

## **Motivation letter of Sagyngali Elkeev**

Since 1995 I have been working on HIV prevention issues. In our network (the Kazakh Association "Peer to Peer"), all NGOs work not only with young people, but also directly with PLHIV, IDUs, MSM, SW. Since the outbreak of HIV spreads in Temirtau, Karaganda oblast in 1997 and in the South Kazakhstan region in 2006, I, as an expert from NGOs, participated in research and training of NGOs on adherence, prevention, creation of multidisciplinary teams, etc. For work in this direction, more in-depth knowledge is needed in the field of treatment and prevention.

I represent our association in the CCM (Country AIDS Coordinating Committee) since 2000. At the CCM meetings we consider all issues related to HIV and TB-treatment, prevention, social support, drug supply, implementation of HR programs, OST, etc. As a member of the CCM, I accept participation in monitoring visits to NGOs and AIDS centers in various regions of the country on the implementation of projects funded by the Global Fund. Every year, within the framework of the GF project, I participate in training of outreach workers and AIDS center staff in organizing work with target groups and trainer skills. In the process of introducing the OST program in Kazakhstan, I often had to speak in the media, at round tables and conferences where I had to convince the opponents of the program of its effectiveness and the need for implementation. And here I often did not have enough reason to convince opponents. In this connection, for more effective work in this direction, I need to expand my knowledge.

For more than 5 years I have been a member of ITPCru, for more than 3 years I have been a member of Steering Committee of ITPCru. Represented the region of Central Asia. As part of the work there, we held various events and studies. Twice I conducted research on the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV / AIDS (UNGASS) by our country.

In 2005, in Kiev, I was already trained at the EATG training on adherence, then, as a continuation of the training, I took an online training course. And after that, my NGO, with USAID funding, implemented a project on training PLHIV in Almaty on adherence issues. Then, in 2008, I took part in the EATG seminar "Community Involvement for Improved Procurement, Supply, and Pricing of Antiretroviral and Opioid Substitution Medicines". After the seminar, I conducted an assessment of the situation on prices and supplies of antiretroviral drugs in the country.

For example, I passed training on advocacy, and then I myself conducted many trainings for NGOs. In 2010, after the AFEW training "Advocacy" in Kiev, I implemented an advocacy project on changing the article in the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, discriminating against PLHIV.

Since 1998 on my own initiative I have been carrying out an information and news electronic newsletter on the topic "HIV-AIDS" for the countries of Central Asia, CIS, Eastern Europe. Among the recipients of the distribution are NGOs, international and state organizations and just those who want to receive news. As of the end of 2017, more than 5,000 mailings have been made.