

## MOTIVATION LETTER

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### MY EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WILL BE USEFUL IN EHRA WORK

It is important for me to be a part of something big, meaningful. And to be useful there, using existing skills and experience, as well as to acquire and develop new ones. What is more, my role as a representative from Russia will be useful to various communities. What experience will be useful for a large network organization like EHRA:

#### MY EXPERIENCE WITH GF

Since 2012, I am familiar with the procedures of the GF, because in various positions, and as an executor, coordinator and leader, I participated in the organization and implementation of prevention projects among vulnerable groups such as IDUs and SWs with the support of the Global Fund.

Working from 2014 to the present day in the Coordinating Committee on HIV / AIDS in the Russian Federation under the Global Fund, I took part both in the implementation of the GF Programs, as a sub-recipient, and in submitting a conceptual application to the GF, in overseeing the program. I took part in the creation of forums of key populations. As the Chairman of the CC, I was involved in all working procedures and processes in working with the Global Fund, mastered the workflow, including the preparation of current working, strategic, positional and guidance documents, experience in keeping minutes, etc.

#### EXPERIENCE OF INTERACTION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT KEY GROUPS

Existing experience of participation:

- In a consortium of Russian NGOs within the framework of the Regional Program of the ECUO of PLHIV "Partnership for Equal Access to HIV Services"
- In the formation and working of forums of key groups in the national dialogue
- In supervisory visits within the framework of the implementation of GF projects

All this will contribute to a holistic understanding of the situation in the country I plan to represent, with key groups and access to health and social services.

As part of the implementation of various programs, I had to work with representatives of various key groups and defend their interests not only in open areas, but also in courts, at Government meetings.

I take an active part in protecting the rights of people living with HIV, including in matters of treatment, stigma and discrimination, coordinate and personally take part in the work of "street lawyers", help in

overcoming legal barriers for people living with HIV, organize and conduct educational events for the clients, employees of the fund, representatives of NGOs, health workers. I am also actively working to strengthen community systems. I participate in the organization and conduct of forums, round tables with stakeholders and organizations in the context of the prevention and treatment of HIV infection and concomitant diseases. I participate in raising funds for the listed activities from various budgets and sources.

#### SEEING MY ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE EHRA STEERING COMMITTEE.

Participating in the work of the Steering Committee, as a representative from Russia, I consider it important that the development and implementation of the planned EHRA programs in Russia take into account the peculiarities of the country, so that the activity contributes to the support and development of the existing experience of the communities in the field of HIV prevention in the Russian Federation, while being combined with the position's key groups regarding possible activities. I believe it is imperative to continue to focus activities on strengthening community systems, prioritizing the needs of key and vulnerable populations, and focusing on addressing human rights barriers to health and gender equality.

I share the EHRA's strategy and placing a greater emphasis on services aimed at removing human rights and gender barriers to access to services. Because I believe that failure to address these obstacles undermines effective and efficient responses and limits sustainable progress.

I also advocate for the distribution of small grants for community representatives on activities to strengthen community systems and remove human rights and gender barriers.

On my own behalf, I can assure that in making decisions I will proceed from the interests of representatives of key and vulnerable groups of the population, and the non-governmental organizations they manage.

My participation in the SC will contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives of EHRA as a regional organization.

- I am ready for daily communication with Steering Committee by electronic means of communication (e-mails, Skype, Zoom), and the opportunity to participate in in-person meetings of the SC (at least four times a year);
- I have good interpersonal communication skills and an understanding of the problems of my community in the context of the HIV epidemic in Russia
- I have experience in working with documents, the ability to work with the Internet, knowledge of computer programs Word, Excel, PowerPoint.

Sincerely,

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