

# WHO Update

## Launch meeting of the new EU Civil Society Forum on HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and TB

3 July 2020, Dr Masoud Dara

WHO Regional Office for Europe

# WHO EURO Activities on HIV/STI, viral hepatitis and TB

- Mobilize political commitment and raise public awareness for response to HIV, viral hepatitis and TB
- Support (COVID-19 sensitive) data collection and use of data for decision making (COVID-19 sensitive)
- Provide country support for implementation of the Regional /national action plans and share good practices
- Promote partnership and collaboration (e.g. ECDC, EMCDDA, UNAIDS, Civil society)
- Supporting countries to access GFATM grants
- Monitor and evaluate national and regional progress towards elimination targets
- Strengthen capacity and partnership for implementation research



# Country HIV Roadmaps and Good Practices Sharing

HIV roadmaps to accelerate the progress towards 2020 targets in 14 countries

Compendium of good HIV practices in the Region: 52 examples from 33 Member States

Essential package of HIV services in migrants in central Asia

Compendium of good practices on viral hepatitis to be launched 27 July 2020:  
<https://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/events/2020/07/world-hepatitis-day-2020-looking-forward-to-a-hepfreefuture>



# Regional mechanisms to provide country support and validate elimination efforts

Green Light Committee (**r-GLC**), 2011

European TB Research Initiative (**ERI**), 2017

HIV Treatment Reference Group (**TRG**), 2018

European Laboratory Initiative (**ELI**) expanded to HIV and hepatitis, 2018

Regional Validation Committee (**RVC**) for elimination of MTCT of HIV and syphilis, 2019

Regional Collaborating Committee on Accelerated Response to Tuberculosis, HIV and Viral Hepatitis (**RCC-THV**), 2019



R-GLC



ERI



TRG



ELI



EMTCT RVC



RCC THV

## 69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Copenhagen, 16-19 Sep 2019

**Progress report** on implementation of the  
Action Plans for the Health Sector Response to  
HIV in the WHO European Region

[http://www.euro.who.int/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/409097/69wd08e\\_A\\_ProgressReportHealthSectorResponseToHIV\\_190397.pdf?ua=1](http://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/409097/69wd08e_A_ProgressReportHealthSectorResponseToHIV_190397.pdf?ua=1)

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# UN HLM on TB: political declaration



49. Request the Director General of the World Health Organization to develop the multisectoral accountability framework in line with World Health Assembly resolution 71.3 and ensure its timely implementation no later than 2019

*From A/RES/73/3 Political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the fight against tuberculosis*

# Multisectoral accountability framework (MAF)

WHO in close partnership with all relevant international, regional and national stakeholders to develop, a draft multisectoral accountability framework.

Engaging other sectors

Focusing on six building blocks of a health system (human resources, financing, health information systems, supplies, services and governance)

Applicable to any Member State irrespective of its level of development or financial sustainability, indicators should be donor- and development level-neutral.

Indicators adaptable at country level, to enhance country-level buy-in and ownership

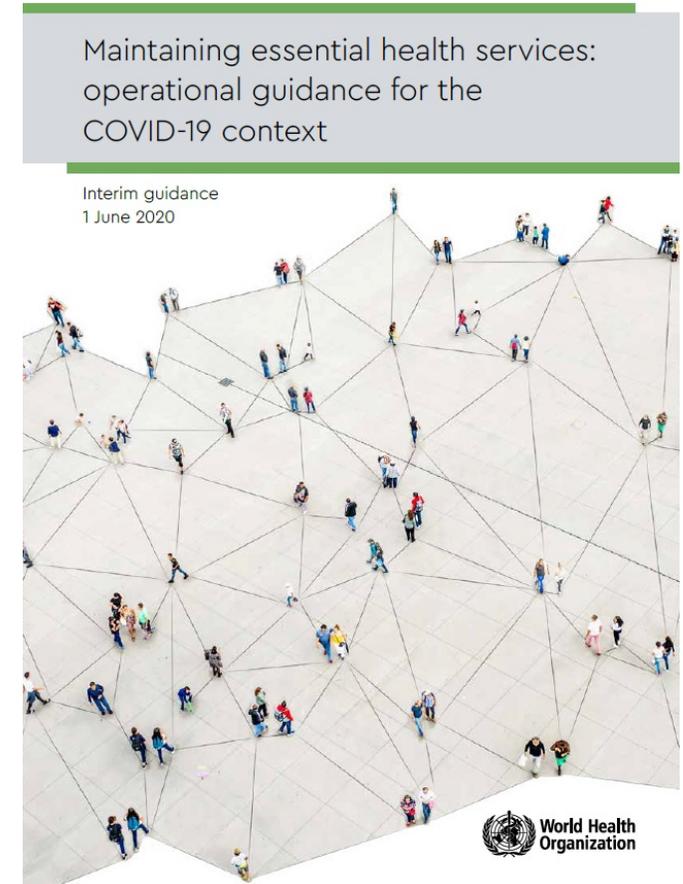


# COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance on maintaining essential health services: 1 June 2020

- Recommends practical actions that countries can take to reorganize and safely maintain access to quality essential services
- Outlines sample indicators for monitoring the maintenance of essential health services
- Describes considerations about when to stop and restart services as COVID-19 transmission wanes

## Regional Collaborating Committee on Accelerated Response to TB, HIV and Viral Hepatitis (RCC-THV) Call to action in response to COVID-19

- Ensure human rights, equity and dignity in the response to COVID-19
- Mitigate the risks and ensure programmatic and contingency planning
- Protect the health and security of frontline and community workers



<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/332240>

# Programmatic priorities during the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Prioritize funding/resource mobilisation for health systems and particularly interventions affecting the most vulnerable groups
2. **Attract, support, protect and retain Health Work Force**
3. Find the missing patients, intensify outreach activities
4. **Ensure access to quality medicines and supplies and effective treatment for all**
5. Document the lessons learnt (quantitative and qualitative research)
6. **Pursue social mobilization/ health education/Cough etiquette /hand hygiene**
7. Address stigma & discrimination
8. **Pursue the necessary reforms for sustaining effective and efficient integrated people-centered care**
9. Ensure follow-up of COVID-19 survivals for pulmonary fibrosis/other sequels

# Further collaboration with CSF

1. CSF representative to WHO RCC-TVH
2. Recommend experts for next call for membership in WHO platforms
3. Information exchange and dissemination to CSF Members / WHO focal points
4. Coordination of advocacy and awareness activities
5. Participation in regional and relevant national WHO consultations/meeting
6. Success stories, examples of models of care for:
  - *Virtual library of good practices*
  - *Reviews of evidence of community based interventions for WHO tools/guidance*
7. Preparation of a virtual meeting on HIV, VH and TB in Europe during the COVID-19, fourth quarter 2020

Together we can build a healthier world  
Thank you very much for your attention



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