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TAJIKISTAN TO CONDUCT NATIONAL AIDS SPENDING ASSESSMENT (NASA)

Dushanbe, 17 December 2009 – A National AIDS Spending Assessment (NASA) will be conducted in Tajikistan for the first time among other Central Asian countries.

For this purpose, a two-day workshop was organized in Dushanbe in 16 – 17 December 2009, where a group of experts from responsible departments and offices of the country were trained.

An international consultant on NASA, who is conducting this assessment, conducted this workshop.



The workshop was organized by the National Coordination Committee to fight HIV, TB and Malaria in Tajikistan and the United Nations Joint HIV Advocacy Project (UN JAP). The workshop which was attended by 25 participants was opened by Secretary of the National Coordination Committee to fight HIV, TB and Malaria in Tajikistan (NCC) Muratboki Beknazarov, UNDP GFATM PIU Manager Saleban Omar and Chief Specialist of Tajik Presidential Office Department on the Affairs with Women and Family and Health Saodat Mirsaburova.



It was noted that NASA provides indicators of the financial country response to AIDS and supports the monitoring of resource mobilization. Thus, NASA is a tool to install a continuous financial information system within the national monitoring and evaluation framework.

In addition to international consultant, three national experts are involved to assist in conducting NASA. Also a group of experts from appropriate ministries,

committees and departments were trained to assist both international consultants and national experts.

In Tajikistan, NASA is conducted within joint UNDP, World Bank and UNAIDS Secretariat programme. The joint UNDP, World Bank and UNAIDS Secretariat programme to strengthen the capacity of countries to integrate AIDS priorities into poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSPs) was established in response to one of the recommendations made by Global Task Team. After an initial assessment in mid-2005, 14 countries were identified for participation in the Joint Programme based on their PRSP performance and cycle.

In 2007, the United Nations suggested the Government of Tajikistan to join the third round of the programme with other 11 countries. The Tajik Government expressed readiness to participate in the programme and formed a working group at the government of the country. The working group comprised of economy and trade, health and finance ministries and executive apparatus of President of Tajikistan. Representatives of other ministries, departments and public associations were involved in preparation process. Main problems related to integrating HIV issues into PRSP were analyzed and the project was developed.

It is expected that the National AIDS Spending Assessment report will be prepared and submitted by March 2010.

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