Head of the Reforming Management Department of the Justice Ministry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. Beishenaliyev
- Legal Department Supervisor of the Labour and Social Protection Ministry Ms. Tabaldiyeva,
- Rector of Social Development and Business Institute Mr. Tabyshev,
- Specialist of the Education and Science Ministry, «Healthy generation» Project Manager, Ms. Gorkina,
- Specialist of the State Migration and Employment Committee Sarygulov,
- Director of the Republican Health Strengthening center Ms. Aiatmurzayeva

- Director of the Republican AIDS Center Mr. Mamatov
- Director of the Republican Narcology Center Mr. Tokubayev
- Heads and specialists of the international organizations in Kyrgyzstan (WHO, GFATM, PSI, CARHAP) and three NGO.

Almaty. 15 meetings Have been conducted with:

- Deputy Director of the Republican Institute of Teachers Professional Skills Improvement Ms. Dorozhkina
- Director of National Center for problems of Healthy Lifestyle Development Mr. Tulebayev
- Director of the Republican AIDS Center, Ms. Khasanova
- Heads of the Epidemiology sub-department of Institute of doctors professional skills improvement and Kazakhstan National Medical University Ms. Tiyesova-Bertalina and Mr. Amireyev
- UNAIDS National Adviser Mr. Alexander Kossukhin
- Coordinator of UNESCO HIV/AIDS programs Galina Li, AFEW Regional Director Mr. Nicolas Cantau, DDRP Programs Director Ms. Galina Karmanova
- Coordinator of UNIFEM programs Ms. Natalia Veredova
- Heads and specialists of PSI and CAPACITY
- Heads of 3 NGO.

All the above-stated organizations have shared the developed teaching materials and have expressed readiness for cooperation in preparation of the advanced educational modules, and also preparation of trainers for RTC work.

As a result of the working meeting with UNIFEM the decision to include in training programs of all 4 Regional training courses the gender aspects was accepted. In this connection, the memorandum of cooperation between CAAP and UNIFEM is being prepared now.

As a result of the above-stated fact-finding visits to the countries the team of specialists of RPMU managed to conduct the working meetings with representatives of all key organizations, that deal with subjects of training in the field of HIV epidemic counteraction in the countries and to agree upon cooperation in the given area. Extremely prominent aspect was that the coordination about teamwork is received from representatives of the Ministries and departments, the state organizations who have taken with enthusiasm the initiatives of RPMU in the field of education: systematization of training process, institutionalization of the teaching materials and the main thing - the regional approach in questions of preparation and retraining of personnel on HIV/AIDS issues.

During the work it has been noted, that the high need for realization of educational programs on various issues of HIV epidemic counteraction is observed in all countries.

The executed working meetings have allowed to define the concrete organizations and prepared trainers in all countries-participants of the project which could become key figures in development of teaching materials for regional training courses.

Conclusions:

1. For development of educational modules and training courses as a whole, for each RTC it is necessary to generate the regional working groups of advisers including representatives of all countries-participants of the project and, if necessary, international technical advisers, with the purpose of maintenance of the regional approach.
2. **RTC on work with youth (Almaty):** in all four countries there is a sufficient experience on development and introduction of training modules, there is a potential of trainers and authors of the teaching materials who are trained on the various foreign bases. The Adviser of this RTC Venera Baisugurova herself is the trainer of the international class and the co-author of practically all manuals developed for Kazakhstan. Thus, teaching materials can be developed by forces of local advisers without attraction of the international technical help. In the future the advisers developing or reconsidering available educational modules could be trainers of RTC.

3. **RTC on Harm Reduction programs (Bishkek):** the best practices on this issue are saved up in Kyrgyzstan, and the National Adviser of this RTC Mr. Asanov, according to his previous activity was a key figure on introduction of these programs in the country. Besides, in three other countries there are the leaders working in the field of education on similar issues. Thus, creation of teaching materials is also possible by the forces of local advisers who in the future could teach the modules, acting as RTC trainers.
4. **RTC on work with migrants (Dushanbe):** the labour migration is the major problem in Tajikistan where the attempts to solve the issues connected with this problem are lifted up to the state level. However the educational component in the given direction practically has not been developed. In the Republic of Tajikistan the international migration organization carries out a number of projects, within the limits of which, some educational modules have been already developed, additional researches are being carried out. In other countries-participants the trainings on the problems connected with migration, with any target groups are not being conducted. Thus, all the countries noted the extreme necessity of developing teaching materials and conduction of trainings on the given question since the problem of labour migration takes place in all countries. It is necessary to attract international technical help for development of teaching materials for this RTC and then to conduct a training seminar for trainers who will teach this course.
5. **RTC on treatment and care (Tashkent):** in all countries-participants of the project the questions of PLWH treatment are based on the approved clinical reports which, on a recognition of all countries, now demand revision. At the same time, all the countries mark sharp necessity for establishing and developing training center in this direction as the questions of treatment and, especially care, practically are not mentioned by any existing curriculums. It is known, that the WHO at the end of 2006 has reconsidered clinical reports which now are being translated into Russian. Thus, work on creation of teaching materials for this RTC should be conducted in close communication with WHO and with obligatory assistance of the international technical advisers. Besides it is expedient to organize training of the National Adviser of this RTC and people who will be selected as trainers of RTC on the base of training center of WHO in Ukraine.
6. The Educational modules created by the regional working groups and imposed in uniform training courses for each RTC should pass reviewing of the state, international and nongovernmental organizations then should be approved in the countries.
7. Considering that for RTC on work with youth and for RTC on harm reduction programs, there is already a sufficient potential in the countries. Promotion of these Centers and conduction of the first regional training course is possible in the current year.

Following steps:

1. Preparation of the situational analyses of establishment and development of RTC in each country with precise definition of the subsequent steps (till April, 6).
2. Selection of local advisers for work in Regional Working Groups on creation of teaching materials in each RTC (April).
3. Estimation of necessary volume of the international technical help for development of curriculums and conduction of selection procedures of the international technical advisers (April-May).
4. Work of Regional Working Groups on creation of:
 - educational modules;
 - curriculums;
 - criteria of selection of trainers for teaching courses and for studying (April-June)
5. Conduction of RTC trainers selection procedures (May)
6. Reviewing of the created teaching materials and their approvals (June-September)
7. Conduction of seminars for preparation of RTC trainers on the created curriculums (June-July)
8. Conduction of the first regional training courses (September-November).

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