

ANNEX A to the PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Program Implementation Description

Country:	Republic of Kazakhstan
Proposal Name:	Scaling-up access to HIV prevention treatment, care and support services, particularly for vulnerable groups, through enhanced and expanded governmental/NGO/private partnerships
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Grant Number:	KAZ-708-G03-H
Disease:	HIV/AIDS
Principal Recipient:	Republican Center for Prophylactics and Control of AIDS

Capitalized terms and acronyms used but not defined in this Annex A or the attachments to this Annex A have the meaning given to them in the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Annex A and any provision of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, the terms of this Annex A shall prevail.

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1. Background and Summary:

The Republic of Kazakhstan has a fast growing concentrated HIV epidemic among injecting drug users (IDUs) that may become an expanded HIV epidemic. Three out of every four HIV-infected individuals in the Republic of Kazakhstan are IDUs, who account for 100,000 of the total population.

Injection drug use is the major cause of HIV transmission among the estimated 20,000 sex workers (SWs) and 100,000 men who have sex with men (MSM). The populations of these high risk groups often overlap since individuals in one group may also belong to one, two or all of the three other groups. Kazakhstan needs to rapidly increase the coverage and scale of HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care, and support services for these vulnerable groups.

The main focus of the Program is to dramatically scale-up efforts to reduce HIV/AIDS incidence in the three core vulnerable groups, namely IDUs, SWs and MSM through partnerships between the government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the private-sector.

The Program will provide funding technical assistance, training and supplementary support services to NGOs who are closest to the target vulnerable groups and involve members of such groups to provide outreach services in the places where other IDUs, SWs and MSM congregate and interact.

More than 30 other NGOs will be involved in the implementation of the Program, as well as several governmental organizations.

2. Goal:

The Program intends to harmonize the governmental and NGO HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care, and support services based on the comparative advantages of the relevant partners. This will result in scaling-up the coverage of such services to effectively reach core vulnerable groups and strengthening civil society and governmental institutions to reduce the impact of HIV.

In line with the overarching national strategic program on HIV/AIDS, the goals of the Program are to:

- Respond effectively with HIV prevention services to reach those at greatest risk of becoming infected with the disease, thereby preventing the expansion of the HIV epidemic into the general population; and
- Ensure availability and access of HIV-related services to reduce HIV-related mortality and morbidity among people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).

3. Target Group/Beneficiaries:

- People living with and affected by HIV/AIDS;
- Injecting drug users;
- Prison inmates;
- Sex workers and their clients;
- Men who have sex with men; and
- At-risk youth (as defined in the Performance Framework(s) attached to this Annex A).

4. Strategies:

- Provide support for sustaining institutional structures of civil society organizations that implement HIV prevention among particularly vulnerable groups of population;
- Establish and sustain NGO resource training centers;
- Expand harm reduction interventions among IDUs; and
- Strengthen monitoring and evaluation of HIV prevention interventions including drug use harm reduction.

5. Planned Activities:

The following main activities are planned under the four Program objectives:

Objective 1: “Increase percentage of IDUs, SWs, MSM, and At-Risk Youth who have adopted behaviors that reduce transmission of HIV” - to reduce and/or to promptly identify young people who initiate high risk behavior. Population Services International (PSI) will work with national NGOs to replicate its HIV prevention model with young people most at risk of initiating or engaging in high risk behavior.

Objective 2: “Insure decreased incidence of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among vulnerable group population” - implement prevention measures (information, education about safe sexual practices, drug use, STI treatment) among the most vulnerable groups in order to reduce their vulnerability to STIs.

Objective 3: “Provide Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy (HAART) to those who need it on a constant base” – Anti-retroviral therapy (ART) utilization and adherence will be increased through an expansion of the menu of care and support services available to PLWHA.

Objective 4: “Reduce stigma and discrimination through education and advocacy targeted to health workers, police and correction officers, and governmental leaders” - the harm reduction NGO-government partnership will oversee the work of organizations that will be concentrating primarily on advocacy services at the individual, group, local, oblast and national levels. These organizations will work with their fellow members, PLHWA, concerned and affected communities, government officials and others. The goal will be revocation of discriminatory and adoption of non-discriminatory laws and regulations. They will undertake, also in coalition, campaigns to increase public understanding and civil rights.

B. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO DISBURSEMENT

1. Conditions Precedent to First Disbursement (Terminal Date as stated in block 7A of the Face Sheet)

The first disbursement of Grant funds by the Global Fund to the Principal Recipient is subject to the delivery by the Principal Recipient to the Global Fund of:

a. a revised detailed budget for the provision of anti-retroviral therapy (ART) over the Program Term, which takes into account (i) the targets for the number of people receiving ART (as specified in the Performance Framework(s) attached to this Annex A); (ii) the amount of ART drugs available for distribution to patients under this Program as of the end of the Kazakhstan Round 2HIV grant (KAZ-202-G01-H), being 30 November 2008; and (iii) the amount of government and/or other donor funding that will be used to co-finance the provision of ART under the Program (“Revised ART Budget”).

b. the written approval of the Global Fund of the Revised ART Budget.

2. Conditions Precedent to Disbursement for Procurement of Health Products (as defined in Article 19 of the Standard Terms and Conditions) (Terminal Date as stated in block 7B of the Face Sheet)

The disbursement by the Global Fund or use by the Principal Recipient of Grant funds to finance the procurement of Health Products (as defined in Article 19 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement), is subject to the following conditions:

a. the delivery by the Principal Recipient to the Global Fund of a plan in form and substance satisfactory to the Global Fund for the procurement, use and supply management of the Health Products for the Program as described in subsection (c) of Article 19 of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement (the “PSM Plan”); and

b. the written approval of the Global Fund of the PSM Plan.

C. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THIS AGREEMENT

1. The disbursement of Grant funds by the Principal Recipient to Sub-recipients is subject to the delivery by the Principal Recipient to the Global Fund of evidence, in form and substance satisfactory to the Global Fund, that the Principal Recipient's accounting application "1-C" has been revised to allow detailed accounting for Sub-recipients' expenditures, including their incorporation into the application in the light of expanded financial statement preparation.

D. FORMS APPLICABLE TO THIS AGREEMENT

For purposes of Article 15b(i) of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement entitled "Periodic Reports," the Principal Recipient shall use the "On-going Progress Update and Disbursement Request", available from the Global Fund upon request.

E. ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

For the purposes of Article 10a. of the Standard Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, the anticipated disbursement schedule for the Program shall be semi-annual starting from the Phase 1 Starting Date.