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### **Round 6 proposal**

**HIV component "Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care and Social Support for Vulnerable and Underserved Population"**

**TB component "Scaling up Tuberculosis Control in Romania by Focusing on Poor and Vulnerable Populations"**

Dear Ms. Contescu,

We are pleased to inform you that following the recommendation of the Technical Review Panel (TRP) the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has approved for funding the HIV/AIDS component of your proposal entitled "Towards Universal Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care and Social Support for Vulnerable and Underserved Population" and the TB component of your proposal entitled "Scaling up Tuberculosis Control in Romania by Focusing on Poor and Vulnerable Populations".

The approval is for funding for the first two years of the proposal (Phase 1) with the understanding that budgets requested are upper ceilings rather than final budgets. Please note that the Phase 1 amount (and therefore the total upper ceiling for the Program) may be reduced as a result of the TRP clarification process and/or grant negotiations. The subsequent years' funding will be contingent on performance and availability of funds.

By this notification letter we are commencing the TRP clarification and the grant negotiation processes for your grant proposal.

#### TRP Clarifications – HIV/AIDS and TB Components

The Board approval of your proposal is contingent on the completion of the TRP clarification process within the limited timeframe. As indicated in the attached TRP Review Form, certain points of your proposal require clarifications or adjustments.

**Based on our guidelines and the classification of the HIV/AIDS and TB components of your proposal in category 2 you have six (6) weeks from the receipt of this letter to provide a response to the clarifications and adjustments requested in the attached TRP Review Form.**

Following this initial response, there will be a time limit of **not more than four (4) months** to complete the clarification process to the satisfaction of the TRP and the Secretariat.

To allow for a rapid clarification process, kindly ensure that you respond to all points raised by the TRP in the "weaknesses" section as well as any other "specific issues to be clarified or adjusted" in

the attached TRP Response Form. Since the TRP and the Secretariat may have additional questions about your initial responses, you are strongly urged to reply as soon as possible.

The Global Fund reserves the right to reconsider the status of your proposal, if the outstanding clarifications requested by the TRP are not settled within the requested timeframe.

Please address your responses to your country Fund Portfolio Manager, Ms. Maria Kirova (E-mail: [maria.kirova@theglobalfund.org](mailto:maria.kirova@theglobalfund.org); Telephone: +41-22-791-19-28; Fax: +41-22-791-17-01), who will work with you and respond to any questions you may have to facilitate this process.

#### Grant negotiations - HIV/AIDS and TB components

In order to finalize the grant agreement within **an expected overall timeframe of 6 (six) months** the Fund Portfolio Manager will immediately be in contact with the Principal Recipient to discuss the timeframe for completing all necessary requirements for grant negotiations and grant signing<sup>1</sup>. In the event that the CCM has decided to nominate a different Principal Recipient than is named in the original proposal, please notify the Fund Portfolio Manager within the next 10 (ten) days, and provide us with the minutes of the CCM meeting where the suggested change took place.

We also require a summary of the component approved by the Board, which we can use for public information purposes (including our website). The summary should be no more than 500 words. A copy of an example is attached.

We would like to congratulate you and look forward to working together with you to improve the response to HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis in your country.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Team Leader, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Attached: TRP Review Form  
TRP Response Form  
Sample of Component Summary

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<sup>1</sup> As per the Board's policy approved on June 30, 2004 grants which are not signed within a maximum of 12 months following the Board approval will no longer be eligible for funding.