



## CAPACITY Closely Involved in National Efforts to Develop Proposals for GFATM 7<sup>th</sup> Round



In the expectation of the 2007 announcement by the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, the CAPACITY Project, over the last seven months advocated the national partners for applying for the GFATM 7<sup>th</sup> Round at various national meetings. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan have decided to apply, the team of the national and international stakeholders in Tajikistan considered that they do not have sufficient absorption capacity for the funds in addition to those already committed from the GFATM 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Rounds of GFATM and of CARHAP and Turkmenistan has not come up yet with a decision. On 1 March, 2007 GFATM called for National proposals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Round. Following the announcement some countries requested CAPACITY to provide them with consultants to assist in the development of national proposals.



On the basis of these request CAPACITY developed a generic plan for the proposals development, including the revision of composition of CCMs and the technical working groups, and a time table for a series of meetings for identification of needs for additional funds, preparation of the proposals and their approval. While working on the plan CAPACITY promoted the principles of wide awareness of all Government sectors and Civil Society on the GF announcement, their motivation to mobilize funds to fill in the monetary gaps in the existing programs, equity of all potential applicants and full transparency in the process of preparation of the applications. Apart from that the Project had committed to raise the regional expertise and build up capacity of the specialists from the Region who can assist the national partners in the proposals development.

Regional Workshop on Developing Effective GFTAM Proposals in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 12-16 March 2007. (Photo: Saule Mazhitova)

### **Building regional capacity and supporting national efforts to mobilize resources from 7<sup>th</sup> Round GFATM**

For this purpose CAPACITY approached the UNAIDS Regional Office to jointly assist national programs, to what UNAIDS responded with enthusiasm. The first joint effort of the two organizations was preparation and organization for a regional workshop, which was held in Almaty on 12 – 16 March, 2007. The 21 participants of the workshop included the CAPACITY senior staff from all five countries of the CA Region, specialists from the Republican AIDS Centers, National Coordination Committees, non-governmental sector, AFEW, UNICEF and UNAIDS. Dr. Alexander Kossukhin, the UNAIDS Country Officer for Kazakhstan UNAIDS office served as the lead facilitator of the Workshop and Yana Dobronravova and Aisuluu Kasymbekova from CAPACITY backed him up on the budgetary issues.

At the end of the Workshop the six requirements of GFATM for the 7<sup>th</sup> Round were distributed among the consultants from four countries for formulation a concise version of the CCM Regulation and the Operational manual. In a week time drafts of all sections were submitted to the CAPACITY Regional Office, compiled there and submitted to UNAIDS for a final update. A finalized version of the Operational Manual on the preparation of the applications for the 7<sup>th</sup> Round of GFATM has been made available to all interested national and international partners in the five countries of the Region. CAPACITY also circulated the list of the consultants brought up at the Workshop in Almaty and advised to use their expertise for the applications development.

