08. Addressing challenges of MDR-TB control in the countries of the former Soviet Union (FSU)

Wednesday, 29 October 2014, 09:00 - 17:00

Room 122/123

Type: Workshop
Track: Tuberculosis
Topic: Medical management of TB and drug resistant TB

Organised by: WHO Regional office for Europe, UN City, Marmorvej 51, Copenhagen, Denmark (www.euro.who.int)

Duration: Full-day
Max attendees: 80
Meeting type: Open meeting

Description: This initiative is built upon the successful workshop at the 2013 Union Conference in Paris. The countries of the region are implementing the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat M/XDR-TB in the WHO European Region, 2011-2015. While FSU countries previously relied on a hospital-based model of care for TB control, an increasing number of examples have shown that ambulatory or community-based care for most patients is feasible and cost-effective in the FSU settings. This workshop will discuss achievements and challenges facing MDR-TB control programmes from a health system perspective.

Target audience: National TB programme managers, TB specialists, health policy-makers, academicians, TB consultants, TB specialists, nurses.

Objectives:
1. To share experiences and lessons learnt in addressing challenges in MDR-TB control in FSU countries
2. To discuss challenges and next steps in adapting a health system approach to MDR-TB control in FSU countries

Expected outcome: On the basis of the discussion a report will be presented that will describe best practices from pilots in the countries and lessons learnt from the region in the areas of scaling-up of MDR-TB control, community involvement and ambulatory models of TB care, participation of civil society organisations and addressing the needs of TB patients from vulnerable groups (prisoners, patients with alcohol addiction).

Keywords: TB control, MDR-TB, high-burden countries, models of care

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Presentations:
1. Challenges of TB/MDR-TB/HIV co-infection in Belarus
   Alena Skrahina (Belarus), Varvara Solodovnikova (Belarus)
2. Defining optimal models of care for MDR-TB patients in Vladimir region
   Grigory Volchenkov (Russian Federation)
3. Piloting interventions for TB/MDR-TB patients with alcohol addiction in Estonia
   Manfred Danilovits (Estonia)
4. Development and implementation of a multi-functional routine TB surveillance system in the megapolis of Moscow City
   Eugeny Belilovsky (Russian Federation)
5. Potential of Civil Society Organisations in addressing MDR-TB challenges in the countries of Eastern Europe
   Fanny Voitzwinkler (Belgium)
6. Financing reforms as a tool for improvement of TB in-patient and out-patient services in Armenia
   Hayrapetyan Armens (Armenia)
7. Scale up of programmatic management of drug-resistant TB in Kazakhstan
   Abildaev (Kazakhstan)
8. Addressing challenges of TB control in the penitentiary system in Moldova
   Svetlana Dolfu (Moldova)