



PIU Granting Manual Improves Communications and Increases Transparency



Participants during Regional Workshop on Development of PIU Granting Manual (Photo: CAPACITY/Almaty Office)

Chiefs and specialists from the GFATM PIUs from four countries designing a Granting Manual for sub-contractors of GFATM

Each country, which had received grants from the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria established a Project Implementation Unit for working with sub-grantees on the grants implementation. For several years the four countries in Central Asia used their own locally developed manuals. In 2006 the Uzbekistan PIU proposed to the CAPACITY Project to organize consultations for a revision of the PIU manual. Based on the experience in Uzbekistan, CAPACITY brought up this idea to the regional level in order to develop a common cross-country approach to strengthen the efficiency of Global Fund sub-grants in the countries.

CAPACITY then coordinated a process in which representatives from Central Asian country participated in development of a regional model of a Manual. A draft Granting Manual was developed in Almaty in September 2005 at a workshop arranged and coordinated jointly by CAPACITY and the Regional office of PSI (Population Services International) and supported by the GFATM Portfolio Manager for the Central Asian countries. The Manual aimed at improving communications and increase transparency of the Global Fund Prime Recipients granting process for their sub-recipients.

Prior to the Workshop two local consultants from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan were employed by CAPACITY to review the relevant documents existing in the countries of the region and to prepare a draft of the manual as a basis for discussion at the Workshop. The Workshop participants reviewed and revised the draft taking into consideration local contexts. As a result, the *Regional Manual on Grant Making* was developed as a resource to be adapted to local contexts within the Central Asian countries.

The Manual was officially presented during a regional meeting of experts from all Central Asian Republics in Almaty in September 2005 and again during the Regional GFATM Seminar in Moscow in December 2005. According to Valery Chernyavskiy, the Central Asia Portfolio Manager of the Global Fund, "This is a prime example of the high involvement of technical partners in the process of developing opportunities to support principal Global Fund recipients in the effective execution of their programs."

