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Joint Statement

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We, representatives of the Public Health Center of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH, and Alliance for Public Health in the presence of official representatives of the Global Fund and the World Health Organization

present our **concerted joint position on the process and key principles of preparing funding request to the Global Fund (GF) for 2018-2020.**

1. Parties recognize the need to introduce material changes into the structure of the program funded by the GF related to increase of the government contribution to ending HIV and tuberculosis epidemics. We insist on the need to confirm government obligations on financing key components of the response to the epidemics and coordinate government plans with the next phase of the GF program. Based on the above, parties agree to make Full Review of the program for the purpose of its harmonization with the healthcare reform in Ukraine and ensuring guarantees of the government allocations for treatment and prevention among key populations.
2. Parties will facilitate and advocate for participation in the negotiation process and Request preparation of the members of all groups taking part in the response to the epidemic, including civil society representatives and communities of the key populations.
3. Parties commit to comply with the main principles of constructive dialogue and avoid confrontation, to respect each other's positions and not to share unverified information, compromising partners.
4. Parties recognize the leading role of the state in countering HIV and tuberculosis epidemics. Parties recognize the key role of civil society organizations in response to the epidemic and in providing vital services to the members of key populations. Parties recognize the need for both government and civil society to participate in grant management.
5. Preparation of the request for funding to GF should include development and approval of the government commitments to ensure transition to full state funding of the effective interventions needed to counter the epidemics. Gradual transition to state funding shall start from the first year of project implementation and shall be completed by 2020.
6. The main programmatic priorities of the request should be achievement of the 90-90-90-90 targets to reach key populations through the efforts of civil society, ensure low-threshold testing, immediate initiation of treatment and ensuring its efficiency as well as End TB Strategy and Global Plan to End TB to reach target groups and provide combined prevention and healthcare services.
7. Alongside with implementation of the current efficient interventions, parties will develop a joint strategy on the use of funds to finance innovative approaches to service delivery. The request shall also include funds and activities aimed at strengthening of the public health system and building capacity of the key populations affected with the epidemics.

For the Public Health Center	For the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH	For the Alliance for Public Health
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