Dear partners and colleagues,

BACKUP Health is a global programme funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and, since 2013, also by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Since 2002, BACKUP has assisted partner countries worldwide in using the funding opportunities of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to greater advantage. This newsletter offers regular updates on our work with national and international partners. Please share this information with interested colleagues and partners.

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Towards increased health sector coordination

BACKUP Health and the Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) Hub conducted a study, implemented by Euro Health Group, with the overall goal of contributing to harmonised health sector coordination at country level.

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CCM regional workshop West Africa

On 13–15 December 2016, six CCMs from francophone Africa will meet in Dakar, Senegal to share good practices. The facilitated workshop will cover priority issues for CCMs: governance, oversight, involvement of civil society and the CCM Secretariat.

Managing community-based Sub-Recipients: A guide for Global Fund Principal Recipients who manage local civil society sub-recipients that deliver services to their communities (www.aidsalliance.org)

Gender Takes Centre Stage at GIZ and in the Agenda 2030: The TOP 30 contributions of the GIZ Gender Competition 2016 (PDF, 7.8 MB).

Further recommended newsletters

Global Fund News Flash
Latest issue – 24 November 2016

Global Fund Observer
Independent newsletter about the Global Fund provided by Aidspan to over 7,000 subscribers in 170 countries.
Tools for strong HSS measures in concept notes

The overarching objective of BACKUP’s work on Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) is to support selected countries in preparing and submitting concept notes to the Global Fund that take adequate account of nationally coordinated HSS interventions based on recommendations derived from situational and needs analyses. BACKUP cooperates with Health Focus and the Technical Support Facility – Western and Central Africa since October 2016 to develop tools for countries to improve knowledge about HSS among Global Fund stakeholders (e.g. Country Coordinating Mechanisms and Principal Recipients) and to prepare the ground for evidence-based applications through needs analysis. Tools and analytical instruments will be pilot tested in four selected countries in sub-Saharan Africa and are designed to provide a sound basis for discussion on HSS for the forthcoming country dialogue and the integration of HSS interventions in Global Fund concept notes and programmes. The Global Fund can thus make a greater contribution to strong, adaptable and sustainable health systems, offering better protection from diseases and outbreaks.

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Recognition of Speranta Terrei’s efforts to end TB in Moldova

Galina Zaporojan was awarded the Kochon Prize on 24 October 2016 for her dedication in the fight to end tuberculosis (TB). Ms Zaporojan is a treatment supporter (moderator) at Speranta Terrei, which implemented a BACKUP project to strengthen TB treatment adherence in Moldova. As Speranta Terrei’s most experienced moderator, Ms Zaporojan recalls some of the achievements of the GIZ project: ‘We provided even drug-resistant TB patients with complete outpatient treatment with moderators’ support and set up a centre for patients to obtain other help.’ She was inspired to join Speranta Terrei when she saw the difference a moderator made to her own son’s resolve to overcome TB. In Balti, she visits patients every day to bring them TB drugs and compassion and encourages them to comply with treatment. The picture shows Galina Zaporojan with Kochon Foundation Chairman Doo-Hyun Kim and a patient assisted under the GIZ project.

Read more at: www.stoptb.org

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Malawi

The Southern Africa AIDS Trust (SAT Malawi) is implementing a project supported by BACKUP from May 2016 to March 2018. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of key actors at national, district and community level to promote and support equal access to health services related to TB, HIV and AIDS by key and vulnerable populations through rights-based and gender transformative approaches. SAT Malawi has launched the project in six districts to date and introduced it to the Ministry of Health. A Health Workers’ Training Manual has been developed to guide inclusive health service delivery especially for key populations. Use and application of this manual has been tested in two training courses with a total of 60 health workers. SAT also supports the CCM Malawi in developing the capacity of its members with regards to rights-based programming. Based on the results of a needs assessment, adequate training will be provided.

Read more at: www.satregional.org
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Global health financing, transition and equity: challenges for access for marginalised populations

Some 200 delegates from GIZ and partner organisations attended a two-day retreat held in Bad Neuenahr in September on health, social protection and inclusion. The main topic was the extent to which the new development agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represents a paradigm shift, and what that will mean for our work. Together with the sector initiative PROFILE, BACKUP organised a breakout session on transition and equity, analysing and discussing the role of global health initiatives in reducing inequalities in the health sector in the context of SDG 10. The discussion focused on marginalised groups in transition contexts, the need for adaptation of national strategies, and the role and strategic focus of German development cooperation. Expert panellists from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Global Fund, the Curatio International Foundation and the Robert Carr Networks Fund agreed that shared responsibility is key for successful transition to ensure equal access to health and HIV services for all.

While national governments need to take the lead in transition processes, government actors at both national and local levels, national civil society organisations (CSOs), and development and technical partners have to be involved before and throughout transition periods. Planning for sustainability should be taken into account by all countries and donors from the onset of cooperation, regardless of whether a country might eventually reach a gross national income (GNI) threshold in their development continuum.

Read more:
- Session details and results: www.health.bmz.de
- PROFILE – Programme to Foster Innovation, Learning and Evidence in HIV and Health Programmes of German Development Cooperation: PDF, 0.2 MB
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