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CAPACITY new Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director.

Following an international search, CAPACITY's own Dr. David Hausner has been chosen as the project's Regional Director. Dr. Hausner has been the project's Deputy Regional Director since January 2005 and has helped lead the project through its start up phase and into full implementation. With his intimate knowledge of CAPACITY, he is well positioned to lead the project forward at this critical juncture and brings an experienced understanding of the implementation environment and a deep commitment to the challenge of HIV and AIDS in Central Asia.

CAPACITY's new Deputy Regional Director is Dr. Anna Deryabina. Dr. Deryabina has served as Deputy Director for Program Management and Monitoring & Evaluation since December 2005. She has been a key member of the senior management team since early in the project and has a comprehensive understanding of the project's technical activities, which will provide a valuable foundation as CAPACITY strengthens operations in each country.

Partnership Building among AIDS Organizations.

In September the CAPACITY Regional Director participated in the 3rd Eastern Europe and Eurasia Region Global Fund meeting held in Tbilisi, Georgia. In addition to attending sessions on Global Fund successes and lessons learned in the region, he facilitated a session on improving international donor harmonization within countries' responses to HIV/AIDS. The main speaker for the session was the Director of the CAAP.

To continue the collaboration between CAAP and CAPACITY, the regional teams of the two projects met to revise and update their joint work plan, marking the beginning of the 3rd year of collaboration between these two major AIDS projects in the Central Asia Region. As in the previous two years, the coming year will demonstrate the possibilities and advantages of working together in the fight against AIDS.

Educating and Empowering High Risk Populations

Kazakhstan. On September 6, CAPACITY/PSI volunteers and Educational Programs Coordinator participated in the conference "Almaty City Without Drugs" organized by the City Healthy Lifestyles Center (HLC) where they presented experience on HIV/STIs and drug use prevention. The following day, volunteers and HLC jointly implemented trainings for students of the



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Almaty Turksib Raion High School #151 on HIV/STIs and drug use prevention.

On September 14 16, a HIV/STI prevention training of trainers was implemented for 18 volunteers of Semipalatinsk NGO "Istok" recruited out of school children, students and representatives of various youth organizations.

Improving the Quality of HIV/AIDS Services

Kazakhstan. On 21 28 September, CAPACITY jointly with the Global Fund consultant on HIV treatment Dr. Trumova and President of Association of PLHIV Mr. Amanzholov implemented a series of monitoring visits on ARVT adherence. The monitoring team visited Karaganda, South Kazakhstan, Pavlodar, Kostanai and East Kazakhstan oblasts. Visits were aimed at determining the main obstacles to ARVT adherence and development of recommendations for improvement. The team met with specialists of Oblast AIDS centers and NGOs working on HIV prevention, care and support of PLHIV. In the future, based on these findings and recommendations, CAPACITY will provide technical assistance to the Global Fund during implementation of trainings.



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Uzbekistan. In September the Ministry of Health in close collaboration with the Global Fund HIV Project, AFEW, UNAIDS and with the technical support of the CAPACITY Project organized the roundtable and training of trainers on VCT for health specialists from all regions of the country. The main purpose of this roundtable was to present the VCT Strategy and Training Module developed by a group of international and national experts and to discuss it with all interested government and international organizations. The training of trainers was targeted to health specialists and to test the VCT Training Module. More than 30 representatives of STI service, NGOs, Mass Media together with specialists of the republican and oblast AIDS Centers, responsible for providing expertise of theoretical and practical aspects of delivering VCT in all regions of Uzbekistan, participated in this training.

RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The CAPACITY Project is looking for candidates for the position of Regional VCT Consultant. Position descriptions and requirements are available on our website www.capacityproject.info. Candidates can send their resumes to info@capacity.kz

