

## Situational and Economical Analysis on Migration and HIV/TB Health Services in Azerbaijan

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### TERMS OF REFERENCE #3

For a Consultant to conduct a Study on provision of HIV services to migrants.  
We are looking for a **Public Health Financial Analyst or Economist**.

We are waiting for your applications, including CV and a financial proposal (financial proposal must be submitted as a separate annex indicating the total cost of work in US dollars and the cost for 1 hour / day) no later than **March 26, 2023, 18:00 CET** send via e-mail to: [abrosimova@gmail.com](mailto:abrosimova@gmail.com) indicating the subject "Study in Azerbaijan – Public Health Economist". The application can be submitted separately for a Public Health Financial Analyst or as a joint project with a Social researcher. (see Terms of Reference for a Social researcher).

#### ABOUT THE ORGANIZATOIN

**Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health (REG) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia** was established by civil society activists and researchers to develop an expert position that would help improve the quality of life of international migrants in the countries of the region. The aim of the group is to provide expertise to ensure continuous access of mobile populations to health services along the entire route from countries of origin to countries of destination in the EECA region.

- The goals of the Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health are the following:
- To conduct research to assess the health situation of migrants and access to healthcare services;
- To present research results to the public and discuss evidence-based arguments with decision-makers, representatives of civil society, the academic community, and international organizations.
- To initiate and support expert dialogue to foster cross-border cooperation between sending and receiving countries of migration, as well as creation of bilateral and multilateral agreements in the area of mobile populations health.
- To create a common information space for cross-border cooperation.

REG, registered in Georgia, is a public non-profit association consisting of individual expert members, an Advisory Council, country representatives, as well as an Executive Committee that coordinates the activities of the REG.

For details, pls. follow <http://migrationhealth.group/en/>

## RESEARCH RATIONALE

Migration Police Institute suggests that number of global migrants from Azerbaijan is 1 164 000<sup>1</sup>.

According to UN Migrant Stocks, at mid-year 2020 Azerbaijan had an emigration rate of 10.6% of its entire population<sup>2</sup>. The Russian Federation has been and remains the country of destination hosting the largest number of migrants from Azerbaijan. Kazakhstan, Turkey, EU countries are also host countries.

According to RF's Ministry of Internal Affairs, in 2022 number of migration registration of Azerbaijan citizens is 492 839; work as a purpose of entry were indicated by 294 899 Azerbaijani<sup>3</sup>.

In the Russian Federation, in the structure of migrants, Azerbaijani citizens occupy the fifth largest group<sup>4</sup>. Studies suggest positive trends in the socio-economic situation of Azerbaijanis in Russia — in all labor areas, there are more prosperous positions of Azerbaijanis in comparison with ethno-cultural groups of migrants from Central Asia<sup>5</sup>.

However, migrants from all countries are equally vulnerable when it comes to providing HIV and TB services<sup>6</sup>.

Labor migration is associated with huge economic and social opportunities for the migrants. However, one area of particular concern is the growing vulnerability of migrants to HIV/TB and their lack of access to HIV/TB prevention, testing and treatment information. Migrants with HIV and TB are particularly vulnerable to discrimination and other negative factors that affect their physical and psychological well-being, as they live in conditions of legal uncertainty that deprives them of the opportunity to claim their right to health.

Taking into account the restrictions in receiving countries on access to HIV/TB services, it is important to determine whether citizens of Azerbaijan who have returned from migration face barriers in accessing HIV treatment.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY IN AZERBAIJAN

The proposed project aims is to gain an understanding of the legal and institutional barriers to receive HIV/TB care and treatment the citizens of Azerbaijan face when they return home from migration.

To implement this study, it is planned to involve a **project coordinator** and two researchers — a **social researcher** and a **health economist**.

It is planned to collect and analyze national HIV/AIDS epidemiological surveillance data in the context of migration issues, to identify barriers at the legislative and law enforcement levels in access to HIV/TB services for returning migrants, to assess the burden on the national

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<sup>1</sup> Migration Policy Institute tabulation of data from the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, International Migrant Stock 2020. Available at : <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/data-hub/charts/immigrant-and-emigrant-populations-country-origin-and-destination?width=1000&height=850&iframe=true>

<sup>2</sup> Integral Human Development. Azerbaijan. 2022. Available online at: <https://migrants-refugees.va/country-profile/azerbaijan/>

<sup>3</sup> Russian Migration Statistics. 2022 Available online at: <https://мвд.рф/dejatelnost/statistics/migracionnaya/item/35074711/>

<sup>4</sup> Finexpertiza 2022. The number of labor migrants who entered Russia reached a six-year high <https://finexpertiza.ru/press-service/researches/2022/trud-migr-max/>

<sup>5</sup> Endryushko A.A. (2018) Social and economic potential of Azerbaijani migrants who entered Russia in 2014-2017. Monitoring of Public Opinion: Economic and Social Changes. No. 6. P. 216—233. <https://doi.org/10.14515/monitoring.2018.6.11>  
Available at : <https://cyberleninka.ru/article/n/sotsialno-ekonomicheskij-potentsial-azerbaydzhanskih-migrantov-pribyvshih-v-rossiyu-v-2014-2017-gg/viewer>

<sup>6</sup> REG 2021. Situation analysis of HIV-related health services for foreign migrants in the Russian Federation. [https://migrationhealth.group/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SITUATION\\_ANALYSIS.pdf](https://migrationhealth.group/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SITUATION_ANALYSIS.pdf)

healthcare system in connection with the treatment of HIV infection and TB among returnees from migration of citizens of Azerbaijan, taking into account the possible interruption / late start of treatment due to the inability to receive HIV and TB services in migration. It is important to describe how such barriers affect the fate of people and their relatives.

Special attention will be paid to the description of access to HIV and TB services among foreign citizens living in Azerbaijan.

As part of current **Terms of Reference**, it is planned to collect and analyze National data and assess the burden on the National health care system of expenditures in connection with treatment of HIV infection and TB among Azerbaijani citizens returned from migration, taking into account the possible interruption / late start of treatment due to the inability to receive HIV services/ART in migration.

We plan to model several cost options for providing care to migrants with HIV, to assess the financial burden on the country's budget using different approaches, and to identify the most effective model that combines the provision of assistance with the lowest budget costs:

Model 1- the cost of HIV treatment of an HIV-positive citizen of Azerbaijan with **timely** registration at AIDS Centers and start of treatment in accordance with approved treatment protocols.

Model 2 - treatment costs on provision of **emergency** medical care to an HIV-positive citizen of Azerbaijan who returned from migration in the absence of treatment in the country of migration.

Model 3 - economic forecast for the cost of HIV treatment for possible infected partners of a returned migrant with HIV in the absence of treatment in migration (according to WHO, in the absence of ART, the risk of HIV transmission increases).

The same calculations should be also made for TB treatment of returned migrants.

**EXPECTED TASKS OF THE STUDY (will be specified during the methodology group meetings and could be adopted to country's need):**

To conduct a situational analysis of migrant TB and HIV health services in Azerbaijan, including:

1) to analyze data on public expenditures related to HIV treatment for Azerbaijani citizens returned from migration, taking into account the possible interruption / late start of ART due to the inability to receive HIV services in migration

2) to analyze the existing public expenditures related to the provision of emergency medical care to HIV-positive migrants who returned to Azerbaijan

3) to compare: **a)** the costs of treatment of an HIV-positive citizen of Azerbaijan with timely registration and start of treatment in accordance with the treatment protocols with **b)** the costs of treatment on provision of emergency medical care to a returned HIV-positive citizen of Azerbaijan in the absence of treatment in the country of migration.

4) to build the models described in **task 3**.

5) to describe economic projections for the cost of HIV treatment for possible infected partners of a returned migrant with HIV in the absence of treatment in the country of migration (according to WHO, in the absence of ART, the risk of HIV transmission increases).

6) based on the held analysis, propose recommendations for the a) public sector and b) civil society organizations to provide HIV and TB care for migrants with HIV and TB - citizens of Azerbaijan.

7) to prepare a summary of the study and recommendations (2-2.5 pages), which will be placed at the very beginning of the report.

#### **METHODS OF THE STUDY:**

The main method for benchmarking budget expenditures, as well as scenario modeling, will be “desk research” with the collection of information from open and closed sources, reports from relevant departments, existing cost-benefit analysis methodologies, scientific publications and other sources.

#### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS:**

A text on the results of the study in Russian/English language, incorporated into the main report. The volume of the economic part of the report: 10-15 pages in WORD, 12 size, including a list of references.

The text must be written entirely by the authors of the Study.

According to the donor’s request, the full text of the report will be checked for plagiarism when the work is accepted by the customer.

#### **PROPOSED TIMEFRAME**

April 2023 – June 10, 2023: data collection, identification of experts, development of a methodology, obtaining approval from the ethics commission, data analysis, preparation and submission of the draft report to the Regional Coordinator.

No later than June 20, 2023: receiving feedback from the Customer - the Regional Expert Group on the Health of Migrants

June 20 – June 30 2023: finalization of the text based on comments received from the Regional Coordinator and the Customer - the Regional Expert Group on the Health of Migrants

No later than June 30, 2023: provision of the final version of the report with all supporting documents and taking into account the Customer's comments.

#### **TERMS OF PAYMENT**

The payment is made in two parts after the provision of the developed methodology (70%) and the final text of the study approved by the customer and all related documents (30%).

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR TENDER PARTICIPANTS**

Understanding of the topic (budgeting in public health, in particular HIV / AIDS and TB, migrant health) - 20%;

A degree in Economy/Healthcare management — 20%;

Experience in similar areas (experience in the HIV and TB care field and knowledge of epidemiological situation in the EECA region is desirable) — 20%

Experience in holding public health economic studies in similar areas, experience in conducting desk research — 20%;

Access to relevant databases / understanding where to gain data — 20%.

When receiving the same marks on quality criteria, preference is given to the applicant who declared the lowest cost of work.

### **ETHICAL PRINCIPLES**

All information and data collected in the course of the study should not be transferred to third parties or used in other studies or reviews until the publication of this report. After the publication, the use of data is possible only with a link to the report of the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

The authors of the report retain the right to the name; the rights to the report and the results of the study will belong to the Regional Expert Group on Migrant Health (REG) in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (dissemination, translations into other languages, etc.).

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Individuals, legal entities, self-employed who have the right to engage in relevant activities and are registered as single tax payers, can take part in the competition, by submitting tender proposals.

The deadline for submission of the proposals is **March 26, 2023, 18:00 CET**.

Please, submit a proposal by e-mail to Zinaida Abrosimova [abrosimova@gmail.com](mailto:abrosimova@gmail.com) (please, indicate in the subject of the email "Study in Azerbaijan – Public Health Economist").

The proposal should include:

- Description of the experience of the consultant/organization corresponding to the fulfillment of the terms of reference;
- CV;
- Price offer and the budget for the assignment, the cost of one day of the consultant's work (based on 8 working hours per day in USD), an indication of the number of days to complete the tasks required for the implementation of the Study.