

Motivation letter:

My name is Marina Chokheli, I have been working for the Open Society Georgia Foundation since 2010. I started work as a coordinator of Harm Reduction and Access to Medicines programs for the Public Health Program. In 2011-2015, with support and very close collaboration of my colleagues from NY network programs I've been engaged in process of advocating, developing and launching of the first National Hepatitis C treatment programs in Prison and for general population in Georgia.

Since 2010, I have been actively engaged in various areas related to public health, harm reduction and access to Medicines: community mobilization; strengthening and capacity building of community organizations and activists, promoting human rights of vulnerable groups (people who use drugs, OST patients, people living with HCV, HIV/AIDS, sex workers, LGBT community); drug policy and promoting humane and efficient law enforcement policies and practices affecting vulnerable groups.

My current professional interests focus on such areas as drug policy, transparent and accountable decision-making in healthcare, budget monitoring, gender based violence of Women Drug Users, Sex workers, Transgender people, innovative medicines etc.

During these years, I learned a lot from colleagues and partners and I am confident that my nominee would be beneficial for your company and for position – member of Steering Committee.

I would not spare efforts to transfer all my advanced knowledge and experience for the benefit of the Steering Committee.

Marina Chokheli