

Central Asian AIDS Control Project
Progress report of activities planned in 2006

Action direction	Actions planned	Status of action realization by January, 1, 2007
A. Administration, monitoring and evaluation		
1. Legal status of RPMU.	Signing of Guest Agreement between RPMU and the Government of Kazakhstan	The Guest Agreement has been approved by Governmental order of RK , 01.09.06. # 829
	Ratification of the Guest Agreement by the President of RK	<p>The guest Agreement between Government of RK and RPMU about conditions of RPMU stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan was ratified on December, 8th 2006, # 196 - III 3RK.</p> <p>Now RPMU is and will remain the Corporate Fund of RK (the legal form) with the status of the international organization.</p> <p>Ratification of the given Agreement will allow to solve the following problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees of RPMU and members of their families (not residents) will be accredited within a month that gives them the right to work in Kazakhstan. • From the moment of ratification of the Agreement it is expected, that all the goods and services will not be assessed with the VAT and the customs duties
	Ratification of the Grants Agreement in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan	<p>Kyrgyzstan - it is ratified by the Law of KYRGYZ REPUBLIC on 22 12.2005;</p> <p>Tajikistan - it is not ratified (it is planned to be ratified in 1st quarter of 2007)</p> <p>Uzbekistan - it is ratified by the President of THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN on December, 28th 2005.</p>
2. Fiducial services.	Definition of fiducial agencies in the countries and signing of the Agreement on joint cooperation	<p>With the purpose to meet the conditions of the Grants Agreement on clearing the goods and the services purchased under the Project, in the countries, RPMU carried out the negotiations with the various international organizations for granting fiducial services.</p> <p>By the present moment the agreement with UNDP Regional Office "Strengthening of long-term potential AIDS conetration" within the limits of which it is planned to hire the special staff for carrying out of fiducial services for RPMU.</p>
	Introduction of the international system of book keeping – 1C	All financial records under the charges of the Project have been implemented in 1C system at a regional level. The 1C program is not introduced on counteis level as cooperation in 2006 has not been started.
	Decrease in tariffs for service in Kazkommertsbank	By the results of negotiations with Kazkommertsbank insignificant discounts have been received.
3. Monitoring of the project implementation.	Revision and the approval of the project indicators (Results	RPMU staff together with GAMET has carred out the work on revision of the Project indicators offered during preparation of design of the Project.

	Framework)	Now comments from the international partners working in region - UNAIDS, CDC, Capacity have been received. It is planned to collect the base indicators up to the end of January in all countries
4. Management of the project.	Carrying out of RSC sessions	In 2006 during 5 sessions of RSC where the important questions, concerning the legal status, RPMU residence, the approval of the budget, etc. have been discussed, Session # 2 - Bishkek (on March, 17th) Session # 3 - a videoconference (on July, 7th) Session # 4 - a videoconference (on August, 28th) Session # 5 - a videoconference (on October, 2nd) Session # 6 - Samarkand (on December, 10th)
B. Regional Coordination and policy development		
1. National conferences on start of the project.	The organization and carrying out of national conferences in four countries.	In May - June the Conferences on project start in all four countries with participation of the state and nongovernmental structures, and also the international partners have been organized. Employees of RPMU had made presentations about the purposes, problems, structure, the components, planned actions.
2. Establishment of the Regional "Forum of the Partners".	Together with UNAIDS the organization of meetings of partners from the international organizations and projects for information interchange and discussion of joint regional activity.	On December, 11-12th, 2006 in Samarkand the First Regional Forum of partners was held. The basic purpose of the given action was association of efforts of the international organizations, projects and national partners on effective utilization of resources for HIV counteraction. Participants of the Forum have communicated about the actions planned in the countries of the Central Asia for 2007, have discussed regional initiatives. Central Asia AIDS Control Project has presented the analysis of results of the first grant round.
3. Review of the legislation in the field of HIV prevention and treatment.	Attraction of the technical help for rendering services on technologies of work with members of parliament.	The Agreement on mutual Cooperation with "Transatlantic partners against AIDS", Moscow, Russia has been signed. Within the limits of the given Agreement the International parliamentary conference on a theme : "Epidemic of HIV in the countries of the Central Asia and the Eastern Europe: legislative maintenance of measures on counteraction of HIV spread and priorities of inter-regional cooperation" has been organized.
	Involving of the persons making decision in questions of HIV counteraction.	On September, 25th, 2006 under initiative of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic the International parliamentary conference was held. Ministers of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the Kirghiz Republic, of Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, deputies of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, Parliaments of the countries of the Central Asia, representatives of regional regulatory authorities of the Russian Federation, Transatlantic partners against AIDS (ТППТС) and CAAP RPMU have taken part in conference At the International parliamentary conference the questions on prospects and priority directions of improvement of the legislation in sphere of HIV distribution prevention in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have been discussed with application of the international experience. The decision on creation of inter-parliamentary working group onb the analysis of the legislation in sphere of HIV in the countries-participants of the project has been accepted.

	Creation of Inter-parliamentary working group	The Inter-parliamentary working group consisting of 8 persons (representatives of 4 countries) has been created. The Memorandum of mutual cooperation and the Plan of action for 2007 has been prepared.
	Working visits to the Russian Federation on studying an operational experience with members of the parliament	In June, 2006, the deputies of Parliament of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have taken part in the International conference "HIV/AIDS in the countries of Eurasia and a role "The Groups of eight in the struggle against epidemic".
	Organization of regular meetings of workers of the state structures and NGO etc. and other interested persons on the review of the legislation of the country	As a result of regular meetings with the state and nongovernmental structures, and also the international organizations (UNAIDS, Capacity) the decision on revision of originally planned directions on the review of the legislation was accepted, namely to help national partners with strengthening the role of national coordination mechanisms, as one of the component of Triune Principles of UNAIDS. Within the limits of the signed Memorandum of cooperation with CAPACITY the Plan of action has been prepared.
5. Involving religious leaders into work with the population concerning HIV counteraction.	The technical help on development of materials and methods of training.	The Memorandum of mutual cooperation with "AIDSInfoshare" about attraction of attention of Muslim leaders in work with the population on HIV prevention has been signed. With their technical assistance the Regional Round table with participation of the Expert in the field of theology from Iran has been prepared.
	A round table for leaders of Islam in Tajikistan.	In Tajikistan, on December, 4th, 2006 the Regional Round table on the theme "Humanism of Islam as means of HIV epidemic distribution counteraction in the countries of Central Asia and priorities of inter-regional cooperation" was held. Representatives of Muslim clergy of the Central Asia, Committees and Agencies on affairs of religion, representatives of Ministries of Health of three CA states (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan), and also experts from Iran and Russia have taken part in the given action. Active discussion of an operational experience of Muslim leaders in Iran and Kyrgyzstan took place. Results of the researches concerning the attitude of the Islam towards HIV prevention have been presented for discussion. As a result of the Round Table the Plan of the further actions at a regional level on preparation of curriculums for trainers -Muslims on work with the population was accepted.
6. Assistance to creation and financing of work of constant secretaries NCC in THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN.	Purchase of office furniture, IT equipment, access to the Internet.	The coordinated List of office furniture and the equipment for National co-ordinating committees in the countries has been prepared, their delivery comes to the end.
7. Strengthening of NCC and secretaries NCC potential .	The organization of a training seminar for members of NCC of Tajikistan on the basis of Secretary CMCC of the Kirghiz Republic	Under the request of NCC Secretary of Tajikistan the training seminar on the basis of Secretary CMCC of Kyrgyzstan with the purpose of an exchange of experience under the program of management and coordination of activity has been planned. Necessity for carrying out of the given action has disappeared because of the decision of the given question from other sources of financing.
8. Studying of groups of risk.	Carrying out of research in pilot regions (together with CAPACITY)	Research is closely connected with the large Grant which has been won by the PSI's "Program of prevention and the use of drugs and distributions of HIV among youth of 15 - 24 years old in four CA republics". Considering, that realization of

		the Grant has not begun yet, the planned research is postponed for 2007.
9. Educational tours, conferences, seminars.	Conferences on AIDS (Moscow, New York, Iran, the Meeting of Prime ministers of the Caribbean Region for RSC members), etc.	The project finances participation of interested persons in following conferences and seminars: - Moscow - "Conference on HIV/AIDS issues in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia", May, 17 persons from the countries-participants of the project; - Moscow - the International parliamentary conference "HIV/AIDS in the countries of Eurasia and the role of the Big 8 group in epidemic counteraction". Deputies (4 persons from Parliaments of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan); - New York - Participation in special session of General Assembly of the United Nations concerning HIV - Iran "Interstate consultations concerning HIV prevention among PUN" – Central Asian delegation consisting of 20 persons; - Washington, the British Virgin islands - Meeting of Central Asian delegation in Washington with officials of the World Bank and participation at VI annual Meeting of the Countries of Caribbean basin concerning HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) - 5 persons
10. Development of the Regional database on investments in the field of HIV/AIDS.	Technical support for development of the Database on investments into HIV/AIDS prevention on CA countries level	Under the recommendation of the international adviser (Alberto Gonimo) the Decision was accepted, that introduction of CRIS with technical assistance of UNAIDS allows to obtain these data in case of introduction of the given module and the Software in the countries. As a result of numerous discussions the decision on creation of the Regional information database (CARISA) on the basis of the CAAP was accepted. The concept of creation of the given Software is prepared by UNAIDS. Development of software is planned for 2007
C. Communication strategy promotion		
1. Information support of actions of the project.	Distribution of the information through mass-media.	All actions of the project have been covered in mass-media (announcements, press releases, press conferences, performances on TV, interview).
2. Information-advertising campaign of actions of the project.	Manufacturing/adaptation of the clips, films.	Audio- and videoclips for broadcast on TV and radio concerning the first grant round have been made.
3. Corporate image of the Project.	Design of corporate image of the company.	On a competitive basis the Technical help on development of corporate image of the Project (logo, web-page, forms, notebooks, etc.) has been involved.
	Design of countries web-pages.	At a stage of development.
5. Training of journalists at a regional level.	Technical support on the review of mass-media and development of curriculums.	Within the limits of the Memorandum of mutual cooperation with "Transatlantic partners against AIDS" training tour for three experts of RPMU - IT the Expert, PR the-expert and the Coordinator on PR on a theme "Development of communications in region " has been organized.

	Preparation and organization of annual seminars.	Four journalists from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan have taken part in annual training for journalists concerning coverage of HIV/AIDS theme in mass-media (was held in Russia).
6. Competition among journalists of mass-media on a theme "HIV/AIDS-prevention, treatment and care"	The announcement in the press, placement on CAAP and partners site.	Annual Competition for journalists guidelines have been developed together with the Project of Global Fund in Kyrgyzstan. Competition is declared in July, 2006.
	Activity on evaluation of the jury of competition.	In all countries the special competent Commissions according to the works presented for participation in Competition have been created. Competition is lead in three countries, except for Kazakhstan owing to absence of applications from journalists
	Awards for journalists	Hand out of prizes for winners of Competition has been dated for the World AIDS Day - on December, 1st. It has been covered in all mass-media in CA countries
7. Support and distribution of printed editions for informing the public on actions in the field of HIV/AIDS.	Carrying out of marketing researches.	Marketing researches on use of available printed editions have been done in four countries, for informing the public on actions which have been carried out within the limits of the Project. The decision on placement of the information in already existing editions is accepted in each country, instead of usage or creation of Regional journal
	Quarterly duplicating and distribution.	The design of the monthly Newsletter, reflecting introduction of actions of the Project has been developed (in Russian and English languages). The Newsletter is placed on the website.
D. HIV-Electronic Surveillance		
1. Promotion of the legal base on HIV-ES.	Development of forms on registration and the reporting.	Together with CDC and countries experts HIV cases reporting registration forms have been developed
	Carrying out of the Round table, discussing the Order on introduction of HIV-ES in pilot regions.	On November, 21-22st 2006 in Almaty the Round table with participation of the interested experts from the countries-participants of the project on discussion of following steps for 2007 in introduction of Uniform system of HIV cases electronic tracking. The offer on introduction of the unified common form in all four countries is approved by Decision of RSC (6 session).
E. HIV-Sentinel Surveillance		
1. Strengthening of material base in 13 pilot regions.	Purchase of the specialized labware for 13 pilot regions.	The List of needed parts, technical specifications for the equipment have been prepared and coordinated with the countries.

	Purchase of motor vehicles for 13 pilot regions.	The List of needed parts, technical specifications for cars have been prepared.
	Purchase of generators for 10 pilot regions.	The List of needed parts, technical specifications for generators have been prepared.
	Purchase of computers for 13 pilot regions.	The List of the necessary computer equipment have been prepared.
	Purchase of the test kits and other materials to the labware.	The List of needed parts, technical specifications for purchases have been prepared.
2. Informing of countries experts about SS regional initiatives .	Carrying out of National conferences on SS launch.	In three countries, except for Kazakhstan, National conferences on discussion of following steps on SS implementation have been conducted.
3. The situational analysis in pilot regions.	The technical help (local, selection at a regional level).	Together with local experts in 2006 the evaluation visits to 13 pilot sites have been finished,
4. Increase in potential of SS experts of pilot regions.	Carrying out of training seminars.	For experts of pilot regions in Uzbekistan training seminars with participation of CDC experts. In other countries carrying out of seminars is planned for 2007.

F. M&E Regional system

1. Strengthening of potential of the country in the field of M&E.	Carrying out of joint Mission with GAMET, CARHAP, UNAIDS, Capacity, CDC.	In April-May, 2006 the Joint Mission with international partners have been carried out in all countries. The report has been prepared, needs of the countries for SS system strengthening have been defined
	Hiring of SS experts in the countries.	By results of the Mission, at the end of 2006 in the countries following experts have been hired: Kazakhstan - 1 Expert on M&E (Ministry of Health); Kyrgyzstan - 1 Expert on M&E (RPMU National office); Tajikistan - 3 Experts in the fields of M&E, work with vulnerable groups and legislation (NCC Secretariat); Uzbekistan - 2 Experts in the fields of M&E, work with vulnerable groups (the AIDS Center)
	Purchase of office furniture and the computer equipment.	Office equipment in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan has been bought, In Uzbekistan and Tajikistan the tenders are being conducted, the delivery is expected.
2. Promotion of Regional M&E system.	Annual conferences/meetings TPF on discussion of Regional M&E system creation prospects.	In the current year numerous discussions on promotion of Regional M&E system have been carried out with participation of UNAIDS, GAMET, CDC, Capacity. The decision on stage-by-stage promotion of this issue has been accepted. In 2007 promotion of the Regional information database on HIV has been planned as first step. The conceptual document has been prepared by UNAIDS.

G. Human resources development

1. Creation Regional Training ToT Centers in the countries.	Carrying out of joint Mission with the international partners.	In April - May, 2006 joint Mission has been conducted with participation of GAMET, CARHAP, UNAIDS, Capacity, CDC on studying potential of the country for creation of the Regional training centers on preparation of trainers in the countries. RTC Directions: Kazakhstan - work with youth; Kyrgyzstan – harm reduction; Tajikistan - work with migrants; Uzbekistan - treatment and care. In all four countries the base organizations for RTC accommodation, needs for the equipment and the personnel have been defined.
	Hiring of the personnel on training in the countries.	In all countries at the end of 2006 the hiring process of 4 experts on support of the Regional ToT training centers and 4 experts on coordination of training programs has been finished.
	Purchase of office furniture and the computer equipment for the employed experts and Bases of the training centers.	In Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan purchase of necessary office and computer equipment has been carried out. In Uzbekistan and Tajikistan delivery of the equipment in the beginning of 2007 is expected.
2. Strengthening of RTC potential.	The technical help on development of teaching materials and methods of teaching.	2 Memorandums of mutual cooperation with "Open health institute" Public Fund and "AIDSinfoshare" (Russia) have been signed. 2 RPMU experts have taken part in Training tour on studying experience in regions of Russia regarding introduction of some directions of HIV prevention (August-September). The Technical project has been developed for the international advisers on rendering assistance in RTC development
3. Strengthening of potential of employees of Central Asian criminally-executive system.	Carrying out of the Forum for criminally-executive system and partners of the international organizations.	On September, 20-22th, 2006 jointly with AFEW the First Central Asian Regional Forum concerning drug usage and infectious diseases in prisons has been conducted. By the results of the event the Resolution and the Address of the Forum participants to the Members of parliament of Central Asian countries has been accepted.
4. The equipment for videoconferences.	Purchase and installation of the equipment in the countries.	According to the consultations with the experts of the World Bank technical specifications for purchase of the corresponding equipment have been prepared. Telecommunication opportunities of the countries on the equipment functioning have been studied.
H. Regional AIDS Fund		
1. The information company.	Development of audio-and videoclips on TV, radio in 5 languages (Russian, Kazakh, Kirghiz, Tajik, Uzbek).	Audio- and videoclips for broadcast on TV and radio concerning the first grant round have been made. The contracts with mass-media audio-videoclips broadcasting on TV and radio have been signed.

	Creation of a database of the state and nongovernmental establishments, and also the international organizations working in the field of HIV prevention. Creation of a database	With assistance of national and international partners the Database has been created. The information on the First grants round has been given to all partners, placed in mass-media of four countries, and also on Project's website www.caap.info
2. The first Grants process.	Evaluation carrying out and Grants awarding.	Results of RTEC and RSC Members estimation of the received SPP: The winners of small grants - 46 (Kazakhstan - 13, Kyrgyzstan - 9, Tajikistan - 12, Uzbekistan - 12). The winners of Regional grants – 5 On December, 10th the large SPP have been approved by RSC Members, which have been presented to participants of the Forum of partners in Samarkand
3. Harmonization of the Grants Process.	Completion of the application form.	By the results of the First grant Round the offers from applicants on improvement of the Form of the application and the Management under grants on the subsequent rounds have been collected. At the Forum of partners in Samarkand the working group on improvement of all cycles of the period has been created: forms of the application, terms of the announcement, uniform approaches to an estimation of applications etc. Now the work in all above-stated directions is being conducted.
4. Mobilization of a civil society.	Carrying out of training seminars for representatives of all layers of a society in the countries on preparation of project proposals.	4 training seminars in all countries on filling the application for the Grants have been held. In cooperation with project Capacity two regional training seminars (Issyk-kool, Kyrgyzstan and Charvak, Uzbekistan) have been conducted.
	Carrying out of a training seminar on results of the First grants round.	In all countries the small Grants Frame Agreements have been summed up and signed.

The note: More detailed information on implementation of actions of the Project has been presented in Quarterly reports of RPMU