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This funding announcement is not a request for applications. This is a public notice of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s intention to fund the following project activities without full and open competition.

ABSTRACT

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| Funding Opportunity Number | GH15-1513 |
| Title of Announcement | Strengthening the Capacity of the Republican Blood Center to Scale Up Blood Safety Program in Tajikistan (TJ) under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) |
| Applicant: Name, Mailing address, phone number, FAX number, email address | Republican Blood Center Azis Odinaev 16, M. Tursunzade Street Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, 734025 |
| Approximate Total Project Period Funding | None |
| Approximate Current Fiscal Year Funding | \$100,000.00 |
| Award Ceiling: Budget Year 1 | \$100,000.00 |
| Award Floor: Budget Year 1 | None |
| New Award or Continuation | New |
| Project Period Length | 5 Years |
| Budget Period Length | 12 Months |
| Award Mechanism | U2G – Global HIV/AIDS Non-Research Cooperative Agreements |
| Statutory Authority | This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003) [22 U.S.C. 7601, <i>et seq.</i>], and Public Law 110-293 (the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008), and Public Law 113-56 (PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013). |
| CFDA # and Title | 93.067 – Global AIDS |
| Purpose of the Award | <p>The overarching purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) in Central Asia- Tajikistan is to fund activities intended to enhance the capacity of RBC to scale up and improve the quality of the blood safety program within all the areas of Tajikistan and to improve access of the general population to safe, high quality blood components.</p> <p>The CDC program goal relevant to this FOA in Tajikistan is to strengthen the capacity of the RBC staff to expand access to safe, high quality blood products. Through this FOA, the RBC will participate in a project to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement an effective program for development of the VNRB system; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationalize clinical use of blood components; • Improve the quality management system via implementation of an M&E tool for indicators of blood services performance and automation of the work processes in the chain from vein-to vein; and • Improve the cold chain within the entire national blood service. |
| Single Source Justification Reasons Cited | <p>The RBC is the only organization of the Republic of Tajikistan that has the mandate from the Government of Tajikistan to implement and coordinate the blood safety system through the Ministry of Health (MOH). From 2010-2015 the RBC has managed the CDC Cooperative Agreement promoting blood safety in the country.</p> <p>The ongoing collaboration with the RBC has thus far been successful. Several activities were completed within this project during these four years, including in the following areas: promotion of Voluntary-Non Remunerated Blood Donorship (VNRBD); strategic information (SI); automation of work processes in the blood centers; and improvement of clinical use of blood. It is necessary to continue to provide technical assistance (TA) with the new project in order to scale up promotion of VNRBD activities at the national level. During the ongoing CoAg, a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tool was developed for indicators of blood services and was piloted on the National level. The M&E tool is now going to be implemented under the MOH for routine use, and the new project will allow for the tool to be integrated with the software. Additionally, blood service specific software, which complies with the international standard ISBT-128, was implemented into RBC and oblast level BC for the automation of the work processes. Within the new project, it will be possible to scale up the implementation of the software into other sites where blood is collected and processed, as well as to hospitals, which are the main consumers of the blood components to have automated vein-to-vein chain of work processes. The new project will support the ongoing AIHA/CDC HQ project to improve the clinical use of blood. This CoAg is an excellent mechanism to improve safety, accessibility, and quality of blood components in Tajikistan.</p> |
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